

Quick recap

The team discussed various administrative and operational matters, financial reports, and the upcoming Referee Program. They also addressed issues related to team formation, coaching, and the potential for a tournament team, with a focus on ensuring compliance and proper registration. Lastly, they discussed potential partnerships, sponsorship opportunities, and the registration dates for the 2025/2026 season.

Next steps

David to re-email high school parents about potential team formation and coach preferences.

David to email Allison about extending the registration deadline and inquire about tournament team registration process for the high school team.

Nick to reach out one more time to the 8 noncompliant coaches.

David to provide Stephanie with information about Tetra Brazil coach hosting rotation.

Stephanie to create and send out communication about Tetra Brazil coach hosting for April 1st through June 9th.

Stephanie to create a save the date event on Facebook for the Evansville Soccer Club night at the Forward Madison game on April 19th.

David to provide Nick with contact information for Oregon and Brodhead leagues regarding U8 team arrangements.

Jaime to share detailed survey results with Nick for follow-up on specific feedback.

Jaime to share raw survey data with anyone interested in reviewing it.

Roll Call:

Present: Tracy K, Nick Bitz, David L, Jon Swise, Jill T, Julie T, Jessica R, Stephanie L, Jaime H

Summary and Agenda Items

Treasury Report

Nick led a discussion about the Treasury report for November and December, with Jaime confirming that all outstanding invoices were being addressed. The team also discussed the transition of a subscription from yearly to monthly with Sports Engine. The financial reports for November and December were reviewed, with no questions raised. Stephanie made a motion to pass seconded by Jill. The motion passed.

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from November were approved with a motion made by Jaime seconded by Stephanie. Nick also mentioned an update from R. Thompson regarding the parks and outdoor recreation plan, with plans to update it in 2025. The team agreed to be present at the next meeting to ensure their voices are heard.

Spring Registration and Uniform Updates

In the meeting, the team discussed the spring registration process and the need for consistency in opening and closing registration. They decided to set a hard date of March 27th for registration and uniform ordering, two weeks before the season starts. The team also agreed to encourage people to replace their old uniforms with the new style ones. Additionally, they discussed the possibility of reaching out to Tracy's team to assess their roster situation. Jessica indicated that it's quite a lot of work to get players registered through Playmetrics.

Referee Program and Compliance Updates

Tracy discussed the upcoming Referee Program, scheduled for Saturday, March 15th, from 1 to 4 pm. She mentioned that the program needs at least 15 enrolled participants to avoid a \$300 payment. Tracy also mentioned that she has been in touch with Sue Walter, the head of the program, and learned that the grant to reimburse kids for the Referee Program is no longer in effect. She plans to send out flyers to coaches and athletic directors in surrounding towns to promote the program. Stephanie offered to distribute the flyers to the middle school and high school, and to post them on Facebook. Jill suggested including the payment rates for the games in the flyers. It was also mentioned that the club needs to figure out the incentive program for the Referee Program. Lastly,

David reminded the team to get compliant with Playmetrics by the end of January and mentioned that another invoice for WYSA background screening is likely to come through.

Clarifying Background Checks

David notes there was confusion around background checks, which should be completed through WYSA to avoid extra fees. He will send communication clarifying this process.

High School Team Formation Discussion

For the high school boys team, only 5 players registered after outreach to nearby clubs like Edgerton who offered to combine teams. However, 3 of those 5 players declined to play in the spring. David wants to follow up with high school parents to understand their concerns about the fall and spring club soccer programs. Jaime mentions confusion spreading that the club does not offer high school teams or co-ops, leading some families to seek opportunities elsewhere. The group discusses potentially reopening registration if more communication could increase interest, but no final decision is made on how to proceed with a high school team this season. Jaime, David, and Jessica discuss whether to form a high school team for tournaments. David suggests reaching out to Allison to see if they can register a team after the deadline. Jessica recommends putting the team in Tier 3 or 4, like previous years. Jaime mentions feedback from a previous girls' tournament-only team, suggesting they need more than just two tournaments. David proposes a balance between too many and too few tournaments, around three or four. Jessica notes the challenge of getting commitment from busy high schoolers for practices. They acknowledge paid coaches' frustration with players' other commitments. Jaime mentioned that some players were considering switching teams due to coaching preferences. David expressed concerns about the lack of motivation and commitment from some players, particularly in the high school teams. He suggested that the professional coach might not be the best fit for these teams and that they need to address the issue. The team agreed that they need to find a solution to ensure the teams are well-coached and motivated.

Tournament Team and Noncompliant Coaches

The team discussed the issue of noncompliant coaches, with David suggesting that they could leverage the U7 coaches to complete their requirements. The team agreed to reach out to the noncompliant coaches one more time and to consider the possibility of a tournament team.

Coach Registration and Hosting Plans

David is working to ensure coaches and assistants are properly registered and compliant. He is also making plans to host the professional coach from Brazil for 10 weeks from April 1st to June 9th. Stephanie will handle communication with families to host the coach, rotating every 2-3 weeks. Jill suggests offering a partial registration discount to incentivize families to host, and motions for a \$50 credit towards next year's registration for hosting families.

Sponsorship, Soccer Club, and Survey Results

In the meeting, Stephanie announced that they are set to receive another \$1,000 from Dean Health this spring for a sponsorship, with requirements she will ensure are met. She also mentioned creating a 'Save the Date' event on Facebook for the Evansville Soccer Club night at the Forward Madison game on April 19th. David asked about the registration dates for the 2025/2026 season, and it was clarified that they usually open it in mid-April and close it in mid-June. Stephanie was tasked with finding contact information for a potential partnership with Oregon. Jaime shared the results of a survey sent out to the club, which received 36 responses. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.