**Longview Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2019**

**In attendance**

Gary Bennett Jeff Coleman Trieste Madden Marv Kasemeier

Jenn Jolly Jim Maggs Lori Hauswald

Katie Rupley Christie Maggs Jak Massey

**Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm**

**Approval of treasurer’s report; update on Square payment method**

Jim moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Jenn seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jeff wondered if we can get a Square by Saturday for registration of soccer camp and the tournament. He’ll send out an email with more info so we can vote this week.

**Approval of minutes**

Jenn motioned to approve April’s minutes, Gary seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

**Concessions**

Marv reported everything is going well so far; the golf cart did 3 or 4 runs last Saturday. If there are no customers for over 30 minutes, they shut down. Concessions will make an appearance (with cart) at Thursday games as well. Marv would love it if there were fewer gaps between games, but it’s a logistical nightmare. When Vancouver schedules our games we’re locked into their schedule; several people noted it’s also very complicated to schedule closer games because of ref schedules (they have multiple games per day).

**Soccer Camp July 15-19; Discuss % to RFA; advertising this Saturday**

Gary requested a 25% cut of the soccer camo for his business. Discussion ensued as to whether we should allow Gary to receive a percentage of profits. Jeff said LSC will receive around $37.50 per kid, so Gary would receive $12.50 per player if we charge $50 per kid. Jim motioned to approve a 25% per athlete profit to Right Foot Athletics for soccer camp, Jenn seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

Jenn will talk with Drew about getting jerseys for around $20 or $25—Nike or Adidas.

K-4 is in the morning, older kids in the afternoon. Jeff will be here to advertise for it and a banner is being made. Trieste noted there’s a church in St. Helens with a very similar logo.

**Cowlitz Soccer for the Ages; advertising this Saturday**

Jeff is getting posters made and will post them from Vancouver to Olympia.

**Scentsy Fundraiser; update and awards**

Jeff reported we received $1,900 profit in the Scentsy fundraiser (before expenses), but one family donated $1,000. Should that go towards the prizes for the fundraiser? Jim suggested we stick with whichever team SOLD the most items, since that was our original scheme this year. Next year, we could just have prizes for whatever team raises the most money for LSC and be specific about it. We concluded that the team prize should go to the team that had the kids whose parents donated the $1,000 since they raised the most, but the individual prizes should go to the players who sold the most product. We’ll ask Brandy via email for a final report/breakdown of the sales (leaving out the $1,000), and list top sellers with and without it. The Scentsy fundraiser is postponed for email consideration.

**Incidents and disciplines**

Jim reported there have been three incidents already this season. One had to do with a young inexperienced referee, and Jacob will try to stay on top of assigning older refs to older kids’ games. Another incident report is of a U-9 girls’ team with excessive pushing and language; their coaches say it’s good for them. Jim told parents to fill out incident reports and called the coach but hasn’t heard back. The third incident was a parent reporting that her son asked to be taken out of the game because he was being intimidated and yelled at by the other team. Gary had a complaint about a player’s playing time, but Gary says the parent was belligerent and out of line—didn’t justify the complaint. Gary had a texted complaint of an incident but hasn’t heard back. Gary also had a report of a player coming only to games and not practices, but it’s been resolved.

**Registration for Spring 2019; registration dates and fees**

Jeff said we’re doing a $5 fee reduction for multiple-player families; should scholarship recipients receive this as well? We agreed to have either or—not both.

**Facility and field maintenance; irrigation needs to finish May 30-31; top dressing and aeration; tractor was purchased**

Jim said Brett Bates is out of town on May 30-31, but will be happy to do it another time and we won’t have to rent a back hoe. Jeff will call him and try to work out a schedule. Jeff got an email from Justin Brown (Parks and Rec manager) stating we have high usage on our water meter and he thought we wouldn’t be using it until summer. Turns out there are two leaks off of field 8 adjacent to the softball fields, so Jeff doesn’t believe we’re responsible for it—it’s not on any of our fields.

A new tractor was purchased. Gary said it’s in great condition and we’ll keep it in the shed. Gary hasn’t been able to aerate since it’s been so warm, but we should get rain this week so he will aerate when the fields are ready. Otherwise the fields are in great shape.

Jeff said we had an issue last week: Timber Barons tryouts we last week and this week and we weren’t notified. They weren’t rotating fields. When they use fields it needs to go through Gary and Jeff. Christie thinks they should have to pay for using the clubhouse and our printers, etc. Many board members agree that the Timber Barons operate with an extreme sense of entitlement.

Gary reported our bathrooms were left unlocked last weekend and were subsequently destroyed. He’ll contact the police tomorrow. Marv said he can come back and re-lock the bathrooms after the last game. We need to share the images of the vandalism on Facebook and, and Jak will send out an email to the coaches and parents reiterating that it’s the last team on the fields responsibility to lock the bathrooms. If the problem isn’t resolved, we’ll restrict bathroom use to the time of concessions operations.

**Coaches and members**

There is an additional requirement for coaches to be registered this fall. We’re worried we’ll lose even more coaches. Jeff is sending an email to Kelly from Washington State Youth Soccer to complain. Jak already puts in an extra 20 hours per week during coaching registration helping coaches wade through the process and requirements, and this will make it much worse/deter people from coaching at all. There’s discussion of upgrading our router and hosting an event (or multiple events) to help coaches through the process. We will revisit this issue in June.

**CYSA operations**

Trieste said they’re working on getting select players for U-13 and above to play rec for spring. Jeff suggested our rules with CYSA mirror Vancouver rules so there’s no confusion. Trieste said we’d have an issue with them rostering 21 players; coaches may not like this.

**Old items**

Just Jeff.

Also, Jim is waiting to hear back from the Cowlitz Tribe regarding a donation from the fundraising dinner.

Marv wondered about collaborating with other sports to go to schools and drum up players. Jeff hasn’t heard back from everyone, but baseball is interested. Marv also is interested in 100 (Men or Women) Who Care for fundraising. Jim and Marv will get more information—Marv has some contacts.

**New items**

Trieste will email us sign costs; she’ll also work on a DeRosier banner. LSC soccer signs need to be put up even though registration is already open.

Jeff put his name on an account application for Wilcox and Flagel to buy gas for the lawn mower.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm**