

Illinois Fire Juniors

May 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Amanda Esparza Paul Cadwell

The meeting started at 7:02 pm and concluded at 8:40 pm at the IFJ Offices.

General Discussion Topics:

President's Topics (Tim)

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. Teresa Dubravec is stepping down from board effective immediately. We greatly appreciate all of her work for Illinois Fusion and Illinois Fire Juniors. An AED was donated to us and PCSL by the American Heart and Lung Association

Chicago Fire Topics (Caddy via email)

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

- May 19 Spring Tournament
- September 8 PCSL 40th anniversary

PCSL Clinics in April were rescheduled due to the weather but were very successful
Coaches Education day on May 2 was also very successful

Tournament (Alicia/Kevin/Scott)

May – Over 150 teams are registered. Locations secured are Community Fields and Sale Barn. Two police officers have been placed under contract. Schedules were posted May 8. Freeze will be Friday. Volunteer sign ups were sent out this afternoon. 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. Tim will discuss with Frank to confirm date.

Try Outs (Scott)

Registration is open. Over 200 kids have already registered. Working with Myron/Chrissy/Amanda on automating pieces to reduce errors and redundancy. Electronic Registration will be mandatory. Each board member will be expected to work at least two shifts of try outs. Sign Up Genius was sent out. Therefore, the June board meeting will be cancelled. Online store is in progress. Samples of the new uniforms will be available for sizing.

Marketing/ Fundraising/Sponsorship Alternatives (Jeremy)

Working on representation in the Memorial Day Parade
Continuing to work on various sponsors
Discussed revitalizing Soccer in the Community

Handbook/Policy Updates (Kris)

Done – delivered to Scott and Tim for inclusion in registration information.

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Fields Update (Tim/Jeremy)

Reaching out to Rockford to gather information from their experiences.

Merger with PCSL (Tim)

By-Laws are being updated and have been sent out for review.

Target date is still July 1.

Community Ambassadors – (Chris/Myron)

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

Utilization of Chicago Fire (Kris/Tim/Chris)

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

DoC Updates (Myron)

Finalizing tournament schedules

Very busy!!!!