



Holliston Youth Soccer Association Board Meeting

Date	Start	End	Next Meeting	Next Time	Prepared By
Nov 3, 2011	7:30pm	9:00pm	Dec 8, 2011	7:30pm @ VFW	John Potemri

Purpose of Next Meeting	Location
Monthly Board Meeting	VFW

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1 Last Meeting Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were approved as presented.

2 Opening Remarks

Chris reported that while he didn't attend Spookerfest, that he heard so many good things about it and thanked all the volunteers.

3 Treasurer Report

Dan reported that we are tracking close to last year with nothing really outstanding. He reported on major items such as registrations, bank notes and the calendar raffle. A net result for the calendar raffle and Spookerfest will be presented next meeting.

4 BAYS Report

No report. There was commentary regarding some sections changes, including a division juggle where a team was added and the schedule wasn't reflected on BAYS for two weeks. An extra week was added for doing make-up games. There are some changes to referee fee structures and this will affect registration costs. We need to pay attention to the team registration coming in January.

5 Registrar Report

Sandra reported that spring registration is now open. Some are starting to trickle in. There was some discussion on U16 and U18, but more to educate people on how it works. Intramural player evaluations need to get done. Coach evaluations are coming in.

6 Boys Travel Report

Jim reported that there was a fiasco resulting from a referee cancelling a game and the coach on the other field understanding his game was also cancelled and leaving. The referee was given guidance for future decisions and Jim was helping coaches to do rescheduling.

7 Girls Travel Report

Submitted: I won't be at tonight's meeting. Nothing new to report on girls' travel front. Team is progressing well for most teams. Nothing unusual in terms of issues. I am starting to look at spring numbers to assess whether we will need to contract some teams for the spring.

8 U10 Boys

Submitted: U10 boys is going well. Two of six player evaluations have been turned in already. Some minor discussion of parents from U8-U10 looking for indoor soccer activities and the role of HYSA in helping them. Coordination of indoor teams inclusive vs. exclusive, what is the right thing to do.

Discussion on the indoor topic included what various coaches and coordinators were doing on their own. Robyn and Mark were trying to get a couple of teams in (U8 girls). Jim offered that he was going to try to help coordinate some of the people in his area (U8 boys).

9 U10 Girls

No report.

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10 U8 Boys

Jim had nothing to add except for the discussion on indoor soccer.

11 U8 Girls

No report.

12 Clinic

No report.

13 Coaching Education

No report. It was reported that the clinic was held and not well-attended. There was a misunderstanding on the number, which ended up being nine attendees. There is going to be a follow-up to forward the materials used, but it was understood these were taken direct from Mass Youth Soccer. Thank you to Gerard for setting it up.

We need to have a follow-up meeting on coach education, licensing, player education and curriculum.

14 Intramural Referee Report

Jeff reported that he has 25 intramural referees and only one hasn't gone solo yet. We introduce the new referees with a mentor for a couple of games. He also used some of the travel referees to fill-in.

We briefly discussed requirements for being a referee and John told people to www.massref.net.

15 Travel Referee Report

John reported that everything has gone well. There have been no major incidents reported.

There was an issue with a game being cancelled due to weather and John will follow-up on the process for that. For travel games, generally speaking, if HYSA doesn't close the fields, the game is still scheduled. The referee may halt a game from starting or halt during a game if the field is not playable and/or the players would be in danger. In the reported case, the referee negotiated with the coaches who all agree to not play because of the cold rain conditions. Referees are paid when they show-up. While this could be further discussed, the issue at hand was miscommunication regarding another game and the other coaches and referees not speaking together.

Need to document process for make-up games on the web site. Should also include in a "getting started" packet for travel coaches.

16 Field Coordinator Report

Tracy reported that it wasn't clear when fields would be opened after the storm. There are also utility poles and wires down and Marshall St. was blocked off. This may affect access for practices and games this week.

17 Marshall St. Report

Chris reported that the back-drop netting needs repairs. It was later suspected that mowing might be damaging the bottoms of these nets.

We had a snow-out last weekend.

The irrigation system is scheduled to be blown-out.

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Chris is meeting with Rodenheiser regarding the catch basin.
Port-o-potties to be removed end of November.

18 Field Equipment Report

No report. We are searching for a replacement for Ken. The objective is to find a coordinator and build a small team of volunteers to take care of field equipment and Marshall St. minor tasks.

19 Equipment Report

No report.

20 Fundraising and Activities

The *Calendar Raffle* went very smoothly. Final numbers will be presented later, but we did at least as well as last year. There was debate on whether this raffle should be moved to November. There was near-unanimous interest and a decision will be taken at a later time.

Team Picture orders should have been received by all parents that ordered them. We should solicit some feedback on satisfaction levels. The picture-day went well and clinic was scheduled for a different week.

Spookerfest was another success. Jen Burke did an excellent job coordinating that concession area. There is a general goal to break-even as HYSA decided to fund this event as part of the intramural program. Addition outlay is for more referees and trophies. A summary will be provided at the next meeting. The only issues reported were the bees (it was windy and it is that time of year; they were around the trash bins) and one coach yelling a lot, including at the referees.

Shamrock Ball is the next activity and volunteers should be on board. We need to confirm that Kim Marsden has the lead. Further discussion next month.

21 Publicity Report

No report.

Garth inquired as whether there was a better procedure to follow when wanting to submit an article. He also wanted to know if there was a template to use. John and Garth had a joint article for their teams in the Columbus Day tournament. In the past Garth has highlighted stand-out players. The frequency of articles is pretty low and it was reported that we really don't have a system. Karen Maki is passively processing anything that is submitted, but we are not doing much in driving this.

22 Webmaster Report

All good.

23 Old Business

Education and curriculum follow-up meeting still needs to be scheduled.

24 New Business

It was decided that the next meeting will be a "Coach Appreciation" night. Tracy will do an e-vite and get a proper head count so we can order some food. We will try to use the VFW location, which might include us hiring a bartender.