

Spearfish Soccer Association
Board Minutes
October 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Blake at 7:03pm at the Spearfish Rec Center.

Members Present: Rob Blake, Amber Johnson, Andy, Larry Gould, Jamie Krueger, Erin Shaefer, Angela Hopewell, Aris Karagiorgakis, Rick Ellerton, Leah Rafferty. Members Absent: Jennifer Ness.

Minutes: Leah did not think she would be able to attend the meeting so she did not have the minutes available. She will bring them to the next meeting and they will be voted on at that time.

Financial Report: No report was brought to the meeting, but the numbers are looking good.

Registrars Report: Developmental numbers are down, not but too bad. The Girls have 13 and the U10 Boys have 23 players Outdoor, overall, is going well. The Jamboree is coming up in the next couple weeks. The Academy program is doing well. They are working on passing at practice. The players are strongly encouraged to have 2 passes before they shoot a goal during games.

Indoor Report: Rob mentioned the possibility of getting advertising from MN for the indoor tournaments Spearfish hosts. After a quick discussion, it was decided to decline the advertising because these tournaments fill up and we just don't have the room for more games. We would like to keep the teams from around the area. Discussion was had about including U6 and U8 in the Indoor season. Due to lack of gym space. There will be more discussion about this age group at a later time.

Indoor begins Mid November and open enrollment and coaches meeting will be scheduled soon. Practices begin December 1st.

Rob would like to see a new Scheduling Program for tournaments. HTG and Got Soccer are possibilities. Some research will be done on options and brought back to the board.

Field Maintenance: Hillsview Fields need new goals. The city broke them when they were mowing. They are willing to pay for what they broke, we just need to let them know what they owe. Also, the goals for U6 and U8 need replaced. Larry will get back to Rob to let him know what needs to be ordered. Jamie met with Cody and set a schedule as to when the fields need to be done for games. The small fields at BH only us 2 of the fields. It is too small to add a 3rd one.

State Soccer Awards: Rob asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone for the State Soccer Association Awards. Larry Gould and Steven Overby were nominated, and Rob will send an email out to see if anyone else wants to nominate anyone else. Rob will also enter the names with the State.

New Board Members: Amber Johnson has graciously offered to join the board and act as Treasurer. Erin Schaefer will take the Registrar's position and Aris Karagiorgakis will be another Member At Large. Thank you for offering your time and knowledge with the Board.

Rob Miller Presentation—Proactive Coaching: This presentation was a great idea but timing wasn't very good. Rob Blake purchased all the books and will have them available if anyone would like to borrow them. We would like to get another presentation again, but possibly combine it with another organization or function.

Schedule Issue: There were Rec Teams scheduled to play Competitive Teams at the end of the Rec Season. This should not have happened. Rec vs Rec and Comp vs Comp. The scheduler needs to be

aware of the team levels and schedule accordingly. Also, the Rec Teams should not have byes at all. Their season is too short to not play one week.

Executive Session

Angela and Erin are working with Jeramy and Jason at the State to learn about the new software Afinity that the State has moved to. At this point, Afinity cannot get the rosters for the Fall teams so Angela has hand entered all players into Afinity. Players must be on Afinity to get the players insured.

Blue Sombrero works with Afinity and will make team pages, game and practice schedules, and has a calendar App that notifies players of games and practices. There are 20 different templates for the webpage to choose from, and they can be customized to our needs. Blue Sombrero would push everything to Afinity automatically. There is no cost to this but we would have to use Dick's Sporting Goods to have Apparel tied to the webpage. Angela will look to see if SSA would get any proceeds from Dicks if we went that way. The nice thing about Dicks is that they would work with the Board to get the logo correct and set it up. Dicks also delivers directly to the buyer. Indoor would need to manually register with Afinity since the SSA website would not be ready in time.

Website: Dee Sleep is willing to continue working on the Website, but it would be \$600 annual Fee and a \$1200 set up fee if we go with Afinity. She originally started helping with the website because her kids were playing soccer. Now that she doesn't have kids on the league, we might want to think about trying to find someone who has ties to the organization. Larry will check with Steven Overby, who works in the IT Department at the high school and has kids playing with SSA.

Some changes that some board members would like to see:

Curriculum for each level

Game Day plan—Different coaches and different teams each week---have this now and is a good idea. Would like to see this go U6-U10. Then at U12 begin with scheduled games and assigned teams. U12 would also be the start to Tryouts.

Tryouts for Spring will be after January 1st. Possibly hold them in March.

With no further discussion, the board meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully Submitted

Leah Rafferty

Spearfish Soccer Association Secretary