

# **LEBANON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**

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## **Annual Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2005**

Meeting called to order at 8 PM

The following 2005 board members were in attendance:

President - Jeff Sirois

Vice President - Dale Allen

Treasurer - Terry Schelhorn - absent

Secretary - Tom Bennett

Registrar - Mike Monce

Division Directors:

U14G - Jim Jahoda

U14 Boys - Rick King - absent

U12B - Heidi Gantick

U12G - Delores Porrino

U10G - Tom Bennett

U10B - Terry Schelhorn - absent

U8G - Ken Bell

U8B - Jeff Sirois

K - Open

Coaching Director - Jim Jahoda

Soccer Liaison - Glen Coutu

Concessions Director - Jeff Sirois

Tournament Director - Jack Griffin

Fundraising Director - Julie Wardell

Uniforms Director - Robin Novotny

Field Maintenance Director - Tom Hennessey

Equipment Director - Keith Kersey - absent

Field Scheduler/Referee Assignor - Dale Allen

### **President Message:**

- Jeff thanked all board members for their hard work and volunteerism for 2005
- Accomplishments for 2005:
  - LES field workarounds for this season were seamless w/ very little disruption

- Secretary meeting minutes have been very good this year
- Candy coordinator has really stepped-up and made this work correctly this year
- LJSC Breakfast was very successful, despite late advertisement – all money went into Lions Field
- LHS & LMS fields fertilized, Lions field got some new top soil
- Website was tremendous this year – a lot of info for this 1<sup>st</sup> year – just a super job!
- Coaching modules completed for K, U8, U10 divisions – have 1 free module to use for next year
- Coach evaluations: 35 received (some good & some bad).
- Successful Valentines Dance for 2005 – looking for 2 or 3 people to help this coming year
- Nice letter from LHS coach about providing good players for his program
- Coach's Meeting was successful, 100% attendance!!
- Had physical therapist talk to U12 Girls Comp. team about sports injuries
- Excellent season for referees (all passed recert test)
- Improvements/comments:
  - Still looking for more coaches
  - Volunteerism is still low – need input from board on how to improve this
  - Comp. team selection process needs improvement
  - Still need better communication for club's annual meeting
- Glen spoke about:
  - LMS/LHS/Lions field situation – good feedback from schools
  - Were concerns about Funday creating a lot of field damage – didn't happen with the good weather!
  - Spring season will be difficult (no Lions field) w/ only a few “home” games in addition to increased interest in baseball
  - LES will be back in use by spring
  - If you have plans for a spring team – contact Glen & Dale so planning can be made w/ baseball scheduling
  - Glen was willing to look into sprinkler system again for Lions

### **Motions for 2006 Board Members**

- Dale Allen made following nominations for the 2006 LJSC Board of Directors:
- K Division – Billy Archer
- U8 Boys Division – Matt McAneny
- U8 Girls Division – Ken Bell
- U10 Boys Division - Claudio Bazzano
- U10 Girls Division – Tom Bennett
- U12 Boys Division – Heidi Gantick
- U12 Girls Division – Lisa Hoyt

- U14 Boys Division – open, nobody nominated
- U14 Girls Division – Delores Porrino
- Fundraiser - Julie Wardell
- Uniform – Robin Novotny
- Liaison – Glen Coutu
- Field Maintenance – Tom Hennessey
- Equipment Director – Jason Merritt
- Tournament – Jack Griffin
  - Had discussion about making this a committee of 4
  - Should be U8 – U10 coach/parent/director
  - Need a Bylaw change to make this a “committee”
- Field Assignor - Dale Allen
- Coaching - Jeff Sirois
- Secretary – Tom Bennett
- Treasurer – Terry Schelhorn
- Registrar – Mike Monce
- Vice President – Jack Griffin
- President – Jeff Sirois

#### **Installation of Board Members**

- Motion was made to accept slate of directors for 2006.
- Motion passed.

#### **Awards & Recognition**

- Jeff presented the 2005 LJSC “Club Awards”
  - To recognize club members that have done a good job this season
  - Will become an annual award
  - The following members are the 2005 LJSC “Club Award” recipients:
    - **Tom Hennessey** for his field maintenance duties
    - **Mike Monce** for his registrar duties
    - **Dale Allen** for field & referee assignor, past president and coaching duties
- Jeff also presented the following special awards:
  - LJSC 2005 Coach of the Year Award was presented to **Glen Coutu**
    - Glen has volunteered his time coaching different levels over the last ten years. Among them are U9 girls, U10 girls, U12 girls, and U14 girls all at the competitive level. He always brings a well thought out lesson plan and puts forth great effort and energy to bringing his players a quality program, which is not only challenging, but fun. He has excellent player retention quality and has contributed to the development of many players who are now playing for the Lyman Memorial High School girls soccer team. He also coached the Lyman

girls in the high school summer league this past season. In addition to coaching, he also has provided the LJSC with many quality decisions concerning the fields and their maintenance while serving as the liaison between the club and the Lebanon Board of Education and Recreation Departments. Glen has done an outstanding job and has contributed a great deal to the development of our players and the Lebanon Junior Soccer Club.

- Glen has also been nominated for the Coach of the Year for the Northeast District.
- LJSC 2005 Referee of the Year Award was presented to **Victoria Allen**
  - Victoria has done an outstanding job with referee work this year. She takes her job as a referee very seriously. She possesses a keen sense of keeping control of each match that she is assigned to, from start to finish. She always comes prepared and is on time for each match. LJSC has had many compliments about her work this year both from inside and outside of the club. She has handled difficult situations that have arisen with great confidence and maturity for a young referee. Parents and players have been overheard to make such comments as, "oh good, we have her again, she's great" or, "She always takes the time to teach the children the rules as they are playing". She also keeps great command of each match, and is very fair to both teams playing. She has also taken the time to participate in refereeing tournament play with the Lebanon Fun Day and the Columbia-Windham/Nassiff's Columbus Day Tournament. Being a referee has also helped further develop her understanding of the game. She has played LJSC competitive soccer at the U10, U12, and U14 levels. She played for the Lebanon Middle School and currently plays for the Lyman Memorial High School girls soccer team, and also at the premier level with the Northeast United U17 team.
  - Victoria has also been nominated for Young Referee of the Year for the Northeast District.
- LJSC Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to **Jack Griffin**
  - Jack has volunteered his time to LJSC in many ways over the last ten years. He has held many board positions during this period, such as Secretary, Treasurer, Kindergarten Director, and most recently Tournament Director. He has also volunteered his time to coach at different levels of play over the last ten years. He has a very generous and kind heart and will always be one of the first people to step up to help with any task, whether it be setting up fields, breaking them down at the end of the season, coaching a team for indoor play at Oakwood, helping in the concessions booth, or other administrative duties for the club. He has also been a USSF certified referee for the last 5 years and, even though he

must be over 60, he still gets up and down the field pretty good for his age!! He has always been available to fill in for someone if need be on short notice to referee a match. For the last couple of years, he has donated his time to the club even though his kids are no longer playing soccer for LJSC. A couple of years ago, he graciously accepted the position of Tournament Director, probably not knowing what he got himself into. He has learned how to run the Fun Day Tournament and has done an outstanding job keeping it going. We at LJSC are extremely lucky to have a person of this caliber.

- Jack has also been nominated for Volunteer of the Year for the Northeast District.

#### **Questions & Answers**

- Coach evaluation forms can be downloaded from the website
- Spring soccer teams can play in SE district
- SE district meeting is next Wednesday
- Coach's party is on 12/1/05, time and place is TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.