

Sept 4th 2014 MUTS meeting

This month's meeting was held at Community center in Millstone.

A motion to being the meeting was made @~8:06p.m by the President, Gary Mason. It was seconded by Carmine Trammeri.

Members/Teams present:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>COACH(es)</u>	<u>DELEGATE(s)</u>
Titans	Luis Diaz, Atul Verma	Jeff Sullivan
Bears	Damian Ferro	Damian Ferro (2 nd time only Coach)
Thunder	Craig Munson	1 st mtg no representation
Strikers U9	Vincent F	Liz Cotilla
Cosmos		Beth Cotler
Lightning		Tim Walker
Sharks	J. Navroski	Pam Eanaronch(sp?)
Demolition		Linda Detwiler
NJ United	2 nd Mtg no representation	2 nd mtg no representation
Fury	Gary Mason	Ryan Keefe
ShockWave	Sal Ricci	Dave O'Keefe
Rockets		Maria Abbate, Jim Bell
Rangers		Joe Fugel
Storm	2 nd Mtg no representation	2 nd mtg no representation
Cyclones	2 nd Mtg no representation	2 nd mtg no representation
Eclipse	2 nd Mtg no representation	2 nd mtg no representation
Strikers U17	2 nd Mtg no representation	2 nd mtg no representation

Others Present: Tracy Littlefield, Carmine Trammeri

A motion was made to accept the Aug meeting minutes by myself and Carmine Trammeri; all present were in favor.

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MUTS GENERAL BUSINESS:

An update and summary on action items coming out of this meeting is as follows (details can be found in sections further down):

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Action:

Juli H & Gary to work with the town to see what the requirements are to apply for grants for MUTs. She is currently looking at a grant with an application deadline of June 1st for lighting purchases (up to 50K) and to create/enhance land spaces. Gary is going to look into contacts in town regarding grants, etc..

Status: Carried

Action:

Julie H. to send mails to Jim Bell to see if he can approach Rec about us using Wagner Park for a club event.

Status: Carried; 3. Jim B. indicates this needs to be coordinated with Kate. He doesn't see an issue though.

Recommendation is to send Kate an email and CC Jim.

Action:

Carmine to investigate how to set \$\$ aside year over year for a large club purchase – for example, to purchase land for the club.

Status: Carried:3

Action:

Jose to check out of state pricing on lights to see if it's cheaper to buy them outside of NJ.

Status: Carried: 3

CLOSED ACTION ITEMS:

Action:

Gary to follow up on Middle School usage – will we have long term access to make light purchase worthwhile.

Status: Closed; we have been given the go ahead to use the middle school as much as needed. We'll be using it for a Red Bulls Clinic in the spring.

Action:

Gary to set up Goal Keeping training for the Club and send information out to teams on dates and times.

Status: Closed

Action:

Tom Doran to send email blast notifying teams of Fall Field Prep.

Status: Closed

Board Elections:

No new information to report at this time.

GK training:

Started on Sat Sept 6th. Reminder to all to email Rodrigo with names of GK's attending.

Request made to have older kids in an earlier time slot for a change. Gary to ask Rodrigo.

Training will be held on Field 12.

MUTS Future Player Growth Planning:

No discussion this meeting.

Background checks:

Brian needs to get kidSafe forms from everyone ASAP. Gary reminded everyone of the process of background checks and Millstone ID cards.

Redbulls:

A Clinic is being looked at for the Spring at our Middle School.

Sept 20th Game vs. Seattle is at 7:30pm. Gary needs lists of those attending to be returned to him no later than Sept. 16th.

Tryouts/Teams:

No discussion.

Participation Bond:

A vote was held in regard to the By-Laws updates presented at the last meeting. Motion was made to accept the changes by myself and was seconded by Carmine T. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasury:

Carmine T. gave run down of our current financials. He expects us to end up with a surplus for the year rather than breaking even. He noted that team fees had been extracted for the Fall.

MOSA:

Games start this coming weekend. Vinny reminded everyone to respect the refs and not give them a hard time.

JAGS:

No schedules yet for any team. No idea when they will come.

Game Assignments& Refs:

Tracy described the process by which she sets up and notifies everyone of games. She requested that everyone check this carefully and get back to her since once it goes to the Ref assignor it is difficult to change.

Preplays are frowned upon. If you really need to, Tracy needs 2wk notice.

She also noted that games are seldom cancelled due to rain. So plan on playing in most cases.

Tracy also noted that she is Special Needs Soccer coordinator and if people wanted to volunteer it will earn them volunteer hours – so please contact her if you or your children are interested.

Communications:

No update at this time.

Website Administrator:

No update at this time.

Fields:

Field lining is starting now. Gary suggests double lining or going very slow over the lines so that they are visible.

LIGHTS: Jose noted that it would cost about 5k for 4 lights, which is more than was voted on at the last meeting. He also noted that the last week of Sept is when lights will go up. Some discussion on permanent lights at the school took place but no conclusion was reached

Finally, Jose reminded everyone to try to avoid goal mouths so they don't get beat up. He also noted that fields 1 and 3 are getting reseeded so try to avoid those areas for the next week.

REC:

Jim described to everyone that Millstone Park (across from Frog bridge) has been greenlit to go for phase 1 at 2.1 million. \$980 a year comes from open space. Its planned to have 6 fields, a bathroom, and parking spaces.

Tracey pointed out that it would be good for MUTS to send mail to Mayors office supporting the creation of the park. This will help to get grants to fund things like the bathrooms, etc..

Bathrooms at park: being vandalized. Jim suggests to lock them and have someone open them when people are there/leave.

Fundraising/FundSpending:

Juli was absent due to a family emergency. She is trying to coordinate club breakfast – moving from Oct 11th to a diff date.

Motion to adjourn general meeting at 9:12pm. Seconded by all present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Club Secretary Sal Ricci.