

# **DASC Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 14, 2010**

Attendance: Bill C., Tom H., Lesa K., Karen C., Troy S., Billy R., Tina T., Brian B., Jim M., Eric S., Amanda S., Raed K., John W.

## **Fall Season**

### Discussions held:

Kyle Cooper was recommended by Troy S. as coach of the U10 boys Cannons. He is the only person to volunteer for the position.

Eric Sanderson resigned as coach of the U11 boys secondary team because his son qualified for the primary U11 team.

Both Bryan Harner and Brian Brenizer expressed interest in coaching the U9 boy's primary team and both Raed Khalil and Dave Bechtle expressed interest in coaching the U13 boys primary team. Troy S. made preliminary comments on both age groups. Brian, Raed and Dave were in attendance and given an opportunity to speak. The possibility of U12 players moving up to U13 and having two U13 boys' teams rather than having one U12 and one U13 team will be explored.

A player missed the registration deadline by a few days. The family is experiencing financial hardship and inquired if the late fee could be waived.

### Votes Taken:

Kyle Cooper was approved as the head coach of the U10 B Cannons.

Brian Brenizer was approved as the head coach of the U9 B Vipers.

Raed Khalil was approved as the head coach of the U13 B Kixx.

The waiver of the late fee was approved.

## **Tournament Report**

### Discussions held:

Applications are now open. 20 teams have applied and 5 have also paid.

Field availability is good. Potential fields available at Winding Hill will likely be unneeded.

Mike F. will assess the field options at Lower Allen Park on Wednesday, June 16. Only two fields may be required at this site.

The following are the tentative sites and site coordinators for boys:

U9	Hanover	Hanover Boy's soccer
U10	Franklin Township	Northern Boy's Soccer Boosters
U11	Logan Park	Northern Girl's Soccer Boosters
U12	Hidden Creek	Cub Scouts
U13	Joe Carr	TBD
U14	Hanover	Hanover Boy's soccer

The following are the tentative sites and site coordinators for girls:

U9	Ponderosa	Girl Scouts
U10	Middlesex	TBD
U11	Carroll and Chestnut	Boy Scouts
U12	Stony Ridge	CV football/Boy Scouts
U13	Friendship Park	Mechanicsburg Soccer Club
U14	Lower Allen	Cub Scouts

Some upper age-level teams have expressed interest in participating in the Shoot-out. Mike F. asked if the tournament should be opened to U15 and U16 teams. He will determine how much interest exists for this option.

U11 will only be 8 v. 8, not both 8 v. 8 and 11 v. 11.

### Possible Player Training Initiative

Discussions held:

At the request of Troy S. and Keith M., Gaz Davies of UK Soccer presented an 8-week team training program for coaches to bring consistency to player training in DASC. It would provide a curriculum for coaches to follow at each age level to ensure that basic soccer skills are being taught and built upon.

The basic premise of the program is that the lower age groups (U9 and U10) are taught technical skills with an emphasis on the basics of soccer. The middle age groups (U11 and U12) are taught developmental skills with an emphasis on using what has been learned. The upper age levels (U13 and U14) are taught tactical skills with an emphasis on tactics for winning in specific situations.

UK Soccer would create a written training plan, a progressive training plan and a curriculum for coaches to follow.

On-the-field training would also be provided to the players, but would also benefit

the coaches as they learn new drills and formations.

A coach's clinic would also be provided as part of the program. UK coaches would also serve as a resource for the coaches.

Various options are available for the total number of weekly sessions provided. A consensus was reached on the four nights (eight sessions) per week option. This would allow for four sessions per season for 16 teams. The coaches would be encouraged to use the training program provided in between the UK Soccer sessions.

Implementing this program will require cooperation from the coaches and coordination on where practices are held.

Billy R. inquired about the possibility of having UK Soccer provide training for the U6 and U8 players, perhaps on Sunday evenings. Players would be encouraged to come to this training that would not be available outside the regular U6/U8 days. Gaz Davies agreed to create a proposal for this as well. It will be presented at a later date for board review.

Vote Taken:

The four-nights-per-week player training plan presented by UK Soccer was approved.

### Spring Season

Discussions held:

The U8 Fun Tournament was successful. All comments about it were positive. Bimbo the Bear was present for several hours and distributed treats. Bimbo Bakeries was pleased with the exposure this tournament provided. Mike F. handled the T-shirts for the participants. Mr. Frosty, an area ice cream truck, was also in attendance.

Karen C. pointed out that the U9 girls developmental team has a fine that remains unpaid. The fine will soon incur a late fee as well.

Two DASC teams won their divisions this spring - U10 boys Rumble and U12 boys Kixx.

Vote taken:

Purchasing trophies for the division champions was approved.

### U9 and above Fall Fun Fest proposal

Discussion held:

Lesia K. suggested hosting a skills tournament before the beginning of the fall season.

This would be an individual tournament giving players an opportunity to showcase their abilities in a fun and friendly atmosphere. The competition would be divided by age and gender. The goal would be to connect the individual teams and players within the club. Medals and/or trophies would be awarded within each group for the individual skills. Bimbo Bakeries could be given the opportunity to sponsor the event. Coaches input was requested as their assistance would be necessary for the success of the event. Tina Tern offered to assist with the coordination and planning of the event. A consensus was reached that this initiative should move forward.

### U8 to U9 Transition Ideas

#### Discussions held:

Billy R. expressed concern about parental confusion during the transition from U8 to U9. Many parents do not understand the importance of assessments or the division of players into primary and secondary teams. He felt it would be advantageous to provide a brochure or pamphlet explaining the changes that occur between U8 and U9 play.

Karen C. showed an existing pamphlet that explains the transition and answers many of the questions parents typically ask. These have typically been distributed at registration. Billy will consider making copies for distribution to all U8 parents next season.

### Fields

#### Discussions held:

Mowing will revert to 3" and weekly during the summer months. Twice weekly mowing will resume as necessary at the beginning of the fall season.

The abundance of clover is becoming a problem on many of the fields, Hurricane in particular. Jim M. was quoted a price of \$375 for liquid spraying of the clover at Hurricane. It was decided that this should be considered as part of the over-all maintenance program when reviewed in the fall; control of such weeds was considered and addressed in the current maintenance program.

Jim M. shared the new US Youth Soccer guidelines for field size and goal size for the U11 teams that will now be 8 v. 8. Our existing fields and goals are acceptable so no changes are necessary.

Eric S. researched removable benches and recommended a bench that seats ten. The cost is \$185.59 per bench. They are needed for Ponderosa and possibly Century Lane Park.

There will need to be a field set-up day at the end of July.

Vote taken:

Purchase of four benches eight to ten feet long was approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Discussion held:

The monthly income and expense report was distributed.

#### Summer Camps

Discussions held:

The City Islanders asked for assistance in hanging posters for their soccer camp. Tina T. will make the copies and hang them in local businesses.

Karen C. will send out e-mail reminders about the City Islanders camp being held the week of June 21 to June 25.

Jim M. will place goals at Century Lane Park for the camp being held next week.