

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14, 2025 Location: Croswell Fairgrounds
Meeting Time: 7:00pm Invitees: Board Members

1	Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM Opening Attendance		Steve
	Vice President - Hailey Kirchgessner Field & Secretary - Sarah McClelland Coach	e Coordinator - Brandon Gifford & Equipment Coordinator - Sammi Ellul Coordinator - Casey Posey Delegate - Matt Sperling	
	Excused: Casey Unexcused: Hailey		
2	Approval of minutes from July 1, 2025: without cha	nges	
	Motion: Andrea Second: Matt N	o objections, motion passed	
3	Treasurer Report ● Account balance: \$12,097.59		Andrea
	 Deposits from Stack sports since 7/3 - \$11,434.27 Expenses: \$35.00 for Croswell Community Center Mtg 7/1, Carl's Septic \$500, 7/7 Sams Club \$227.60 - Candy Lexington Parade, Target 7/11 for Pioneer day candy \$119.93, Saginaw Tournament 7/15 \$725.00, Stolickers \$11,362.02 Credits: 7/24 Saginaw Tournament \$725.00, 7/31 interest Deposit .83 Cents, 8/1 \$425.00 Tournament Sponsorship Checks Change of the account from regular checking to a checking that earns interest Addition of Steve to the bank account. 		
	 Addition of Steve to the bank account. Sponsorships for the Tournament team have been rolled over to the League with the permission of the donors. 		
	Motion to accept: Brandon Second: Samm	i No objections, motion passed	

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4	 July 30, 2025 meeting with Flower Street residents. 2 couples came to the meeting and were very receptive of the proposed changes of moving the field locations and limiting days/times with no soccer on Fridays or Sundays. Their biggest concern is to get people to stay out of the yards that back up to the fields. Volunteer expectations as discussed at the board meeting on 8/14 will be posted to all chats. Volunteer Expectations Role model for the kids related to behavior and verbalizations. If there is bullying between players or an escalation in behaviour there is an expectation to report the situation to a board member immediately. Yelling at youth refs will not be tolerated and could be grounds for removing you from the game. No use of profanity, threats of harm, or illegal substances or alcohol while on grounds or at CLAYS events. No promotion of illegal substances and not being under the influence while being on the grounds or at CLAYS events. Any connection of personal social media that can be connected to CLAYS that displays behavior that contradicts with the code of conduct may be grounds for review by the board and can result in dismissal for volunteering. 	
5	Vice President ■ No Report	Hailey
6	State Delegate	
7	Referee Coordinator Currently have 9 referees Referee schedule will be for the whole season vs week by week Will continue to pay youth officials \$15/game cash Roll Call vote: no opposition, motion passed	Brandon
8	Need to order more ice packs and cones for coach equipment bags:	Casey
9	 Registration & Social Media Set cut-off deadline for late registrations: Late registrations will only be accepted 2 weeks past the registration deadline so that jerseys can be ordered. Fee for late registration will be \$25 for the first player and \$15 for each additional player. O Motion: Andrea Second: Amanda No opposition, motion passed. 	Amanda



10	 Fields and Equipment New field layout was acceptable to the neighbors who attended the meeting on July 31, 2025. It will be posted to facebook. More diligence will be applied to maintaining records that make it easier to know what equipment was returned by coaches and what is still outstanding. Will try to find a way to repurpose old soccer goals Matt will ask Joe at AYSO what we should do with AYSO documents, pins, jerseys and trophies. Sammi spoke with AYSO and will be returning all pins, documents, etc to them per their request Purpose of all the first aid kits/totes being kept: they are actually for the referees Purchase line paint and corner flags, will order 2 pop-up goals for U6 Install posts and rope to designate parking areas. Possibility of putting up snow fence to keep balls out of parking areas and yards if it becomes necessary. Will have additional game balls (3 or 4) available for older age groups to prevent delays chasing balls. 	Sammi
11	 Secretary Thank You letter sent to Scott Geiser for trimming around nets We will start having a tote or box at the concession stand to collect cleats and shin guards throughout the season. Will find a time before skills day for people to look at what equipment is available. Will distribute some of the shin guards to coach equipment bags to be used by players who forget them for a game. Meeting minutes will start to have a section at the bottom to record decisions/discussions that are had by the board via the "Group Me" chat so they are on record. 	
12	Old Business Camp for 4 year olds will be held next season Nets for U13-15 status: Amanda will have Noah look into it Dissolution of Untamed Alliance: there were 14 originally and 3 dropped Sponsor funds were turned over to the general league with the permission of the donors. City Attorney regarding field use: still no clear decision Jersey Company options Cynthia Salem - more expensive Stolickers - Will be used as they have been timely in the past and know what we need/expect. Wolf jerseys will be slightly different due to stock issues Socks go by shoe size not Sm, Md, Lg so that will be updated next season. Will add a section at registration to have Coaches select their shirt size. Woodruff - More expensive	Open



13 New Business

Fundraiser ideas

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- Fred Kautz at Kautz Shore Lanes is open to allowing us to hold a Scotch Doubles fundraiser.
- Other possibilities discussed that need further investigation included
 - Golf outing in the Spring
 - Corn Hole Tournament (possibly at the Legion)
 - Spaghetti Dinner
 - Foot Golf Soccer at Golf Country
- Bylaws need to be updated to reflect the Fields and Equipment position held by Sammi
- Opening Day there will be concessions
- Preliminary game schedules are completed and will be distributed to coaches by the end of the week.
- Referee schedules will be done by the weekend
- Instead of a Pink Out game this year, possibly a Colon Cancer awareness in support of Jess Prather (former U10 coach). Show of support To Be Determined.
- An incident involving a handgun occurred on August 13, 2025 near the U8 field. A woman who had a CPL had a loaded gun in her purse that was placed in a wagon with a 2 year old child. The child accessed the gun and fired a round. No injuries occurred. Multiple calls to 911 were made to report the incident. Per Sgt Loeding from the Sanilac County Sheriff Department the case is still pending, the mother may be charged with child endangerment, and discharge of a weapon within the city limits. All weapons have been removed from the home and a CPS investigation is pending. The City of Croswell, CLAYS, and the police all have the ability to recommend charges. Per the City ordinance, there are no weapons allowed on city property.
 - Lengthy discussion was held to determine how to handle the incident as far as will the kids be allowed to play and will the mom be allowed on the property.
 - The following motion was made by Andrea and Second by Amanda: The mom and children will be banned from CLAYS events pending the conclusion of the police investigation. The children will not be allowed to play this fall season and no refund of registration fees will be processed. RC Vote: no objections, Motion passed
 - O Steve will call the mom in question to let her know the board's decision. A post will be made on the CLAYS facebook page to make the public aware of the incident and the board's decision. The post will be reviewed by the board for approval prior to being posted publicly.
 - Steve will respond to a message left by Eric Lavine with the Sanilac County News looking for comment by referring him to the Facebook post for the CLAYS Board's official comment.

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- Potential new field location
 - Currently not disclosing the location of the property but there is a piece of City owned land that is being discussed to be leased to CLAYS as a new field location. Goes before the City Council in August for discussion.
 - Lease would be \$1 per year



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	 CLAYS would have to maintain insurance CLAYS would be responsible for all field maintenance Another party is currently looking at possibly purchasing the land, if that happens, CLAYS would have to vacate. The location is currently wet and would need drain tile and some grading If approved funds would need to be raised to make the property suitable 		
	Look into possible donation of field tile and/or installation		
14	Public Comment Those in attendance were supportive of the decisions made regarding the gun incident.		
15	Next Meeting: September 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM Motion to adjourn: Andrea Second: Brandon No opposition, motion carried Adjourned at: 8:01 PM		