

**CYSC Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 27, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Spanked Puppy, Main Street, Colchester, VT**

**Agenda:**

**-Greeting**

Meeting commenced at 6:40pm in the side room at the Spanked Puppy. Natalie Bradford, **CYSC president, called the meeting to order.**

Attendees included Natalie Bradford, Tom Bacon, Ty Fitzgerald, David Youlen, Brian Murray, Katy Gamelin, Betsy Mcgowan and Christine Leggett, in addition to many other attendees to discuss the future of the league.

**-Spring VSL wrap up**

4 U8 teams, 2 U10B & 2U10G teams, 2 U12G teams; Above budget by a small amount, good rates on the uniforms with Challenger. There was discussion around the new size 4 balls. They looked small, but are actually the correct size, so we talked about switching out the game balls also so they are more consistent with what the kids are getting.

No marketing last year for tryouts; it was only posted on Facebook. It would be beneficial to get a banner made to advertise VSL during the rec season, as well as having coaches try to recruit kids for VSL league. Lots of discussion and concerns voiced around the lack of kids going into U12, especially the U12 boys teams. Someone voiced that one year without enough kids for teams could be enough to cause the entire VSL league to lose steam.

Natalie expressed that she sends out a lot of emails, but cannot continue to put any additional time into the league to bring many of the parent’s suggestions to light. To make the rec league work, it requires about 4-6 weeks of time commitment (after 1st week, it pretty much runs itself from there). However, the VSL league requires ~5 months of work each season (2x/ year). The rec league is about 3x the size of the VSL league, but VSL requires significantly more work.

**-Future of the club- town contacted, VSL teams moving forward**

Natalie cannot continue with the presidency and so far there have been no volunteers. She consulted with the executive board and everyone agreed to contact the town about possibly taking over the league. A meeting with the town has been requested, but we were asked to wait a short while. In the meantime, everything is set to go for fall rec soccer.

If we want the club to continue the way it has been, it is necessary for new people to volunteer and be voted in at the end of the summer. **It was requested that we post a document on the CYSC website which list roles, responsibilities, time commitments, etc.** It was asked whether there was an option to hire a president and have that as the only paid staff member position in the club. Other leagues operate like this, like the GB VSL league, which has 1 paid staff member position (president).

Everyone wants VSL league to stay no matter what and having the board dedicated to VSL may be beneficial (if town takes over the rec league). However, there would have to be a lot of agreements between the rec league & VSL. Tom argued the importance of the rec league, as it is the building block and foundation for having kids continue on with competitive leagues. He is afraid that we would lose continuity between rec & VSL leagues if we don’t keep them together. We also talked about how we spend so much time on player development, but the rec league is so important for coach development also. There was also discussion around how we can attract coaches.

**-Club funds- seeking treasurer with investment background**

Natalie is looking for someone with investment skills for the next club treasurer. It would be beneficial for someone to be able to invest club funds to help accrue more interest.

**-Open board positions- treasurer, field manager, VP**

President, Vice President, Treasurer (3 of the 4 executive board positions)

Fundraising coordinator, Volunteer coordinator, Rosters (other open positions)

**-Fall Rec coaches: abuse training, background checks**

Discussed background check requirement; Right now, VSA pays for it ($10, VT only); However, new background checks will be more comprehensive ($25-30), so the extra cost will come down to the club

Abuse training (90min)- required for VSL coaches; Need to vote on whether we require this for rec coaches also at the upcoming meeting

**-Fall prep:**

3 signs remaining, need to order more. 1-2 banners need to be created/ ordered also

Fall rec flyers- need to be distributed to the schools; should they also be distributed to some of the clubs?

Discussion around how to use some of our current funds for additional advertising 🡪 Apparel, sweatshirts for coaches, etc; T-shirts for rec coaches, with rules on the back

Talked about the volunteer positions available last fall; 10 different positions available, however there was a glitch last year where anyone who didn’t choose a position was automatically selected for co-coach. Discussion around providing discounts for volunteering. There was also discussion around using sign-up genius in the future for many of the volunteer positions or Google forms (would be good task for future VP)

\*\*Field manager needed; Need volunteers (4 hrs/ 3 people) to set up field for fall rec season (marking, lining, etc) weekend before labor day or labor day weekend ***(2 volunteers at the meeting agreed to handle this)***

Strong referee pool for the fall

Discussed fundraising; Do not need additional money, but want to create social situations (maybe BBQ?) to invite new league members into the league & board. Katy would like to pass on her role and agreed to help the next person for the upcoming year

Coaching support/ pool training🡪 Used to use GPS, but had difficult time securing them in past years. Need training for pool training leaders first and then they can help train other coaches (2 per grade per season).

**-HS Scholarships**

2 scholarships provided- Sophia Brigante and Evan Lamothe; Need better form for next year

**-Adjourn**

Next meeting will be August 1st at 6:30pm (needs to be confirmed). This meeting will be used to vote in new board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Meeting minutes are the writer’s understanding of the meeting as discussed. If there are any issues, corrections or comments, please forward them in writing within 48 hours of receipt of these minutes, otherwise these minutes will stand as record. Writer: Christine Leggett- cleggett8982@gmail.com