

In Attendance:

July 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Stef Chomiak
Carrie Pearn
Tessa Keefer
Niall Gleeson
Ben Blain
Faith Lainchbury
Bri Martin

Soccer Fields

2024 Soccer Season

1. Overall Season Feedback

- Started with a hiccup of payment processing problems, as well as field issues, but both were sorted
- Did well with starting up rep team (We will do a separate meeting for this with **Chantelle** later)
- Having a manager for each age group next year is something we would really like to work on
- **Mark's** feedback from a ref standpoint was that some refs were really keen and others not, so it evened out. WhatsApp worked well as a communication platform for the refs
- If we have a solid soccer schedule for next year then we can organize refs ahead of time and be prepared for absences due to tournaments ect.
- **Niall** suggested that we ask in registration if the players are going to be missing very many practices/games, ie - for spring hockey
- **Carrie** suggested we could try stacking age groups into one or two days, instead of all soccer starting at 530-730 everyday of the week
- **Action Item:** We need to brain storm net configuration and how we can make fields in a permanent position and secure nets. **Bri** has been brainstorming ideas for the field.
- We could look at other fields in town for practicing as well, especially for the U15s
- We could do a mid-season tournament for older teams
- Could we have some better communication around all of soccer, what's happening for rep league and who's it for, ect. **Faith** is interested in this.
- Do we change our age groups to match the other sports, ie baseball, hockey, ect.
- **Niall** can see how many players are in each age year to see how that would look. We would like to see a minimum of 4 teams for the boys groups
- Behavior Issues: Can we communicate expectations early for what is expected for players/parents

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U5/U7 Program

- Maybe U5 and U7 could be its own program in some way...everyone can brainstorm this.
- Need more representation from the U7 and U5 parents, as our board is mostly older kids parents. We need more buy in from the parents of these kids
- U5 needs two coaches per team if possible
- **Faith** suggested maybe we could combine teams, especially by the end of the season, when kids are falling off the program. Maybe having a buddy team could help with attention and focus
- Do we try the stations again? Could we have the coach move with the team, and maybe have a flag and laminated form with drills on it hanging from each flag.
- Maybe we end the evening with shooting on the net
- We may not need to do scrimmage with U5s

2. Coach Feedback

- 3 coaches have responded from the form that went out
- One feedback we received for U9 - disparity between age groups - **Carrie** will expand on this next meeting

3. Fall Soccer (Winter Soccer)

- Last year we had approx 60 kids, 4 coaches, and did stations and scrimmages
- We also think there would be interest in U9 boys and U12 girls
- We will have parents pay for Fall Soccer. The program will be done by thanksgiving
- **Niall** will look into what days hockey is on so it doesn't overlap
- Is it possible to do indoor soccer in the winter?
- **Stef** has looked into locations for this, and is keen to make it happen
- Could we provide feedback to the town about why their indoor soccer did not work and we could work with the town to provide a better indoor program. Perhaps tightening up their age groups
- Sundays is not a very good day to have it, perhaps

4. Set Monthly Meetings in Stone

- Second Tuesday of every month at 7pm (except August)
- Soccer Fields or HighSchool

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5. Jerseys

- We have about %95 percent of Jerseys back
- Yellow was very stained.
- We need to remind parents soccer Jerseys are for soccer only

6. Sponsorship

- **Faith** is leaving for next spring again during sponsorship and she is stepping down from this position
- She is interested in a communication position on the board, (maybe parent/coach/board members liaison)
- We had one sponsor that did not like the size of the logo on the jerseys and we can redo that one on the jerseys
- Next year we will have a big banner of the sponsors to hang

7. End of Year party

- All in all it was a huge amount of work and we made about \$500
- The committee fell apart a bit and Stef ended up doing quite a bit work
- Could we book someone to do food for us? ie - catering
- Maybe we could make it about a bigger soccer tournament instead
- Even start the tournament a couple weeks before...

8. Team Linkt App

- **Stef** has priced out apps, the 3 main ones and team linkt is the cheapest and best
- We approve
- We can use it for scheduling, communication, team lists, ect

9. Gear

- Goalie gloves
- Nets (do we need to get the town to approve this?)
- Bulletin board (under glass)
- Whistles, ref jerseys, ref cards
- Whistles to coaches, whiteboard to coaches

10. Coach Courses, Recap and overall success

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- To reimburse coaches for courses.
- We may need to communicate better and earlier about why we are doing this for next season
- We can revisit this with **Carrie** next meeting

11. Ref Certification recap and overall success

- It needs to be done every year - this makes are refs accountable
- **Mark** thinks its worth the cost and its a refresher
- And we can do new recruitment
- **Action Item:** **Mark** would like to have someone help him next year so that he can step down the year after.

~Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm~