

## March Board Meeting

### Call to order

- Board members present
  - *In attendance: Stephanie Casteel, Rachel Barreto, Jamie DeAngelis, Bri Kenavey, Jen and Randy Czaniecki, Graham Mitchell, Sarah Fortuna, Joe Santina, Jeff Lytle, Lauren Horning*

### General

- Winter training camp 2/24 – 3/30/2024
  - *Going well thus far.*
- Final registration numbers
  - Nine U6 teams, seven U8 teams, one U10 IH, four U10 travel, two U12 travel, and one U14 travel
  - *3 Little Rams Teams and 1 Top Soccer Team.*
  - *Travel Teams in and registered will have schedules soon.*
- Union Township Park
  - Bathrooms
    - *In process to gain access; may need a money deposit for key. Jeff Lytle asked who will hold the key? Discussed it will probably be Carl Snodgrass because of location. More to come on this progression in the upcoming week.*
  - Concession
    - Cheap fridge needed
      - *We have a unused fridge at New Eagle that can be used instead of buying a fridge for Union Township. Graham Mitchell offered to move the fridge from New Eagle to Union Township. Jen Czaniecki advised she will confirm with Union Township that we are able to put a fridge in the Concession for our use and she will provide update.*
- Palmer Park
  - Needs?
    - *Joe Santina confirmed nothing at this time.*
- New Eagle
  - Needs
    - *Porta John delivery is the biggest need at this time.*
- TOPSoccer Updates
  - *Sami Berman prior to meeting advised no updates, only waiting on Top Soccer shirts.*
- Porta-Potty vendors
  - Set up with Amplify for New Eagle
- High School Turf Usage
  - *We have received feedback that teams/coaches are trying to have practices and scrimmages at RHS Joe Montana Stadium on the turf field. RAYSA is not permitted to use this field for practices/scrimmages. Ringgold charges \$30 A HOUR and needs to be pre-approved by the Ringgold School Board. School board meets on a monthly basis. If RAYSA teams are using the field with or without approval, RAYSA will be charged regardless the \$30 a hour.*
- Sponsors
  - Line Paint – Regal Painting Sponsorship 1k

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- Banners to be ordered
- o Apex – 3k
  - Banner to be ordered
- League Development events for Spring 2024
  - o U6 & U8 IH Tournament – 5/11/2024
    - Events committee is Co-Chaired by the Vice President and League Development Director
    - Other members of the events committee include President, Procurement Director, Travel Director (in odd years), In-House Director (in even years), Facilities Director, Technical Director, Treasurer, and three Members at Large (one from each community).
    - Schedule meeting for events committee
- Finances & Budgeting
  - o Financial Report – Sarah
    - *Line paint has been delivered and is paid. Goals have been delivered and paid. Registration is on track. Ordering Top Soccer shirts, Coaches shirts and Board Member shirts for new Board members.*
- Volunteer Link – Jen to do
  - *Games schedules will be ready within the next week for parents to begin to sign up for their volunteer shifts.*
- May Evaluations
  - o Current process: One higher-level team and remaining players distributed evenly
  - o Method: Players are rostered primarily by the following factors:
    - By the evaluation score earned
    - Observed game play (known abilities) of individual players
    - Not required or necessary, but feedback from other board members and/or coaches may be requested.
  - o Result: The Rostering Committee will assemble the highest player evaluation scores for a higher-level team using the methods identified above. That team will play in a more competitive division at the PA West Travel level in that age group. Remaining players will be rostered equitably on to other teams within that age group which will play in a lower division (D6). This will be done by utilizing player evaluation scores and a player's team and coach history. The Rostering Committee will attempt to the best extent possible to keep teams and coaches together season to season after the higher-level team has been rostered. Should this be done correctly when moving from U8 to U10, there should be little movement from season to season. The higher-level team may also stay together if the same group of players scores are highest again following the next player evaluation session, the next Spring season. Should there be a significant change in a player's skills in any given season, the Rostering Committee reserves the right to move this player to the higher-level team at the start of any new season. Choosing this

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option does not mean that a higher-level team is guaranteed every season, and is dependent registration numbers in an age group. Those choosing not to participate in evaluations will be placed on teams according to how the rostering committee sees fit per the registration numbers. Should a player not want to be moved to the higher-level team, they will be rostered like the rest of the remaining players. Players who are playing both seasons will take priority for the higher-level team.

### o Suggestions?

- Head coach involvement?
- Who runs evaluation?
- Who evaluates?

- Board voted YES by all in attendance to have Steve, the Player Technical Director and his associates per his choosing conduct the evaluations.

- Board voted YES by all in attendance to also have one Head Coach per team OR one Assistant Coach per team help conduct evaluations. Either Head Coach OR Assistant Coach, not both. And that person needs to be able to devote their time for each day/full hours scheduled of the evaluation process. Cannot have Head Coach assigned one day and then send Assistant Coach as replacement for next day.

### Upcoming Important Dates

- Winter training camp 2/24 – 3/30 @ 9-10:30am
- Mt. Pleasant Spring Outdoor Tournament 3/23/24
- RAYSA IH Tournament 5/11/24
- WCYSA Tournament 6/1/2024
  - o Board Sign-Up
- Girls High School Camp 6/18-6/20 @ 5:30-7:30pm
- PSA Summer training 6/24-6/27 @ 1-7pm

### Anything else?

- Lauren Horning advised that Ringgold Lady Rams Soccer would like to post on the RAYSA Facebook Page a post regarding Ram Slam 2024 shirts that are for sale. It was agreed to have this posted.