



## FC 814 Annual General Meeting Minutes Monday, March 13, 2023

**ATTENDEES (“B” – indicates Board Member):** Thomas Andersen, Andy Aveni (B), Jeremy Boland, Ryan Dibert, Tim Dieter (B), Troy Fee, Marc Frye (B), Jeff Lane, Devyn Little (B), M.J. Marasco (B), Mike Metrik (B), Eric Moore, Eric Oliver (B), Mike Pastore (B), Chenoa Rice, Leonard Sapp (B), Alesha Spallone (B), Jason Stephens, Drew Sylvester, Moe Taylor (B), Josh Wagner, Chris Walter (B), Brian Wicker (B)

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### 5/15/23 ACTION ITEMS AND PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS

- ☒ Tim Dieter to reach out to AASD to see if we can store equipment in the Roosevelt field shed. *Tabled as we don't have any way to access it without maintenance assistance.*
- ☒ Tim Dieter to reach out to Toni at the Mountain District to see if teams in U11 will be permitted to punt since the buildout line is being eliminated for that age group. *No punting.*
- ☒ Eric Oliver to secure nets at IM and get additional weights out at Tiger.
- ☐ Executive board to determine club fundraising policy and add to policies/procedures document.
- ☐ Coaches to volunteer via Google Sheet for tryout and evaluation staffing
- ☐ Coaches to direct all players to register for tryouts and evaluations on website.
- ☐ Executive Board to determine if Stacy Boorman or Amy Hite will serve as Fundraising Director
- ☐ Mike Pastore to work on HSA dissolution plan for the eventual deeding of Hoss's to FC 814.  
*Devyn Little will email attorney Dan Stants tomorrow to gain his insight/guidance on dissolution.*

### APPOINTED BOARD POSITIONS (DIETER)

- The following have been nominated for board positions for 2023-2024:
  - Equipment Director: Drew Sylvester
  - Field and Safety Director: Alex Taylor
  - Marketing and Social Media Director: Thomas Andersen
  - Fundraising Director: Stacy Boorman and Amy Hite; exec board to determine who will lead the committee.

### TRYOUT AND EVALUATION REPORT (PASTORE)

- Classic tryouts have changed to Tiger Stadium. Girls will be Monday 6/12, boys Wednesday 6/14 (Tiger in use 6/13). Travel evaluations will be June 15 and 16 at Urban Air Soccer Complex.
- Mike Pastore reviewed the current action plan. Volunteers are needed for administrative positions at check-in. Any parent can volunteer for this or as a station assistant. During the meeting, Mike Metrik emailed all coaches with the positions and the sign-up link.
  - Mike Pastore and Tim Dieter urged everybody to attempt to come out to assist on multiple nights, not just the nights on which their children or teams were trying out or evaluating.
- Tim Dieter and Mike Metrik stressed the urgency of having all players on existing teams sign up for evaluations or tryouts through the website ASAP, to have them in the system to form teams and to make check-in/registration easier on the day of the event.

### **TRYOUT AND EVALUATION REPORT [CONTINUED]**

- Team formation will be handled by the executive board and age group coaches, as soon as possible after tryouts (preferably the weekend after them).
- The Celtics will be hosting their own tryouts and are unlikely to come to ours. They are still a separate entity with whom we have a partnership, not a subsidiary.

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT (FRYE)**

- Some teams' payments are still outstanding over halfway through the spring season. Moving forward, teams that do not pay will be left inactive and unable to print GDRs or play games.
- Fall classic teams' deadline for declaration will be 7/5. Division 5 teams will be 7/15. Marc has accepted the girls' head coaching position at Altoona High School and will not have as much time available to dedicate to registration issues.
- If your team moves from D3 or D2 in the spring from U12 to U13, or U13 to U14, and you do not play fall classic in your new age group, it counts as a relegation and you will be moved back to your original division for spring.
- Marc, Mike Lytle, and Andy need to work on sliding in-house teams to PA West through the website. PA West hasn't asked for it yet, but it will probably be coming.

### **POLICIES/PROCEDURES UPDATE (METRIK/DIETER)**

- Mike Metrik and Tim Dieter reviewed changes to our current document as it had not been updated for 2022-23:
  - Black adopted for home sock color.
  - Gate/shed/lock box procedures codified for fields
  - 11U modified referee pay structure adopted to reflect spring rule changes (\$35 for center, \$25 for each AR)
  - Assignor pay adjusted from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per game
  - A team playing in a national league or in national tournaments (e.g. State or President's Cup Finals) may fundraise individually.
    - The fundraising policy has not yet been officially established; the executive board will work on development.
  - Paid board positions: the registrar is getting \$40/team, and the Secretary is getting a \$500 flat fee for the fall and a \$1,000 flat fee for spring (to be revisited after the current Secretary's term expires).
    - Andy Aveni suggested in-house director be paid as well.

### **REFEREE REPORT (WALTER/WICKER)**

- Chris Walter reported that the nets at the IM field are looking terrible (not even secured to the frame in places). The school district is responsible for IM, while the club is responsible for Tiger Stadium.
  - The IM goal fasteners are the basic KwikGoal fasteners. Eric Oliver said we have some in the Greenwood shed that can be put out there.
- Brian Wicker also reported that the goal weights at Tiger Stadium are insufficient. Sandbags cannot be used there, however, as it messes up the turf if spilled. Eric Oliver will reach out to Homer DeLattre to ask for more weights to be placed on the frames at Tiger.
- If you see dangerous conditions at any fields, reach out to Eric Oliver.
- The feeder program at the in-house level is working and helping referees with their confidence.

### **REFEREE REPORT [CONTINUED]**

- Wicker reminded all that the coaches are responsible for their fans. Referees should card a coach that isn't controlling their spectators.
- As a rule of thumb, Wicker and Walter agree that coms microphones shouldn't be worn below the classic level and that wearing them is a personal preference. At the travel level, officials should be learning to make eye contact and not rely on the voice in their ear.

### **FIELD AND SAFETY REPORT (ERIC OLIVER)**

- The Greenwood shed was broken into last week and line paint used to vandalize the park. Eric replaced the lock and has put in a new combination on a need-to-know basis.
- Eric thanked the coaches for their patience during the water-logged early part of the season, but cautioned that coaches should not show up at the fields at all if they are closed. Practice times can and will be pulled from teams that do not comply.
- Coaches using Leopold for games noted that it is very shaggy by Sundays as it is being mowed early in the week. Eric will check with the township to see if it can be mowed later in the week instead.
- Keith is closed through the summer for rehabilitation.

### **LAND USE REPORT (DIETER)**

- We are taking over Westfall Park from the city June 1, likely turning Keith back over to them once a usage agreement/lease is in place for Westfall. We can develop it into any size field.
- Strawberry Hills may move forward before all funding is in place as they will need to use or lose the DCNR grant.
- Additional development sites are in the works, the Land Use Committee meeting next week to discuss.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (VARIOUS)**

- *Director of Coaching:* Moe has been getting around to see games at multiple levels. He stated that the teams and games are "looking like they should" and that our club is certainly moving in the right direction.
  - However, Moe cautioned against laps and fitness exercises at the start of practice. Everything should be done with a ball at players' feet, particularly at the younger age groups.
- *In-House Director:* Mike Lytle reported that he is planning a "bring your friend to practice" day for in-house. He asked if the guests are covered in case of injury, and Tim Dieter let him know that our soccer insurance covers anybody using the fields in our activities.

### **TOURNAMENTS AND CAMPS (DIETER)**

- GLORY ON THE GRASS TOURNAMENT 7/8/23 – PLEASE SIGN UP (code provided last week for discounts)
- Other upcoming tournaments:
  - PA West Open, Edinboro, PA, Girls 6/16-6/18, boys 6/23-6/25
  - Juniata College (high school teams, grades 8-12 only), June 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Dubois 7 v 7 shootout, June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - West Branch Color Fun, August 12<sup>th</sup>

### **TOURNAMENTS AND CAMPS [CONTINUED]**

- Upcoming camps:
  - Travis DiLeo (June camp full, July 24-27) at Urban Air Soccer Complex
  - Juniata College 6/15-6/15, ages 5-12
  - Duquesne ID camps, multiple June/July dates
  - St. Francis Women, 6/14-6/16 and 7/12-7/14, Ages 7-9 & 10-12. SFU ID camps 6/17 and 7/15
  - Mount Aloysius, 7/10-7/13, ages 5-14
  - Penn State: Boys' and Girls' Middle School and ID camps, plus ID clinics, various dates in July
  - Paolo Neto/Brazilian Way – 7/17-7/20 at Urban Air Soccer Complex
  - PA West (Slippery Rock U, U7-U19): 7/23-7/28

### **ODDS AND ENDS/FLOOR DISCUSSION**

- Troy Fee stated that we should be further publicizing our coaching curriculum so that everybody is following it uniformly.
- Tim announced that we have Urban Air vouchers to be distributed to players. We have a lot, so you can give extra to players with siblings.
  - Urban Air is tentatively looking at the evening of 6/13 as the end-of-year party date for FC814 where he will shut down for us. MJ Marasco is coordinating this with Urban Air

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 10, 2023, Frohsinn Singing Society, 1108 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, 6:30 PM