

# Illinois Fire Juniors/PSCL

## December 2019 Meeting Agenda

### General Discussion Topics:

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

Tim, Kurt, Matt, Myron, Tracy, Kirt, Jeremy, Erika, Chris, Andie, Pam, John, Kathy in attendance. Sean, Amanda Jones joined by phone.

### **President's Topics - Tim**

Approval of Minutes- **Motion by Chris, second by Matt to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

- Staffing – Discussed candidates for the Director of Ops position and rough timelines/next steps. All interviews have now been concluded and a formal offer will be coming shortly.
- Field Discussion
  - Jeremy and Tim updated the group on potential sites and current developments. There will be a need for a 2020 club meeting and Jeremy/Tim would like to add in a field update with potential announcements if they are finalized in time. Discussion occurred as to the next steps and what was needed from the board decision wise.
  - **Chris makes a motion for Tim, Jeremy, Matt, and Rich to approach local banks with the ability to make a loan for up to 1.5 million. Second by Andie. Motion approved.**
  - **Andie makes a motion for the same group to allow the same group to engage with an engineering firm to draw up site plans. Second by Chris. Approved by all.**
  - **Kathy makes a motion for the same group to be able to engage with parties on land and to draw up necessary agreements. Second by Matt.**
  - Communications- We will need to get our communication plan together ASAP. Jeremy will reach out to Jeff to fill him in and get the details together when we have them.
- Winter Camps/Futsal – Kurt was able to speak with BHS and work out a potential solution using both the north and south gyms of BHS at the same time. This path would allow us to do everything at a lower overall cost. Myron and Pam are working out the pricing and structure. Communications will come out shortly shortly.  
**Motion by Jeremy and second by Kathy to proceed with entering into an agreement with BHS for use of their facility for futsal and PCSL winter academy. Approved by all.**
- January Board Meeting Schedule – Will likely be postponed for club meeting. Will look to have a club planning meeting sometime in the next 1-2 months.
- ‘Sunshine Committee’ - There have been a number of recent situations with soccer player members in our community facing difficulty. The board would like to recognize and offer our support to those players. Discussions on how to do this best occurred and Kathy will take the lead on these efforts.
- Tim thanked everyone for all their hard work this year.

### **Travel Soccer Budget Discussion- Matt**

Matt walked through the Travel budget for the next year. Highlights included the fact that we remain on budget, we do not have a need to increase fees, and the tournaments both made profit. Discussion around staffing and future potential field costs occurred.

**Motion by Andie, second by Kathy to approve the budget as laid out. All approved.**

**Motion by John, second by Kirt to approve holiday bonuses for staff as proposed. All approved.**

### **Rec Operations Update - John/Pam**

- Operations Status Report (Board Report) – Rec dates will be a little different than past years starting in the fall. Will do Labor Day weekend off and start the weekend prior. Will resume the regular schedule the week after Labor Day. The date changes will also give flexibility for weather and fall tournament schedule changes.

### **Travel Operations Update – Myron/Amanda/Kurt O.**

- Fall Season Conclusion – Kurt is continuing to work on the Olympia school outreach. Andie has spoken to the Bulldogs program and it does not sound like there is an established point person. Instead we are going to work through the school. We are doing this already on the rec side so we will expand the flier to include some of our unique offerings for Olympia.
- There are a handful of teams with team and manager situations that are being resolved over the winter break.
- We have four teams in national finals in Tampa for the Super Y program.
- Our indoor numbers are slightly lower than last year's record number but they still look strong.
- CIYSL meeting was last week. They are considering our grant request to help pay for referee training costs. The next meeting will be here in Bloomington and Myron and Tim are working with Jason and Craig in order to work out details. The fees for the league are going up slightly for next year. The league start dates are earlier next year (March 23<sup>rd</sup> )
- There are coaching clinics coming up for the D license as well as 4 v 4 trainings.
- A lot of kids qualified on ODP teams this year. CIU also has a number of IFJ players on their winter teams.

### **IFJ Spring Tourney Shootout – Andie**

- Andie is already starting to solicit volunteers for the various positions for the tournament.
- At this time things are on track, but more will be needed shortly.

### **Community Outreach- Chris/Sean/Pablo**

- Winter Community Engagement- Chris/Sean highlighted briefly the winter event schedule to include bell ringing and other opportunities to give back.

### **Other New Business**

**Executive Session entered into at 8:30**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**