

**Loudoun Soccer Board Minutes
Open Session
September 14, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Rob Russell	X	John Warner	X
Michael Fay		Neal Thurman	X
Allen Sayles	X		

Also in attendance: Colin Smith, Mark Ryan, John O'Hara, Chris Stanley

Meeting called to Order at 6:36 pm

New Business:

Rob opened the meeting reviewing the Club's mission statement and core values.

August minutes were reviewed. Rob motioned to approve the minutes and Neal seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Fundraising: Colin reviewed the COVID-19 related challenges with holding the Gala this year and suggested that we cancel the event. The Board was in unanimous agreement that cancelling the Gala is the correct decision.

Marketing Update: Neal and Colin provided an update on our marketing efforts and how we are working with our marketing firm.

Fields:

- Colin provided an update on the rezoning request for Loudoun Sports Park.
- Colin also provided an update on access to Segra Field – we continue to be blocked by Loudoun County from using the field while the County approves non-county clubs using the facility. We continue to work with the County to understand why being a Loudoun County based club would preclude us from using this Loudoun County funded facility.

Diversity, Inclusion and Outreach: Colin led a discussion on how the club can do more to support these initiatives. Ideas include moving up the Women's Coaching Clinic and establishing a speaker series where we bring in presenters to address their experience in the sport in the context of diversity related challenges.

Tech and Operations Report:

- ODSL cancelled league play for the Fall Season, but we were able to move our teams to NCSL.
- We have started holding coaching clinics and are offering a free female only clinic to help increase participation.
- We have started planning for college id clinics.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting, at 7:30; and Neal seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.