

Cheektowaga SC Board Meeting - Minutes
April 8, 2025

In attendance: N. Bartnik, D. Puccio, B. Detlef, J. Potozniak,, P. Schifano, M. Klopp, J. Fordham. Special Guest D. Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of March Minutes

Approval of March meeting minutes motioned by BD; second by NB. By a vote of 5-0 and no abstentions, motion passes.

Treasurer Report

Current balance: **\$17,469.68**

Two refunds need to be processed; NB will show JP after the meeting how to process in SportsEngine. Owe initial 501c3 lawyer \$65 for work completed.

Travel Program - Rush

U19 Girls

- 3 games in; going well. Playing in the Thruway League this year

U15 Boys

- Finishing indoor season. Has the potential of a Summer tournament team. D. Smith potentially assisting the team; will begin JSL play on May 8

U10 Boys

- Continued with Sunday practices, working on a friendly w/Niagara PALS. Will play exhibitions for divisions and to set up schedule on May 9/16; First JSL game will be May 30. PS willing to help as Assistant Coach, if needed. 9 current players with potentially 2 more on the way.

Gym/Winter Session(s)

Last week of indoor will take place this weekend, April 13. Able to get outside on April 23 and hope to begin to utilize the outdoor fields

Spring House Session Logistics

- Registration rate will increase on April 15 (tax day). Currently 139 registered as of 4/8/25
- Will create a social media ad for a last ad push. Aim to start on the 10th and run for 5 days
- As mentioned, can access fields beginning 4/23; will need to set up fields the weekend of April 26/27.
- Will need to paint lines, set-up snack stand and figure out what to toss and sell, general clean-up of the area, will need new netting (Adpro or BSN), repair benches,
- Long term plans for the area will include repair team benches, fix snack stand cosmetic issues, figure out a plan for the Pepsi cooler, revisit signing a new pop contract, deep clean around the snack stand building, and update Square contact ahead of opening day

- Food and Beverage specs: what food do we offer- pricing, volunteer schedule for the stand. Also need to look into the county food permit. NB will reach out to snack stand volunteers & arrange volunteer schedule
- Background checks for board members and coaches. BD will organize ASAP thru GotSport and work with NB on logistics. NB to contact NYS West for assistance. Will need to figure out the circumstances of individuals who have background checks already.
- Coaching Manual is in-progress. Hope to give out coaching binders with team bags. Will try and utilize AI to help develop the manual
- Working with NY Swag Superstore for Spring uniforms for \$22.50 full kit. Will create a Google Form to capture short sizes
- Equipment needed might include, but not limited to, more coaches bags, coaching equipment, first aid supplies, and more good quality ice packs
- Updated key list to include BD (#3) and PS (#2)
- Will strive for Spring House Skills Assessment indoors at a Maryvale gym or Hillview Church., aiming for Tues/Wed, April 22/23. April 27 final option at fields or at South Buffalo Community Center
- Preliminary set-up of teams will begin prior to Skills Assessment with returning players so that age divisions and amount of teams can be configured ahead of time
- Will need to figure out team names & colors so that the new season and teams can be created on the web. JF and NB will work on the preliminary team assignments

Unfinished Business

Town Soccer Program Collaboration - Will continue to communicate with the Cheektowaga Town program to see if there's avenues for collaboration. Potentially friendlies this Summer with the town

501c3 Update - Now that March minutes have been approved, DP will message WNY Law Center to find out next steps and to meet virtually with the lawyer again to get the ball rolling.

Healthy Buffalo - Program gearing towards playing on Tuesday/Wednesdays; unsure when the program will begin play but typically sometime in mid/end of May

Field Painters - Still waiting to hear back from the company regarding prices for the robotic painter and if this is something feasible that the Club can purchase

Current Club/Town Communication - Need to pull registration reports for our 2024 to send to the town for their fund report. Meeting with Councilperson Pilarski occurred the other week. The group comprised of Cheektowaga youth sports organizations, is planning on meeting quarterly and was sent potential grants organizations can apply for locally, statewide, or federal

MailChimp Listserv - Not an urgent priority. Will spend Spring/Summer looking into it, any benefits, and allowing those outside of the organization to stay up-to-date on Club deadlines and events.

Current List of Coaches for Spring - Amy Lagowski, Bart, Doug McClure, Jeffrey Rowe, Jennifer Potozniak (Timbits), John Shimrak, Matt Piotrowski, Phil Schifano, Tyler Mullins, John Henshaw (asst)

Motion to Adjourn by NB; seconded by JF. No objections.
Adjournment at 8:43 p.m.