

NWU February 22, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Tryouts: Tryout dates have been set (see website). We are currently looking for volunteers to help with each age group. Individuals who are good at data entry are encouraged to volunteer especially for the first tryout in each age group as we need help in entering in player data. Please call or e-mail Kelly Middleton if you would like to volunteer at kbmiddle@msn.com or 293-6538.

The Club Brochure will be sent to the printer this weekend. A letter for U16-U19 boys will be mailed soon. The brochure will include information on spring skills clinic and our new U9/10 Academy, which will start in April. Tryout information has been posted on both the NWU and SkVYSA websites. Bernd stressed that we take the approach of “Tryouts and Team Formation”. We have ordered 6,000 brochures – half for mailing, and half for distribution.

Craig Goldmith suggested and the Board approved ordering small signs similar to those used during election years. These could be posted in high traffic areas to promote the Club.

Evaluations. There were about 190 responses. The Coaching Committee has looked at each coach and his evaluations and is meeting with each coach. Responses to each of the comments submitted to NWU that related to club improvement are posted on the website.

Treasurer’s Report: We are in good shape financially. Duane proposed and Board agreed to hire Marlene Whisonant as our bookkeeper at \$20/hr. for 10-15 hours per month.

A few teams are behind in payment. Any team that owes money or has a family that owes money, e-mail Duane at duanehenson@yahoo.com to set up a meeting or discuss it over the phone.

Budgets for the BU16 and up teams should be sent into Duane by next week. For other teams, budgets need to be in two weeks prior to tryouts. See website for tryout schedule.

PLEASE NOTE: NWU Club fees will be \$225 next year, which is an increase from last year. This increase encompasses a) the hiring of a new Director b) payment to a bookkeeper c) registrar fees (see below for explanation).

Referee Assignor Report: A team didn’t show up for a scheduled game. Apparently, the game schedule was changed and the team did not notify Duane. If you are going to change your game, or if the State changes your schedule, let Duane know. For teams participating in State Cup, please send Duane a schedule and game times.

Coach “abuse” of referees. The issue of referee abuse has been brought up again. Duane was asked, “What are we doing as a Club to educate coaches?” Parent/coach demeanor on sidelines is extremely important. Each team needs to remember that they

represent our club and their actions reflect on our Club as a whole. Coaches and parents, please treat refs with respect. Also, if you are carded, you must leave the complex immediately. Get in your car and go home. Bernd suggested that in April, before the NWU meeting, we have a coach meeting where the EC will address coaches in protocol for red cards and general sideline behavior.

Ref clinic. There will be a ref clinic April 16, 17, 18. Each team needs to have a referee representative, either a parent or player.

County Rep Report: SkVYSA has a new registrar. Marlene Whisonant was hired to take on this responsibility. She will also be the new Secretary for SkVYSA. Marlene will be both NWU's registrar and the County's. The fee amounts to \$8-9 per player, so not a huge increase and this is covered in the \$225 fee stated above.

Tryout Committee Report:

The Garrett Chase Memorial Scholarship and Mike Judd Scholarship applications are open. \$1,000 will be awarded to a boy and \$1,000 will go to a girl who is a graduating senior. Requirements for the scholarship are: must be graduating, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, currently attending school, and they must have been involved in soccer in some way. The letter they send in is important.

Club Development Director. The EC has been working hard at hiring a new Director. We had 10 applicants, narrowed the field down, and are now checking references. We have talked with some other candidates and will be conducting telephone interviews soon. Most of these applicants are highly qualified individuals. We are continuing with the process and will have a person to bring before the Board in a few more weeks.

NWU jackets are available from the Club for \$50.
Polo jerseys are \$25.