

Longview Soccer Club Meeting

May 9, 2022

In attendance

Ron	Jak Massey	Justin Fugleberg
Lori Hauswald	Mac McGregor	Kristi Koethe
Gary Bennett	Jill Burr	Katie Rupley

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Approval of March's minutes

Lori motioned to approve March's minutes, Justin seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

Coaches Issues

One of our mowers failed so some coaches complained of fields not being mowed early on; also we were behind and Timber Barons games were a week ahead of what we had scheduled.

Treasurer's report and updates

Lori motioned to approve, Mac seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jak suggested we go over our budget before we shut down for the winter. Jak looked into interest bearing accounts and wasn't thrilled with what she found. We'll discuss it at the next meeting.

CYSA operations update

Nothing to report.

Spring season/registration update

Justin said we need to start sooner, but fall will be much better. Also, people are playing frisbee golf and tearing up our fields. People are even playing actual golf?! We need to keep people off the fields at all costs; if you're not comfortable with it, call Mac 😊.

Mac said parks and rec is going to put wording into their contract that WE manage our fields and who is allowed to use them and when. Gary suggested we put up signs that say you cannot play without payment and permission in both Spanish and English.

Justin said we must entice coaches and parents to volunteer—starting early—or we just won't be ready in time. The problem is the fields were far too wet. We don't have the money to sand the fields at this point. Mac will request it from some people he knows at the city when he meets with them next week.

Facility and field conditions

Lori reported we had complaints about the porta potty on field 8; it wasn't even open at one point. Mac suggested we send out another email to coaches and suggest they ask a parent to unlock them if they're too busy.

Jak said our porta potties haven't been cleaned and has called many times but was finally able to confirm that everyone now knows there's a key to clean/service the potties. They all have Jak's number if there's a problem. Jak has very graciously taken on pp duty this season, but Mac volunteered to do it next season. Jak reminded us that if there's an emergency, there is toilet paper in concessions—ask Kristi!!

We need to get the tops put on the porta potty cages.

We're going to stick with coaches using a key at this point instead of confusing them with new combination locks.

Ron will aerate the fields when we finally get a solid week of dry weather.

Mac is going to talk to Justin about our bathrooms being fixed.

Spring concessions

We've heard nothing but great things so far! Kristi needs directions on who the Timber Barons are and what her responsibility is for opening and closing for the painters. Painting is NOT her responsibility; coaches are the ones responsible for lining the fields and they have access to the closet. Mac is meeting with the Timber Barons VP on Thursday and he'll make sure they know Kristi isn't responsible for anything but concessions, and coaches aren't to expect her to do any more.

Jak mentioned Kristi is doing a gift basket drawing for father's day, and the one for mother's day was very successful. She's doing a 50/50 profit with LSC—thank you!

Also, we want to get Marv's Snack Shack on the wall, and we still need to get the coffee cart up and running. We'd like whomever is driving the cart to be a licensed driver. We also have warmers and a popcorn maker. We'll need a new water filter every six months. Corwin needs to come pick up their crates, and New Song needs to return their key to us. Jak finalized the concessions agreement.

Incidents and complaints

Justin reported a complaint regarding a match between a Longview and Kelso team; parents were yelling at coaches (who were reffing) for calls being made. A parent refused to leave after being asked. Justin hasn't had any response after reaching out twice, so our response is pending.

In another incident a parent was on the player's side yelling and the coach told them they needed to be on the other side. The parent swore and refused to leave that side. Justin reached out to the coach and they feel it's taken care of for now. For the record, CYSA says profanity on the sidelines is an automatic ejection no matter who it is.

Also, a U13 and U15 coach is coaching both and a mom was feeling uncomfortable about the coach having her son help out; the parent felt he was too young and he

wasn't coaching properly. Lori said they were told to show up an hour before the game to practice. Justin reached out to the coach and she said everything is going fine now and the mom who was concerned is happy now.

Additionally, the coaches who were originally Kelso coaches are for whatever reason now coaching Longview teams so they're practicing at Carrol's school. Parents are complaining about the location of practice being too far away. Some parents want their money back. The coach said they showed up at the first practice, then maybe the second one and weren't there for pictures. They haven't shown up since. Justin said we prefer Longview teams practice in Longview, but the coach said the location actually works for everyone but this one parent, whom Lori actually said lives pretty close to the practice location. The parent was scholarshiped by a non-LSC individual and wants the money given to someone else to play next year. We agreed there's really nothing we can do because we didn't provide the scholarship. We'll just reassure her that the money will be put back into the club and will be utilized the best way possible.

Finally, three incident reports were filed for the same incident. In the middle of the game there was a parent with a dog. The parent was told dogs weren't allowed, but the parent said everyone else brings their dogs so they could too. The individual stepped up to the coach and said they'd have to call the police for him to leave. The coach got out their phone and the person left. Then the parents of the opposing team starting acting macho and talking to themselves about "taking care" of the coach. Justin is going to go to the next game and see what happens. Meanwhile there's not much we can do.

Justin said that just observing the season so far there are a LOT of angry parents. Mac is going to get comment cards available by fall at the latest so people feel like they're being heard by the board. Everyone is going to do their best to be at games and observe what's going on and be available to help and hear people out. Our coaches are volunteers and we need to make sure they feel supported. As for dogs, our insurance doesn't cover dog bites on our property. Also, a lot of our kids are afraid of dogs. Finally, people do NOT pick up after their dogs, so we really can't have them around. We'll make sure every single entrance has a no dogs sign. We're allowed to ask what services a service dog performs, but people don't have to answer us.

Marketing and promotions

Jak reported our business cards desperately need to be updated. We determined who and what will be on the new cards. Mac motioned that each board member make a Gmail account with their position in the name and LSC or LV soccer, etc. so that we can pass them on to future board members. Justin seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jak will work on making new LSC business cards.

Uniforms and equipment

Nothing to report.

Old items

We'll reach out to local high school coaches to try and put together a high school league for the summer.

New items

Mac is putting together a spreadsheet that is a key list so we no longer have liability. Everyone with a key will sign and then there will be accountability and no guesswork.

Absolutely everyone who plays on our fields needs to pay us \$50—kids or adults. We supply paint, but we're not responsible for lining the fields. The first home team on the field is responsible for lining their field.

Also, if the garbage is overflowing, please dump it!

Jak went over the concessions agreement and she and Mac signed it on behalf of the board along with Kristi. We included that board members (and anyone else) will respect Kristi's and her business by not entering into her space or expecting free food or taking up her time. It's for everyone's safety and sanity. Peace and love!

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.