



## MEETING MINUTES – SOCCER BOARD –JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Our mission is to promote and foster in our members a basic knowledge of soccer by creating a fun, fair and safe environment. We emphasize a competitive spirit focusing on skill-development, respect, self-confidence, leadership, sportsmanship and teamwork.

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### Secretary's Report

Subject: Kimberly needs to check for the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting in May. They aren't posted on the web yet.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### Treasurer's Report

Subject: 3 vs 3 Ref Fee's have been paid. Concession revenue totaled but costs for goods are still being determined. Income is likely less than 2019, but we had 13 less teams this year too.

New safe was installed in the concessions under the sink. The bottom compartment not yet locking – so Brad is working on it with the Vendor.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### Summer Teams Update

Subject: Mighty Strikers has started. Over 200 kids signed up now, about 20 late sign ups this year.

Mighty Strikers needs to have a manual or list of items that need to happen before and on the first night. Adam Edwards will be putting together a list of needed items and ideas for next year for the board to review. This will be given to the two head coaches/organizers.

Change team names from English Premier League names to something parents can better understand. Possibly just name them by tee shirt colors?

Mighty Strikers picture night is coming up. Thursday June 17. Still looking for anyone that wants to help from the board. Picture forms are in concessions stand near the box of tee shirts.

For concessions we need the assignor to have access to the DIBS contact list.

Pictures for the U10-U19 teams are done and in the storage room for coaches/managers to pick up.

U18 boys team is having a hard time communicating with players. Getting a full team at practice has been a struggle.

Whoever is signed up for concessions, needs to ensure that everything is locked up/put away after Mighty Strikers game nights. Need to better communicate that. Two main coaches should also ensure building is locked up and things put away after game nights.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### **Ref Update**

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Subject: Nelaina Daggett is visiting the meeting to discuss Ref concerns.

Justin mentioned we can ask teams coming to DL if they have refs who are willing to travel to DL to help. Will pay them accordingly with stipend for travel.

We need to recruit more refs. Will need refs for Rotary Cup for sure. Justin is reaching out to the Fargo clubs for assistance with that tournament.

Nelaina would like to partner with a board member to help recruit younger refs over the off-season. Also, how do we mentor the younger refs to build their confidence to feel comfortable during game situations? Lack of refs this year is a challenge with the mentoring idea, but this was something that occurred in the past with more experienced refs watching younger refs and then doing after game reviews to go over the game/talk about what went well and what could have been better.

There are a couple refs (Pelican Rapids)/soccer knowledgeable people in nearby towns and within DL that may be able to help. Need to contact them and get them going to help.

Joe Braun volunteered to work with Nelaina to start a recruitment program over the off-season.

Possibly send out a snap survey to former refs to get a sense of what are the issues that are leading to refs leaving.

As a safety issue we should discuss the need for 3 refs for games for U16s and U18s with other teams.

Referee Pay-Currently our referee fees are similar to other best paying leagues. We need to ensure that we remain competitive with the pay. Current policy says that if ref is there and game does not occur, ref gets paid. If game starts but ends early, ref gets paid. If ref is notified 24 hours before game that game is cancelled, ref does not get paid.

Joe will try to get some idea what current ref pay is across the district for regular and cluster games. Look over club websites and get contacts. Will try to report back by next meeting.

Discussion noted that pay for refs would remain the same for time being.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### **Fall Fundraiser**

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Subject: Letter going out to major sponsors soon. Tickets have been printed and Courtney has them in hand. She will give them to Kimberly to put at the concessions since she'll be MIA for a couple of weeks to have the baby.

We need to try to get fundraiser tickets sold at the Mighty Strikers' game nights. Maybe set that up at concession stand.

Joy is making a poster advertising banquet tickets for sale. Will put up at the concessions.

Club has a paypal account that can be sent out in group email for purchasing tickets.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### **T.O.P.S. Update**

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Subject: n/a

Motion:

Board Action:

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## Field Maintenance

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Subject: Henry the divet in center of circle on field #5 needs fixing.

Sprinklers on Field #6 are still getting repaired by the City of DL.

New nets are ordered and on the way.

Two small goals tipped over from kids hanging on them during Might Striker games. We will need to get some more stakes into those little goals. Looking at options for small goal anchors that can be put in the ground and potentially covered when not in use. Also can potentially add sand bags to the goals to weigh them down.

We could use additional signage at the fields to help direct people to the correct fields.

Relocate or add signage further up the parking lot to direct traffic to appropriate field. Could move the existing sign to the grassy area along the roadway leading to the fields prior to the bus depot.

Looking at adding signage to notify players to stay off of fields that are under maintenance.

New fields and Mighty Strikers fields need maintenance. Fields are browning, have weed intrusion, could use seeding, fertilizer, and aeration.

Motion: Henry made a motion for Option #2: seed, fertilize, aerate and apply herbicide on new fields and Mighty Strikers fields this year; up to \$10,000. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Board Action: Approved.

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## Concession/DIBS Update

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Subject: DIBS appear to be getting filled.

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### **3 vs 3 Tournament Recap**

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Subject: Had a small amount of teams from out of town sign up for this tournament and the rest were from DL this year. Need to try and get Bemidji to not have their 6 vs 6 on the same weekend next year. Justin talked with them about it this year, but they weren't willing to switch weekends.

Are we interested in having a 6v6 set-up for older teams?

Some coaches were concerned because many teams were over rostered. We need registration to catch these and not allow in the future. 4 people is max per team, some had 5 this year.

Can we rename the fields for next year and not name them R o t a r y CLUB? Just do ABCDE....1234....the parents and coaches are too confused.

We need to make sure that signs are obviously placed and larger.  
We need to set a date for next year at the next board meeting.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### **Upcoming Tournaments**

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Subject: Numerous teams heading to Tri-City tournament. 6 teams total.

Not many teams are currently signed up for Grand Forks tournament at this point.

Need to get our teams signed up for Rotary Cup tournament soon.

Motion:

Board Action:

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### **Upcoming Board Meeting**

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Subject: Moving the next board meeting to Thursday July 1, 2021. At the Holiday Inn again.

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## New Business

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Subject:

Motion:

Board Action:

Adjourn Meeting: Joel made a motion to adjourn, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Board Action: Approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Kimberly Wegleitner

\*\*Next Meeting is **Thursday, July 1, 2021** 6:30am Location: **Holiday Inn**