

# LEBANON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

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## Coaches Meeting Minutes August 23, 2005

Meeting started at 6:10 PM

The following board members and coaches were in attendance:

President - Jeff Sirois

Vice President - Dale Allen

Treasurer - Terry Schelhorn

Secretary - Tom Bennett

Registrar - Mike Monce

Division Directors:

U14G - Jim Jahoda

U14 Boys - Rick King

U12B - Heidi Gantick

U12G - Delores Porrino

U10G - Tom Bennett

U10B - Terry Schelhorn

U8G - Ken Bell

U8B - Jeff Sirois

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Coaching Director - Jim Jahoda

Soccer Liaison - Glen Coutu

Concessions Director - Jeff Sirois

Tournament Director - Jack Griffin - absent

Fundraising Director - Julie Wardell - absent

Uniforms Director - Robin Novotny

Field Maintenance Director - Tom Hennessey - absent

Equipment Director - Keith Kersey

Field Scheduler/Referee Assignor - Dale Allen

Elizabeth Hayes

Ron Dumond

Nick Galiano

Henry Czerwienski

Deane Smith

Jason Merritt

Julie Santillo

Tracy Wood

Kathy Schultz

Steve Puleo

Norm Bessette

**Opening Remarks:**

Jim Jahoda had following opening statements:

- Thanked all for coming
- He has copies of recent coaching modules for distribution, binders, clipboards, etc
- He passed out list of Board of Directors w/ names & numbers
- Please make the following corrections to list:
  - LJSC Fundraiser Director is Julie Wardell @ 642-4961
  - Ken Bell's correct number is 456-4565
  - Tom Bennett's correct number is 642-6197

**President Message:**

- Jeff Sirois had following opening comments/quotes:
  - Stressed "Improving your child's life"
  - "If it is not fun, it is not soccer" – think enjoyment!
  - Coaches need to make it fun and need to be good listeners.
  - Think about why you are coaching
  - Never stop learning about soccer
  - Please check out LJSC website & other club's sites – wealth of soccer info out there - **use it.**
- Stated purpose of meeting:
  - To provide club and soccer info to the 2005 LJSC coaches
  - Make better coaches for club
  - Provide info about CJSA
    - Rules
    - Zero tolerance policies, etc
- Coach's Responsibilities:
  - Provide safe environment
  - Provide fun environment
  - Know what you are doing and have a plan for practice & games (keep a list of what worked & what did not)
- Also **please** do the following:
  - Distribute responsibility for team – look for volunteers & do not, "go it alone".
  - Have a team meeting at start of season
  - Must have medical release forms for players for practices & games (**Mandatory**)

**Field Assignor:**

Dale Allen spoke about:

- Passed out *Northeast District Rules of Competition* booklet & LJSC Field Map
- Field map discussion:
  - No LES fields available for fall
  - LMS Field #4 & LHS Varsity Field can't be used

- No parking at LMS, plan on parking at LHS
  - School teams will always take precedent (school teams usually done practicing by 5:30PM)
- LHS track & field area & LHS baseball outfield also available for practice
- Dale needs all coaches to contact him to get field space for practices
- Kindergarten & U8 Boys & Girls Division practices will be on Saturday mornings
- Games scheduling meeting discussion:
  - Held on 8/30/05 @ Hellenic Center in Mansfield on Dog Lane
  - Division 5 is @ 6 – 7:30PM, while Division 3 & 4 (boys & girls) is @ 8 –9 PM
  - Need team representative at meeting – **very important!**
  - Typically 1<sup>st</sup> team listed on schedule is home team
  - Make sure you are at the right team table at this meeting
- Each Division will probably only have 3 home games for ~8 game season (typical game times are 11 AM, 1 & 3 PM)
- Send game & practice schedules (and any changes) to Delores for posting on website
- Referee discussion:
  - Keep booklet of rules in your gear bag
  - Read & know zero tolerance policy
  - Make note of game length – watch teams that push game minutes
  - Currently have 17 referees for club (includes 6 senior refs.)
  - Referee plan:
    - U14 Division 3 & 4 will utilize senior ref. for center & younger refs. for lines
    - U10 & U12 Comp. (3 ref. system)
    - Everything else is 1 ref. system (including FunDay)
  - Will be requiring game match reports
  - Remember to keep things under control – parents, yourself & kids
  - If a game gets cancelled, please call Dale Allen to cancel referees (refs. get paid if he is not called)
  - Use the following weather guidelines for games:
    - Light rain – play
    - Thunder, lightning or driving rain – do not play
  - Any referee complaints – call Dale Allen

**Registrar:**

Mike Monce spoke about:

- Currently focused on certifying rosters by 8/24/05
  - Need rosters and signed player passes
  - Had sign up list for time slot for comp. coaches for roster meeting
  - Make 3 copies of roster to get certified
  - Will have Excel-based & Word-based CJSA roster forms on website

- No player passes for Rec. teams, but need rosters filled out before any games
  - Rosters to be signed by Mike & Jeff
  - Need to bring roster to each game
    - Away & home coaches should check rosters before game (bring copies)
  - Rec. Coaches still need passes
- If player and/or coach passes are not signed – you need to track down Bill Tabor
- U8 & Kindergarten divisions do not need player and/or coach passes
- Volunteer Disclosure Forms discussion
  - Needed for anyone working w/ kids in LJSC
  - Good for 2 years

### **LJSC Activities Discussion:**

- Board meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month @ Community Center @ 7PM
  - Good place for info
  - Check out website – all the club info is on this site
  - See Dolores for any website info, questions, comments
- November is month for electing new officers for club – start asking around for people that might be interested
- LJSC/Lions Club Breakfast
  - Will be held on 9/11/05 from 8AM – 11AM @ Fire Safety Complex
  - Every ticket we sell in advance, LJSC keeps the money
  - Door sales typically pay for food for breakfast
  - Money will be used for Lions field
  - **Word needs to get out!**
- Tournaments (see LJSC website for links and related info)
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> UCONN Soccer doubleheader 5 PM (women) & 7 PM (men)
  - Only \$1 per ticket
  - Reserve this date for some good soccer
- Jim Jahoda added the following comments:
  - Check out Bylaws
  - Cell phones – good to have on the field
  - No alcohol before games/practice
  - U8 & Kindergarten parents – get involved w/ club
- Candy sales
  - 140 kids are selling this year
  - Will be handed out 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of season – not here yet
  - Very close to stopping candy fundraiser in the future – big hassle for limited return

### **Equipment:**

Keith Kersey had following statements:

- All team bags are available
- U8 Division has 6 bags – he was not sure if that was going to be enough
- Call Keith if you are missing any items, etc

**Uniforms:**

- Robin distributed most of the team uniforms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM