

Haverford Soccer Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – Annual General Meeting – March 19, 2015

In attendance (Board): Monica Durfee, Bill Malone, Ben Davey, Bill Bradley, Ed Marco, Mike Posencheg

Also in attendance: Donna Milius, Bob Burd, Steve Roper, John Welsh, George Newnham

Absent: Tom Longo, Greg Weideman, Pat Lacey

- I. Call to Order – 7:06 a.m.
- II. Discussion re: posting of meeting minutes
- III. Old Business

Nothing to report

IV. Bylaws

Discussion re: amendment to bylaws to grant emeritus status to honor past or current elected members. No voting privileges or rights would be bestowed. Amendment passed 6-0.

V. Elections

The following were nominated to the Board of Directors and were voted onto the board by unanimous vote:

Mike Posencheg
Monica Durfee
Ed Marco
Bob Burd

Each of the above was voted in to a 3 year term. However, discussion took place that 3 members' terms will expire in 2016, 2 members terms will expire in 2017 and 4 members terms will expire in 2018. It is anticipated that a board member will voluntarily step down in 2017, so that there will be 3 open positions in the 2017 year.

VI. Correspondence

Nothing to report

VII. Reports

- a. Futsal (John Welsh): John Welsh will be stepping down as futsal coordinator after 6 seasons. His replacement has already been determined. The 2015 futsal season was a success, with 300 players registered.
- b. Travel (Mike Posencheg): The travel program is strong, with 38 total teams, equally divided between boys and girls. 509 total players are in the program. There is a greater level of organized team training than ever before. The majority of the teams are parent coached, with only 8 requiring paid managers.

Coaches of the year were James Barnes (boys) and Sean Tigue (girls).

The program had great success in the Welsh Cup, with 16 teams finishing either first or second in their bracket. The club had 2 teams named champions in the indoor state cups, and 13 teams were registered for outdoor state cups.

A new initiative is being implemented at the U-13 level in order to try to retain some of the club's strongest players. Haverford Elite will attempt to recruit from surrounding clubs and, if successful, the program will grow each year, i.e. in 2016 there would be both U-13 and U-14 elite teams. Haverford Elite envisions year-round play with a paid coach. Travel meeting set for March 1, 2015. Tryout dates set. Finalizing dates for U-13 elite team. U-13 elite, year round team in planning stages. State Cup opponents and schedules expected within the next month. The club would also still have other teams in these age groups comprised of club players.

- c. Intramural (Monica Durfee): IM registration ongoing. Team meeting scheduled for late March. Anticipated signups at approximately 50% of fall. IM Rules will be posted on club website.
- d. Treasurer (Bill Bradley): 2014 financial information was provided for review. The club operated at an estimated profit of \$4,400. The Welsh Cup saw significant increased revenue. The club appears to be on very stable financial footing. Tax returns and financial data will be posted on club website.
- e. Welsh Cup (Steve Roper): 216 teams played in the Welsh Cup, with 324 games being played at 6 locations on 24 fields. There was a net profit of \$42,000.00.

2015 dates will be November 21, 2015 (girls) and November 22, 2015 (boys).

The club is looking to increase vendor participation in 2015 and will seek to put together a tournament committee and increase the number of volunteers.

- f. Training (Steve Roper): 19 coaches were at the Level 1 class on 3/17/2015. A Level 5 class is being planned for 6/5-6/6/2015. Active efforts are being made to involve high school players as coaches at the IM level. A travel team handbook is also being developed.
- g. Referees (George Newnham): Primarily concerns the IM program, and there is a steady recruitment of youth refs, but unfortunately also a lot of turnover. 85-95 positions are staffed each week, with 90% game coverage. All refs are certified either in the current year or the year prior. With respect to travel, efforts are coordinated with the pod assignors for other local leagues. With regard to the Welsh Cup, there were 60% outside refs, 20% from the IM league and the remainder from Haverford/Radnor/Lower Merion.
- h. Academy (Ben Davey): Aimed at developing the strongest U-7 and U-8 players. This year there has been a decrease in girls' signups. Focus is on ball skills and training but also trying to introduce them to some level of travel-level competition.
- i. Administration (Monica Durfee): there are 4 committees that can be joined by both board and non-board members, those being Rules, Nominating, Financial and Protests/Appeals. Discussion regarding EPYSA requirements for concussion awareness and mandatory background checks.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Adjournment at 8:14 p.m.