



Shakopee Soccer Association
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Annual General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m. at the Shakopee High School auditorium by Mark Teslow.

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by Tim Root, 2nd by Darla. Motion passed.

2. Welcome and Introductions:

Mark Teslow welcomed the members present and introduced the current Shakopee Soccer Association Board and listed those board members that have either resigned or their term ends this evening. Todd Feely - resigned. Tom Bailey - resigned ~ Cheryl Besser has been filling in for him as a volunteer. Tim Root's term expires. Peggy Dokka-Thorsen's term expires. Steve Curren's term expires, listed on the ballot.

3. Open Board Positions:

Mark reviewed the open board positions: Tom Bailey's remaining is a one-year term, that one is going unfilled. Todd Feely's is a 2-year term, Mike Poole has requested that term. Steve Curren is a 3-year term, Tim Root's is a 3 year term and Peggy's is a 3-year term.

4. Nominees and Elections:

Ballots had been given out to members at the door and members were provided time to vote at this time. Information regarding each nominee was on the ballot next to their name. Ballots were collected and while they were being counted, Mark reviewed the previous season.

5. Year 2007 in Review:

Mark reviewed that we had significant growth in participation and teams, we provided training for players and coaches, we had quality officials, and we had more competitive teams and we had quality equipment. Mark thanked all volunteers that had helped during the previous year. Out of 230 SSA families we had approximately 125 volunteers. We will need more volunteers next year. Mark reviews that for coaches training, we hosted an MYSA "E" Course this year. We reimbursed coaches fees for those that received the certificate for those that turned in their receipts. He reviews the Strength and Conditioning provided this past year by Discover Strength, Inc., Dave Hauger and Luke Carlson. He thanks them for their help. He feels that it was worth it having the strength and conditioning this year and we plan on doing more of that next year.

Mark reviewed that the club recruited many quality referees. Darla had talked to referees everywhere, at high school games, tournaments, at our games, etc. The club hosted Referee Certification Class and we provided more competitive pay for referees. We did a lot of "on field" training of new refs in the spring with scrimmages and we had mentors for the new refs. Overall we tapped into 59 MYSA certified referees. We also started using refcoord, which is a free online service for referees to self-assign and schedule themselves. Mark thanks Dan Meehan, he reviews that equipment was quality this year. We invested more money into balls. We did a nice inventory of the equipment and purchased new equipment, i.e., Pugg goals, agility ladders, and more. We responded to every equipment need that we possibly had. We went with uniforms from Valley Sport. There was feedback from many of the teams asking for more quality uniforms, maybe Adidas or Nike. We are locked into these uniforms for one more year, but will address this issue before the next year in order to get more quality



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uniforms. He also reviews the clubs desire to have year-round opportunities for training opportunities and that in July we reserved time for Winter Training.

Mark discusses the 2007 Summer Travel season. We had U17 Boys State Champions. We met our goal of 18 teams and that the teams were more competitive. The club had 3 teams finish or tie for 1st in their division. The U14 Girls, U17 Girls and U17 Boys advanced to state. He reviews the Past and Future for number of participants.

We had a Soccer Festival which was our 2nd. We had a big turn out and many good comments by visiting teams. We hope we will have a building for use next year. Mark thanks our sponsors, Arbys, Applebees, El Toro, Jimmy Johns, Turtles, Culvers, McDonalds, Cub Foods, Valley Sports and the UPS Store. He thanks Sherry Meersman who went door to door and raised \$1500 in tournament sponsors. A big thank you to her.

This was our 4th or 5th year of involvement in the Kicks Camp. We are trying to have all ages, but we are not getting the numbers at U12 and older. We hosted the U12 & U17 Boys District. This was a fundraiser for the club as SSA gets the registration fee. We had very competitive games. Mark reviews Fall Recreational Soccer. There was a 15% increase in participation and we are utilizing Kevin Brown for training half the nights.

Tryouts were discussed. This is our 3rd year and the 2nd year using independent evaluators. We had 198 kids registered. We need to do this in August when MYSA starts their soccer year. While there are some levels that don't have the numbers yet, we need to have evaluators across the board to make it fair to all. Question raised when the results will be available. We expect the results from Kevin mid October. Mark reviews that fees only went up \$5.00 and that the tryout fee was incorporated into the registration. We are still lower than nearby clubs. Mark reviews where the registration fee is spent, what it covers.

6. **Upcoming season:**

We are planning for Winter Training, indoor dome time already reserved. They will be January through mid April on Monday evenings. We will have a Spring Recreational League which is consistent with other clubs. We will have Online registration where we are able to accept Mastercard and Visa. Mark reviews the need for more volunteers and that we will not be charging a refundable volunteer fee. We tried that and it didn't work well. He reviews that the biggest need for volunteers is at the Shakopee Soccer Festival, District Tournament, Derby Days Parade and more. He reviews that the club will be higher an independent coaching director which will be a paid contract position. He reviewed upcoming key dates. MYSA has notified clubs that tryouts cannot be held during high school season, so next year we will hold tryouts 8/9 through 8/10. Nominations for board positions will still be 8/31 and the AGM will be 9/14.

Sherry Dvork discusses the building issues. The city has not been able to open the building due to the large punch list of items that still needs to be addressed by the contractor. There is no promised date.

7. **New Board Members:**

Cheryl Besser - 3 year term
Steve Curren - 3 year term
Dan Kubitz - 3 year term
Mike Poole - 2 year term

8. **Questions:**

Brian Finnigan, U9 girls coach, brings idea on spreading the skill level across the U9/U10 to make the teams more even which he believes will grow the base and help us to have a



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bigger pool when creating older teams. He mentions that the 2 U9 girls teams had to play each other and that one team was much more skilled than the other. Tom T discusses that one of the U9 teams should have been put at maroon level which is what many other clubs do. For example, Eagan spreads their skill levels across maroon teams and then they have lower skills at gold. In this manner, teams are playing other teams at their own skill level and not playing other more skilled teams from their own league.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, Michele motions, Dan M 2nds, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by:
Cheryl Besser
Substitute Secretary