

## FMSC Board Meeting

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Attendees: Pete Cappers, Ron Fesko, Russell Green, Carol Galway, MaryKay Iannicello, Mark Teaken, Lindsey Stoppacher, Cory Ruddy, Seth Jolly, Chuck White

- Pete opened with Rec packet feedback. Group agreed to post coordinator contact info to website as well. Age coordinators will set up teams in the website. Lindsey is working with the district to try and coordinate with modified teams to communicate available spots in Rec league to kids who do not make the team. Lindsey has new signs for registration. Registration closes Aug 12, coordinators then have a quick turnaround to make up teams. Mark will be available that week and weekend to help anyone. Mark will get Lindsey a preliminary count by Aug 1 for team shirts. Carol is organizing the first weekend jamboree, there may be a varsity game conflict Saturday, update to follow. May have to do all ages on Sunday. We will clearly communicate places and times for age groups. NYSWSA has announced a new requirement for an online training course in order to renew or pass risk assessment. We will need to be aware of this requirement and help coaches with it. They have not sent details yet. Discussion around U14 and 5th graders playing in it. Tabled for now.
- Travel. About half of kids that made teams have accepted. Emails were re-sent today as a reminder. Next year U12 and U13 will have separate tryouts, lesson learned. This will eliminate confusion, as attendance at tryouts will help determine forming of teams. This year the U13G will have a team starting in the winter with some of the girls who are possibly playing modified. LJ and Steve T are working with the U13B to try a similar solution. Discussion regarding cuts and alternates. Group sentiment tended toward no alternates, unless clearly communicated ahead. Equal playing time also discussed, with an emphasis on time commitment from kids. LJ is coordinating a coaching certification course for travel coaches. The NY state E license. Lindsey and Ron will convene on the side to discuss field rates and leveraging all our travel teams for discounts. Skills sessions have been attended by about 50% of travel kids, so there is an idea to invite REC kids. This elicited feedback from board members whose children have not liked skills because they view them as disorganized and not fun. Renee Sydorowych has offered to help coordinate payments for travel through website. Ron and Mark will meet on the side with Renee. Seth suggested that the travel teams be included in the Rec kickoff

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jamboree, the group agreed. Discussion around emphasizing skills at travel and Rec levels.

- Communications. Cort wants to blast out Facebook page before start of season. Suggestion to vet emails with other board members just to check spelling, etc.
- Chuck Steele and Doug Gorman represented the club at the school board meeting and advocated for the opening of Pride Lane gates. We expect these to be open during any activities moving forward. Goals are put together and set up. Lindsey will order previously approved field markers. Pete will get Lindsey info on paint/lining machine so she can purchase. Reminder in fall to line U7 and U8 fields in a different color.
- Events: SU boys and girls events set up.
- Treasurer: nothing to report. Just over \$26,000 in account.
- New business: Would like to set each November as election of executive committee, for one year terms. Would like to avoid repeat terms in same position. Would also like to understand how much of each three year term current members have left. This will allow people to understand commitment and also stagger terms so that a diverse, well staffed board can be maintained. Will discuss at September meeting to gain board consensus. Encouraged current members to recruit more members, specifically those with younger children. Should add a board member as a volunteer role option at next registration cycle.
- Next meeting is Fall Rec coaches meeting August 21st. Next board meeting is September 21
- Meeting adjourned.