

Douglas Youth Soccer Association
Board Meeting
July 22, 2015 – 6:00 pm
Douglas Recreation Center Conference Room

Members Present: Leslie F, Sara B, Karla P, Jenn R

Club Re-Affiliation Form

The group discussed the Club Re-Affiliation Form. It is due September 1. Bylaws need to be included when we submit this form.

Leslie asked Sara B for a rough number of kids who participate in Rec Soccer (information requested on the club re-affiliation form) – she said we had about 120-140 in the Spring and probably 150 last Fall.

Leslie broke down our seasons to the following:

Fall: 8/1 to 10/31

Winter: 11/1 – 2/28

Spring: 3/1 – 5/31

Summer: 6/1 – 7/31

Bylaws

Karla is working on getting a set of Bylaws together to go in with this form. She is looking at bylaws from multiple clubs around the state, and using those bylaws as guidelines for our club. Some of these other clubs “are hard core”. **Karla will email the proposed bylaws to the group by August 12.** Any changes or suggestions need to be back to Karla **no later than August 23.** The Bylaw will be voted on at the August 26 meeting. We will need as many members present as possible.

Do we need to reevaluate the amount we charge for traveling?

Bank Signature Form

In order to get a debit card we need to be a one signer account – Macey, Melody and Leslie all need to sign the bank signature card ASAP. Leslie has already signed. Jenn will take the form back to the bank and Macey and Melody can go in to CCB in the next week and sign. Leslie can then go in and get a debit card – to be used for traveling registrations and any other necessary uses throughout the year.

Board Changes

Kelsi will be done being the Referee Coordinator after the Fall 2015 Season, Sara B wasn't sure if she would stay on the board or not and will check with her. Leslie also mentioned that she will be going off the Board after the Spring 2016 season, that will leave the Registrar position open. Need to start thinking about who would be willing to take over these two positions. If anyone has ideas of possible new members please bring them to the next meeting.

Changes after General Meeting

Leslie sent these out – be sure to look them over. One of those changes being that a 15 year old 8th grader can no longer play on a U14 team – if there is even just one 15 year old they have to play U15.

Middle School/DIS/DUES Fields

Since the High School teams are using the Middle School fields (3:30-6:00 in the Spring) we need to start looking at other possibilities at DIS and DUES. Brent Notman said that we just need to let him know what we would like to use and we can make pretty much whatever work. We discussed having board members do a walk over the fields to see what location at DIS/DUES would work for fields. Size and quality and other specs. Also the Middle School Fields will be getting turfed in the Summer of 2016. The group thought that we should stay at the Middle School Fields for the Fall season, but have a plan ready for the Spring Season to move to the DIS/DUES fields. If and when we move fields, we will also have to move the soccer storage shed.

Frequency of Meetings

We talked about meeting a bit more frequently, and decided to have 6 set meetings for the year – that way people can have them on their calendars in advance. Hoping this will get board member attendance up from what it has been. Jenn will contact Katlyn at the Rec to see if the following dates are available. If not, we can always meet at someone's house or somewhere else that will work for the group. We will set the annual meeting schedule during the June meeting each year. Meeting Schedule for the next 12 months is:

- **August 26, 2015 - 6 pm**
- **November 18, 2015 - 6 pm**
- **February 17, 2016 - 6 pm**
- **March 9, 2016 - 6 pm**
- **June 15, 2016 - 6 pm**

Scholarships

There is a family that may need to take advantage of a scholarship to be able to play traveling soccer. They are the Bjorsons (Haley and Karrissa). We will likely need to address this further at the next meeting.

Goals

We talked about looking into the possibility of getting pop-up goals for U6-U12. This item was tabled until the next meeting to talk about when we have more members present.

State Fair Parade

It was discussed if we wanted to be in the parade again this year. We text Melody and she said she would complete the parade paperwork to get the DYSA at spot in the parade. We will post something on Facebook as it gets closer to get some kids to walk it. Jenn will bring her wagon again.

Fundraising

We talked about multiple fundraising ideas. Having soccer kids and parents man concession stands in the summer at baseball, t-ball games was one suggestion. Having concessions at the Rec Soccer games was another idea. Sara B suggested selling nice jackets or hoodies, for parents or grandparents to buy. We also discuss selling water bottles (we still have some in Macey's basement?) or hats, gloves, scarfs for our nice Wyoming soccer weather. Sara B said she would look into possible items to sell. Leslie said she still has the form we used last time when we sold the water bottles.

Yard Signs Advertising Soccer Sign Ups

The group was in favor, but we need to have a vote via email to see if this is the wish of the Board. Sara will email the group the details and we will take a vote. Yard signs would cost us \$150. That gets us 3 days in multiple locations. Sign advertises sign up dates and phone numbers to call for question. We need to let Sara B know as she is the sign lady in town.

Fall Traveling Team Sign Ups Due: July 31, 2015

Casper Jam – Casper, WY: Saturday, September 12, 2015

Wyoming League – Casper, WY: TBD

Black Hills Rapids Fright Fest – Rapid City, SD: Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25, 2015

Fall Rec League Sign Ups Due: August 25, 2015

Rec League Coach & Referee Clinic – September 1, 2015

Deadline for Coaches to Call Players – September 6, 2015

First Games – September 19, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 7:

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6 pm in the Rec Center Conference Room.

We will be setting all Fall teams and will be voting on the DYSA Bylaws, so we **need as many board members present** as possible. Please plan on attending. Thanks!

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Rinn, DYSA Board Secretary