

Illinois Fire Juniors

July 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Alicia Chaon Kris Nutt Scott Hargus
Tim Koch Amanda Esparza Jeremy Kelley
Chris Downing Miranda Frank

Absent: Matt Frank Erika Hunt Chrissy Mora
Paul Cadwell Myron King

The meeting started at 7:02 pm and concluded at 8:55 pm at Advocate Bromenn.

General Discussion Topics:

President's Topics (Tim)

Met the leaders from MCO and TPC who are our partners for our training programs.

The Chicago Fire Summit will be in Chicago in January. This will include coaches, board members and administrators.

Monday at 5pm the complex study will be presented. It is open to the public. Please attend in your IFJ gear if you schedule permits.

Chicago Fire Topics (Caddy)

CF is confirmed to attend the September 8 PCSL 40th anniversary

Tournament (Alicia)

May Recap – Overall tournament went very well. Still receiving a couple straggling bills. Provided a recap of lessons learned and items to consider for next year.

Post Tournament Report – Working with Teresa to complete this.

Fall - Will hold a one location tournament for U8-U14 on October 20 and 21. Paperwork is being submitted this week.

Try Outs (Scott/Tim)

Recap – Next year, we need to start our planning earlier, so we have things in place before the tournament. A list for Chrissy and Amanda should be developed and provided to them ahead of time.

Information sheets should be completed by age groups and tailored accordingly.

Numbers Recap – well over 600 registered to try out, close to 600 have accepted their offer.

Uniforms (Miranda)

Update – Uniform ordering is in progress. Still discovering some duplicate numbers and is working to clean those up now.

Marketing/ Fundraising/Sponsorship Alternatives (Jeremy)

Memorial Day Parade – 20-30 people participated. Very pleased for our first time to this. Hope to do Labor Day Parade next.

Chipotle Dinner – Attendance was very good, and funds has been received.

Jason's Deli – July 24 is our next Dine to Donate. Just need to mention it when ordering.

Blaze Pizza – August 9 is the next Dine to Donate.

Revitalizing Soccer in the Community – he has been meeting with Denise McDermott to develop next steps.

Kicking Clinic – working with Axel Jimenez to partner with the Bloomington Edge and the ISU Soccer team to working on kicking skills.

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Fields Update (Tim/Jeremy)

Did meet with Rockford to gather information from their experiences. Will provide some information next meeting.

Continuing to look at various options.

Merger with PCSL (Tim)

Updated By-Laws have been shared for a final review.

Formal vote will occur July 18 at 7pm at Advocate Bromenn.

Community Ambassadors – (Chris/Myron)

We have partnered with Bloomington and Normal Parks and Rec.

Utilization of Chicago Fire (Kris/Tim/Chris)

Executive Board will meet in August with CF to plan the next twelve months.