

FCCI Exec Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

Tim called the meeting to order at 8:04. Tim, Matt, John, Jeremy, Kirt and Matko were in attendance. Brendon and Natalie were also in attendance.

President's Report:

- Tim started the meeting by noting that Chris Downing has tendered his resignation to the executive board effective immediately. The board accepted the resignation with mixed emotions, will miss his contributions to the club, and thank Chris for his years of voluntary service.

PCSL:

- Numbers are down by around 200 kids or so overall compared to last year.
- We have lost some players at the U8 level and some of the numbers are more in line with long term trends given numbers spiked right after the COVID, especially with other sports still shut down, but have now come back down to traditional numbers. Last year the 5-6's were up around 50-75. In the older ages we were down around 100, but that is because of some of the changes happening in the club environment including more kids heading to the travel side and some in high school electing to not play.
- PCSL camp numbers were down a little bit but still strong overall.

FCCI:

- The numbers came in for the tournament and we were up around \$5,000 in profit compared to last tournament.
- Sign ups have started for the fall tournament. The original date was moved back off of fathers U of I parents weekend because there were no hotels available. We have now moved the tournament to Halloween weekend.

- Brendon reports that the Fall schedule is set and will go out in the next couple days. All schedules will be public by the 31st. Coaches are locked in and teams are formed. We are a little lower on numbers in FCCI but these numbers are coming in lower in the older ages as some of the players went to CIU and two of the lower level girls teams left for other playing options.
- We have re-started the U8 program in FCCI to serve as a bridge from PCSL to FCCI. This had received positive feedback but will be stronger next year.
- Liesi was hired to serve as a Director on the Girls travel side of the club.
- Last year we had 309 kids in FCCI (not counting high school boys). This year we are at 295 kids with 10 offers still un-answered. We have had 31 total kids reject offers, with the bulk being 15 kids on the Girls High School side who left the club to form a team and play at Millenium. The other major group comes from kids choosing to play in PCSL instead of travel.
- We have 21 coaches now, with most being professional coaches and very few parent coaches serving on the travel side.
- This time around the tryouts and tip sheets process was much smoother than last year. Parents were able to better understand the training schedule and overall plan having been through all the changes last year. So far the bulk of the comments have been positive, with better communication being the only consistent negative feedback.
- Player evaluations for the 21-22 playing year were sent out over the weekend to the vast majority of players. If you have questions, contact your coach first or Brenden second.

Social Media

- The next posting will be on our new Girls Director.
- Matt will do a year recap soon.
- We are looking at various advertisement options both to increase our social exposure and also to allow advertisers to speak to our audiences.

Eclipse

- The 03, 06, and 08 girls 21-22 playing years are done, the 07 team is playing in the State Cup National semi finals tomorrow. Our club has never had a National qualifier at the State Cup, let alone a national semi-finalist. This is

a major accomplishment in just the first year of the partnership. Congrats to the players, coaches, and parents for all they have done to get here!

- There are 127 players in the CIU girls pre-academy and 60 in the CIU boys. These are very close to the number from last year. Numbers were down from tryouts by about 40 players overall, however, many people chose not to tryout this year given they knew the strength of the teams this year.

CIU:

- The 2004 boys and 2006 boys both lost in the State Cup Finals. The 2004 Raiders team has won the State Cup the last four years and is currently in the semi finals for regionals, so it was a tremendous year for our 04 team.
- The independence (Val) teams still continue to try to steal kids from our teams. We will continue to monitor and react the the situation.

Game Time Gym:

- The first year is complete and we have the plans dialed in through the end of the year.
- Matko has started to lock in the larger contracts with groups from last year and increase the rental usage.
- Matko thanked the people who have done extra open and closing for the late-night shifts so that we can increase the late night revenue.

Community Fields:

- The mowing and lining have been worked out and things are going well with the City. Tim has been working with the city to make sure everything is set through the end of the year.
- Andy has been involved in the conversations around mowing and lining. The working plan is that they will continue to do the weed spray and be backup for the community fields, but will concentrate and be the primary on the Sale Barn fields when those are up and running.

Fundraising:

- Foot golf fundraiser on July 23rd. There is a \$100 hole sponsor as part of the event with save the dates coming out next year. There can be groups of 4-6 people every 5 minutes. More to come out later. Talk to Kirt or Chris.

Financial Update:

- We are going through the financial and fiscal double audit for fiscal year ending 2021 and 2022. This also will reconcile all the books from the merger between FCCI and PCSL.
- Tryouts have gone well and we are working through all the checks and teams. Most checks have been received and the owed list is smaller.
- We have moved to doing all payment and collection online, which has been much cleaner for everyone. This will also help with payment due dates, collections, etc.
- There have been some questions around the service fees for the online service, but all of those fees were frontloaded in the system.
- Matt is working on making the transfers over to Town and Country bank. There are a few steps needed to close the accounts and move them.
- The CIU/Eclipse royalty payments are coming in. They should amount to around \$20,000 in total, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of that being girls and the rest on the boys side. These fees are part of the alliance agreement and are calculated to replace the fees lost by FC players 'joining' CIU.
- John reports that the group policy and health coverages are ready to go for a July 1st date. We are just waiting on one more signature and then we can get it in.

Sale Barn Fields Update:

- Jeremy gave an update on the Sale Barn fields progress.
- While we have now complete all of the major steps with the city, there are a number of remaining clean up items that must be done. These include agreements around the street access/curb cuts, some required engineering signs offs including changes with the final plat, the irrigation design being approved, the water retention design being approved, the future concessions/bathroom building design, etc. We will get to those items as we are ready to start on each, some of which will be needed now.
- We have a set of construction plans and are ready to begin gathering pricing and bids on parts of the complex now that design has been completed and approved. Unfortunately we are already starting to see prices come in quite a bit higher than originally expected, largely due to

very high gas prices, raw material supply chain issues, and a large increase of construction work happening in the BloNo area (which is pulling away manpower resources). This is a concerning trend that we are trying to work around, but could have some serious implications if we are not able to break ground before August 1.

- The board discussed various scenarios and timelines based on the challenges. Chief among these was what we could/could not do if the costs increases exceeded what we could carry with our revenue/loans/donations. Various paths were discussed and we will know more within the next month. Matt and Jeremy will reach back out to the bank to gain added clarity on what is available. As of now it looks like we may be roughly 1.5 million short based on current funding levels.
- Jeremy discussed the need to bring Dale into the club in an official capacity in order to protect both he and the club as he works in a voluntary capacity to guide the construction processes at the new fields. Dale will lead the construction team and serve as the 'owners rep' to help with the execution and implementation of the fields process. Dale is a retired general superintendent with over 40 years experience in the trades. **Motion to approve Dale Kelley as New Fields Director for FCCI. Matt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting for FCCI adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation at 9:18 PM. During the meeting the board unanimously decided to retain Meyer and Capel to defend the club against litigation pending in court.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM.