

LEBANON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

P.O. Box 90
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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM at Lebanon Green Store (Community Center was locked)

The following board members were in attendance:

President - Jeff Sirois

Vice President - Dale Allen

Treasurer - Terry Schelhorn

Secretary - Tom Bennett

Registrar - Mike Monce

Division Directors:

U14 Boys - Rick King

U14G - Jim Jahoda

U12B - Heidi Gantick - absent

U12G - Delores Porrino

U10G - Tom Bennett

U10B - Terry Schelhorn

U8G - Ken Bell - absent

U8B - Jeff Sirois

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Coaching Director - Jim Jahoda

Soccer Liaison - Glen Coutu - absent

Concessions Director - Jeff Sirois

Tournament Director - Jack Griffin

Fundraising Director - Open

Uniforms Director - Robin Novotny

Field Maintenance Director - Tom Hennessey - absent

Equipment Director - Keith Kersey

Field Scheduler/Referee Assignor - Dale Allen

President's Report

- Incoming mail:
 - Letter from Mark Morrello – club received a congratulations letter from varsity soccer coach at LMHS
 - Bachiochi letter – feedback letter, dated 11/20/04 from U12G game at Stafford. Complaint: Lebanon coaches were complaining & yelling about refereeing

during the game. Several board members who were at the game were critical of missed off-sides calls. Letter also complained that the Lebanon team did not shake hands after the game (false claim per board members who were at the game). Jeff will talk and write an e-mail response to Bachiochi.

Secretary's Report

- Need to e-mail the 11/04 meeting minutes again. No motion to accept 11/04 minutes. T. Bennett to bring copies to the next meeting for review.
- Need to get Bylaws together and printed

Treasurer's Report

- Terry has spent considerable time to get books in order
- Checking account balance reported was: \$5,616.00
- Money Market balance reported was: \$5,848.24
- Passbook Savings account balance reported was: \$10,456.86
- Total assets reported was: \$21,921.10
- For 2004, club income exceeded expenses by \$3897
- \$1000 candy money still outstanding (U14G, U8G, U12B, U14B have turned in money) – **we really need to get this money in!**
- Contact Terry directly with money
- Left over 2003 candy has been sold
- No other bills were noted
- Terry cancelled port-a-potty service at LES for the season
- Delores made recommendation on insurance money for comp. team, if not paid-up – no player passes. Recommendation rejected – this is coaches' responsibility
 - Jeff's new rule for coaches: **collect fees & get player passes**, if these responsibilities are not met, they should not be coaches!
- Tournament fees – for coming year coaches need to collect fees before Terry writes check

President Comments:

- Jeff presented following items:
 - Reasons for becoming president:
 - Accountability of members to club – has been lacking in the past, he wants to change this
 - Financial situation of the club is a mess – has gotten better, but more work needs to be done. Need budget
 - Jeff is locked in with LJSC with a 3 & 5 year old kids, yet he does not want to be president forever. Wants to do some new things, etc.
 - Meeting place – polled members to see if current time & place was still good – all agreed that current time & place was fine.

- Dec & Jan meeting. Jeff proposes we still have Dec. meeting (club activities still going on, candy money, etc). Maybe not have Jan meeting?
- Length of monthly meeting – need to shorten meetings. Need to solve problems **before** monthly meeting. Losing people due to length of meetings
- Bylaws: need to run club by the bylaws, should not have to make so many changes, example: Comp. coach selection changes were shot down last year after many hours of discussion.
- Coaches meeting in August: must be more organized, notify potential coaches at registration about meeting, time and date, etc. Need to give coaches more info, rules, responsibilities. Jim proposed having coaching job description at registration. Need to have registration outline for new U10 coaches
- Player passes need to be done in **one** night, everyone needs to be there!
- Jeff discussed having a coaching party – get everyone together, club/coach feedback, etc.
- Longtime board members need to be recognized for their service.
- Coaches' evaluation discussion: evaluations not done last season, club has new, shortened form. How about a mailing 4 or 5 weeks into season? How about e-mailing the forms? Need to hear good & bad. Want to use this evaluation as a tool for better coaches. They also need to be looked at by club and coaches. Mike proposed doing 2 evaluations (one at registration & one at end of next season).
- Coaches need to have parent meeting at start of season.
- Communication: need to have e-mail list. Need to use it! Before registration, get e-mail coach list together. Club needs our own website, all board members agreed. Very inexpensive and more information could be made available for members, rosters, directions, schedules, etc. Delores volunteered to make website for club.
- Jeff thanked all for their support.

Registrar's Report

- Laptop working again
- Fall sign-up notice, needed by Feb 1st to Lebanon Life. Need calendar
- District report provided - nothing new to report
- Mike wants Rec. passes back **now**. Comp. teams can keep them for indoor & spring soccer (do not lose them!)
- **Registration will be on May 7, 14 & 28 this year.**

Field Scheduler/Referee Assignor's Report

- Dale registered for assignor's course. Got list of referees. Jeff inquired if refs know about recertification.

Field Maintenance Report

- Absent

Equipment Director's Report

- 7 out of 21 team bags collected. Keith will be calling to retrieve equipment. He has a lot of cleats – will bring them to registration
- Needs new balls for next season. Brine™ balls worked good

Fundraiser's Report

- Jeff asked if Lynn Walsh was still interested in Fundraising??
- Candy fundraising activity is turning into a mess. Need to get back to the basics. Maybe do a pancake breakfast, corporate sponsor(s), etc.?
- **Need to fill this currently open board position**
- Need to generate budget to determine fundraising level that is required for club (members agreed this needs to be done by next meeting)
- 2/19 Valentine Day party tickets handed out (160 total). \$10/person. Coaches/directors need to call parents. Need to get the word out (board on town meeting sign). Possibly get a flyer that is mailed to past members. Jim made motion to make bulk mailing for dance, motion seconded and passed. Jeff to generate flyer.

Concessions Director's Report

- No report given

Uniforms Director's Report

- Set meeting w/ Roy Collins about uniforms
- Robin talked about donating leftover 2004 t-shirts for recent Tsunami victims. Jim made motion, motion seconded and passed.

Coaching Director's Report

- Need more of a structured meeting for this season's coaches' meeting – last year's meeting was very fluid (people coming and going, etc.)
- Maybe include coaching evaluation, club info, phone numbers, etc w/ dance flyer
- E license clinic at Mohegan Sun, March 3, 4, 5th, \$150/person
- U10, U12 coaching module discussion
 - 7 hr course hosted by LJSC
 - Need list of coaches that could use course. Need to set a date (~1st week in June)
- Discussion w/ regards to U6/U8 module (sending that off-site)
- Comp coaching selection meeting needs to happen soon

Tournament Director's Report

- Fun Day is currently scheduled for 1st & 2nd of October

Soccer Liaison's Report

- Absent

New Business:

- MLS Camp 7/25 – 7/29, 5-8 PM, \$86/person at LMS; looking for liaison to run camp.
- Spring soccer signup for U8
- District dinner, 1/28/05; President Dinner, looking for somebody to go to dinner. \$30/person. Motion made to fund up to 4 people to go to dinner – motion seconded and passed
- Insurance paperwork was filled out for Valentine dance
- Website discussion
- Field fertilizing should be done in March, Jim got a quote from Plainfield Crop Care, 54 Roode Rd, Plainfield, 06374 (company that was used last year) for \$1200
- Terry requested file cabinet for Treasurer records. Jeff to take care of this.

Outgoing Mail Correspondence

- nothing

Anything Good About LJSC Discussion:

- Getting positive feedback from LMS & LHS about “feeding” good kids for their programs. Jeff & Dale to generate a response letter
- Maybe we could set up program for LHS kids to come back and help out w/ Kindergarten program, etc
- Dale stated John Sahnas of Marlborough soccer club inducted into CT Hall of Fame.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM