

# Illinois Fire Juniors

## April 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Alicia Chaon      Kris Nutt      Kevin Byrd      Amanda Esparza  
Tim Koch      Matt Frank      Erika Hunt  
Chris Downing      Jeremy Kelley      Miranda Frank  
Scott Hargus      Chrissy Mora      Myron King

**Absent:** Teresa Dubravec Paul Cadwell

***The meeting started at 7:00 pm and concluded at 8:45 pm at the IFJ Offices. The board then went into closed session.***

### **General Discussion Topics:**

#### **President's Topics (Tim)**

Women's Health Night at IWU is on April 24 from 3pm – 6pm. PCSL and IFJ will have representation. Business Before Hours with Chamber of Commerce will donate to a charitable organization for those who attend in person.

PCSL is engaging with Top Soccer which provides soccer opportunities to individuals with disabilities. Their leader will be down in June or July to discuss further with PCSL and IFJ.

#### **Chicago Fire Topics (Caddy via email)**

10 x 10 tent ordered for IFJ is scheduled for delivery at the stadium on April 18

Five 36 x 60 banners ordered for IFJ also scheduled for delivery on April 18

CF is confirmed to attend the following dates this Spring and Fall

- May 19 Spring Tournament
- September 18 PCSL 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

PCSL Clinics postponed on April 7 due to weather have been rescheduled for April 29

Coaches Education day on May 2 at Toyota Park with Fire first team and academy coaches. All IFJ coaches have been invited.

#### **Tournament (Alicia/Kevin/Scott)**

May – 109 teams (without IFJ teams) are currently registered. April 18 is the last day to register. Rooms for referees have been secured. Locations secured are Community Fields, Sale Barn and White Oak. Two police officers have been placed under contract. Alicia has also sent an email to the realtor who has the lot across the street. Bloomington Tent has been contacted.

Brackets will be posted April 27. Schedules will be posted May 3.

Kris discussed the food vendors who were confirmed.

Fall - Will hold a one location tournament for U8-U14 in the Fall, working with PCSL on a specific date either right after Labor Day or in October.

#### **Try Outs (Teresa/Scott)**

Registration is open. ~100 kids have already registered.

They have begun to work with Myron/Chrissy/Amanda on automating pieces to reduce errors and redundancy.

New Try Out Software Evaluation – Scott reviewed Team Genius and its capabilities. The vendor provided different options to Scott, and he presented that to Teresa and Myron.

Electronic Registration will be mandatory.

Each board member will be expected to work at least two shifts of try outs. Erika will put together a Sign Up Genius. Therefore, the June board meeting will be cancelled.

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### **Handbook/Policy Updates (Kris)**

Changes are all submitted. They will be compiled and sent out for one final review this weekend.

### **Fields Update (Tim/Jeremy)**

This past Monday, Tim spoke in front of the Bloomington City Council. They voted 5-4 to help fund the feasibility study with Normal. Tuesday, Tim attended a high level meeting on the study.

### **Merger with PCSL (Tim)**

By-Laws are being updated and will be sent out in the next two weeks.  
Target date is still July 1.

### **Fundraising and Sponsorship Alternatives (Jeremy)**

Mid Illini Credit Union is now sponsoring U5 for PCSL.  
Continuing to work on other sponsorship opportunities for IFJ. Announcements forthcoming over the coming weeks.

### **Community Ambassadors – (Chris/Myron)**

Scott has put together a database for them to enter any opportunities.

### **Utilization of Chicago Fire (Kris/Tim/Chris)**

“Bring A Friend” in April – Chris and Kris sent out a communication to provide this opportunity. Several kids have taken advantage of the opportunity in the first week.  
Executive Board will meet in July with CF to plan the next twelve months.

### **Myron's Daily Duties (Tim/Teresa)**

Next steps – Will meet in the next 30 days to help streamline activities.

### **DoC Updates (Myron)**

The weather has been a huge challenge this Spring.  
Summer dates have been announced for girls and boys for the Emerging Talent Program.  
Working on scheduling the Chicago Fire Technical Director to visit this Spring.