

**Magic City Soccer Club
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2011**

I. Call to Order

Todd Preston called to order the regular meeting of the Magic City Soccer Board at 7:00 pm on November 9, 2011 at the Magic City Soccer Office. The following people were in attendance: Dennis Pyburn, Larry Martin, Casey Marlenee, Mike Woodring, Dave Hill, Shelly Cornell, Jodi McKinnon, Paul Peterson, Robert Roe, Kevin Guenther, Terry Stapleton, Christine Klepps, Carlos Arce, Steve Gertsch, Jeanine Unsworth and Mike Shenk.

II. New Business

Play-Up-Policy

The board discussed a proposed Play-Up-Policy that generally provides the Director of Coaching with discretion on who can request moving a player up to an older age group. The Board discussed where the recommendation should come from and wanted to be sure that both coaches be involved and ensure that physical and emotional readiness is considered. The Board discussed the need to put a time frame on when these requests would no longer be accepted. The longer one waits the harder it is to move a player. There was also come discussion that if tryouts were moved, requests may be less likely. Finally, the Board agreed that there may be a need for exceptions to the policy and a mechanism for such changes should be defined. Dennis indicated he would rewrite the draft policy and present at the next meeting.

MYSA

Dennis informed the Board that MYSA passed a resolution that state clubs will not participated in US Soccer Regionals. It will be important that this be communicated to parents before U15-U18 tryouts. It should be noted that this resolution does not prohibit a team/club from participating in any US Club Soccer Regional event.

III. Registrar Report

Shelly indicated that we have 109 Micro players registered as of today. This is on track with last year, when we reached about 180 players. Competitive totals are 309 (108 are U15 and above). Last year we started with 333 players and had 19 drop. There is some concern about low numbers for U17/U18 groups. She then told the Board that teams have been formed for the U14 and under teams. There have been 2 drops on the U14 Silver team, but they should still be okay.

Carlos inquired as to whether we are doing any investigation as to why players are not returning from year to year. He feels it is important that we continue to communicate with the high school players and coaches to keep interest in the Club up. Larry indicated he heard that problems with the U16 boy's team last year may have an impact on players

coming back. He has discussed this with the high schools. Carlos reiterated the need for our coaches to do a better job addressing issues and that they keep the focus on team and respect for the game and opponents. Dennis told the Board he is confident Kevin will be calling some of these potential players in the coming days.

Mike Woodering inquired as to whether we were going to continue to keep age specific teams. Todd responded that we would do this and we should be sure it is communicated on our website.

The Board then expanded the discussion on coaching responsibilities. It was felt that we need to be sure our coaches are equipped to serve as mentors to our kids and this should be happening at all levels of play. Carlos volunteered to work on a methodology that could help the Club in these efforts.

IV. Corporate Sponsors

Dennis discussed recent efforts to gain funds from companies willing to sponsor fields. The sponsors would get a sign posted the specific field during Magic City games. Referrals from the Board are to be forwarded to Todd or Dennis.

V. Budget

Dave Hill discussed the 2012 Budget. He indicated that there were no material changes to the figures that were discussed in our October meeting. The 2012 was unanimously approved by the Board. Dave requested the Budget be posted to the Magic City Club website.

VI. Prior Minutes

The Board was informed that minutes can be approved via e-mail if such a method is approved by the Board. Kevin Guenthner moved to allow all outstanding minutes be approved through email communications. Larry second and motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Uniforms

Terry reported on work she has been doing on uniforms. She has received proposals from Scheels (our current supplier) and Universal Athletics (UA). Universal put two packages together with the only difference being one or two pair of shorts. The pricing for the uniforms were \$70 and \$85, accordingly. Both proposals also included \$50 micro uniforms, \$2,500 free Addidas gear (at full retail), 10% product allotment (which would work out to about another \$2,500 due to uniform purchase), \$1,000 Field Sponsorship, 25% discount on team warm-ups and a commitment to keep the style through 2013.

Scheels proposed a similar uniform package of 2 jerseys and one shorts for \$88. They also indicated they would also contribute \$1,000 for Field Sponsorship.

After discussing the various proposals and examining the uniform samples, Jeanine moved we select the \$85 UA package. Larry seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-4 vote. Larry followed up that motion with another motion to approve the UA micro package if Terry can get the price down closer to \$40. This motion was unanimously approved.

There was some additional discussion on how this decision would impact our relationship with Scheels. Dennis indicated he would be discussing this with them and let them know at the next meeting.

VIII. Magic City Classic

Jeanine and Steve gave the Board an updated on the Classic. They indicated that the Chamber of Commerce will be assisting us by sending out “Save the Date” cards to teams in ND, SD, ID, MT and Canada. They also indicate they will be applying for a grant to help fund the tournament and have blocked out rooms in area hotels. Much progress has been made and will continue to be made over the coming months. The Board was reminded the Classic will take place over the May 5th-6th weekend. Our desire to move it to later in May was not welcomed at the State level.

IX. Other Business

Robert Roe inquired as to the rules regarding a Board Member rerunning for current position when their term expires. Dennis indicated he will inform the Board of the process.

Casey informed the Board that he has been getting emails related to the Montana United program. He wanted the Club to know that if a player does this they would not be able to play with the Club. He wanted to be sure the Club was aware that there is some competition for players. He will pass the email on to Dennis.

Larry reiterated his concern that the trouble we experience with team behavior at the U16 level illustrated the need to work with our coaches. He was concerned that putting college players into these coaching roles without the proper training could be harmful. Rob informed the Board that some of the kids that have gotten in trouble in their high school program came from the U6 ranks. Dennis informed the Board the Kevin is aware of the problem and is working on a solution.

Dennis informed the Board of upcoming events

- December 5th – College Soccer Preparation Program (No Cost Seminar for Player interested in going to next level) at Rocky Mountain College
- January 23rd - Micro Meeting (FIB Operations Center)
- January 30th – AGM (FIB Operations Center)

He also reminded the Board that the State calendar will be out later this year and may impact some of our dates. Also, the Office will be closed during the holidays. Finally, he reminded the Board that they would be discussing Staff Salaries at the December meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2011 AT 7:00pm
Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Kevin Guenthner