



## FC 814 Meeting Minutes Monday, November 13, 2023

**ATTENDEES (“B” – indicates Board Member):** Thomas Andersen, Jordan Bard, Tim Behe (B), Jess Burlingame, Jim Fee, Troy Fee, Marc Frye (B), Jeff Lane, Devyn Little (B), Mike Lytle (B), MJ Marasco, Mike Metrik (B), Pat Miles, Eric Moore, Brian Parrish, Mike Pastore (B), Damian Schimminger, Drew Sylvester (B), Aiden Taylor, Alex Taylor (B), Moe Taylor (B), Josh Wagner, Chris Walter (B), Brian Wicker (B)

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### 11/12/23 ACTION ITEMS AND PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS

- ☒ Coaches to send rosters/uniform numbers to Drew Sylvester no later than 7/23/23.
- ☒ Coaches are to email top three choices for field/night/time slot for practices to Metrik.
- ☒ Metrik to email Jordan Bard with list of remaining unallocated 2013-14 players. *Completed 11/28/23*
- ☒ Chris Walter to send out recertification reminder to referees for Spring. *Completed 11/19/23.*
- ☐ **All teams are to put together a basket for 200 Club, and pick a representative to work with Amy Hite on the event.**
- ☐ Determine terminal point prior to shipment for paint shipments so that we can pick up field paint at that point.
- ☐ Executive board to determine club fundraising policy and add to policies/procedures document. *Still in progress.*
- ☐ Mike Pastore to work on HSA dissolution plan for the eventual deeding of Hoss’s to FC 814. *Devyn Little has contacted Attorney Dan Stants. He suggests potentially holding off on dissolution. The existing board can still deed the property to Hoss’s.*

**Call to order: 6:06 PM**

### FALL SEASON RECAP (MIKE METRIK)

- Jordan Bard asked how we go about increasing participation. He had a dual-rostered classic player who never showed up, and another player who stopped coming over the last few games. Moe stated that this has to be part of the initial meeting with the team: you are taking a spot, so commit to it. He also suggested casting a wide net to see who else might be interested. Friends of friends?
  - Mike Metrik will check to see if we have players who were never assigned, never showed up, etc, and get a list to Jordan.
  - Mike Lytle suggested that at the D5 level, coaches can come to in-house and check players out.
  - Marc Frye mentioned that we can also practice pool players as well. That would get past the two-week roster freeze.
- Thomas Andersen asked about whether or not we should assign some players to in-house. Moe responded that you should not let the “win-at-all-costs” parents dictate this to you. Take your time, evaluate and attempt to develop the players. We shouldn’t be cutting ties with players at the 7 v 7 levels, at the least.

- Mike Metrik stated that the closure of Roosevelt and IM fields were beyond our control. Fields for classic teams (particularly for practice) will be in flux until we hear more from AASD; teams may need to practice/play on grass in the spring.
- Mike also noted that abuse of officials and/or players will not be tolerated. We are mandatory reporters and are to report issues that we consider to be abuse or borderline abuse to SafeSport (example: the Norwin U10 coach at Glory on the Grass). If you report abuse to an exec board member, they will just tell you to report to SafeSport.
  - If there are incidents where our club is using a VEO camera, include the footage.
  - We all sign codes of conduct – they WILL be enforced.
- Tim Behe stated that it is up to us to control the parents on our sidelines.
- It was universally noted that referees should pay more attention to GDRs, and coaches should upload appropriately sized and aged photos.

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

- Marc is opening up registration right now for spring teams. Classic must declare by February 5 (Classic) and (D4-D5) by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- SafeSport training will need to be completed before spring. PA West Risk Management will not put you on your roster if your SafeSport will expire prior to the end of the spring season (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June). Marc suggested that coaches take this during the off-season dead spots in January and July so that there's no issue. He reminded coaches that their SafeSport certificates are to be sent to Leonard Sapp ([leonard.f.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:leonard.f.sapp@gmail.com)) since they don't always get automatically transferred to PA West.
- Any teams doing PA West Futsal Cup (weekend after New Years', 1/6/2024) registration is open now, contact Marc if interested, he will get you started.
- Only one non-Celtic and non-team GLC team has entered either State or President's Cup yet (President's Cup for spring is not yet open). GLC teams are required to enter State Cup.
- Marc stated that August tournaments are tricky for documentation; they will often not accept your prior spring documentation but you may not yet have fall documents. Please be advised of this. You can also put in tournament team, take it out, then put back in as fall or spring team. Wicker noted that you can also pay for US Soccer passes as a workaround if needed.

### **FIELD AND SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT (ALEX TAYLOR)**

- Alex reviewed the lining schedule procedures. It was suggested that as the dates overlap on the schedule, go with Monday for the first day of the scheduling "week". Josh Wagner also asked that the cutting schedule be communicated so that we know when to line. Mike Metrik said that we will, but the later in the week, the better for striping so that it looks nice for the weekend.
- Field tear-down is weekend of 11/18-11/19; only a few volunteers needed per field (remove banners, take down and store nets, and remove anything from remote lockboxes that should be stored at Urban Air over winter.)
- Marc Frye stated that we can store paint at Frye's Sweeper over the winter, but we will need a new spot for delivery in spring as he is often not in the shop when the shipments arrive. Thomas Andersen suggested finding out the last terminal before it goes out for delivery, can we do pick it up there?

### **FUNDRAISING REPORT (METRIK FOR AMY HITE)**

- Amy Hite is the new fundraising director, having taken over when Stacy LoCastro quit.

- Fundraising keeps registration fees low, can help fund teams advancing to national level play, offer scholarships to players whose families lack the means to play club ball, replace worn equipment, and work on camps, partnerships, and continue to grow funds for permanent field homes.
- Five Below fundraiser period set for 12/17-12/23, perfect for last-minute stocking stuffers.
- FC814 has a 200 Club scheduled for Bavarian, Sat 3/23/24, bar opens at 5. This could be a HUGE moneymaker for the club. Rip Tickets, Basket Raffle, meal, cash bar. Tickets are being printed now, looking to have them sold by February. Tim Behe stated that he believes Tim Dieter has baskets in his house that were never used, and Tim Behe has gift cards.
  - ALL TEAMS ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE A BASKET. Each team should select a parent to coordinate with Amy (814-502-9403, amyhiterealtor2020@gmail .com).
- Other upcoming fundraisers: possible club night at restaurant, another Claysburg Pizza (fall one went well with only fall teams), a spring apparel sale, Brooklyn Deli meal cards.
- It was noted that nothing was communicated during sign-ups and tryouts about needing to fundraiser. Moving forward, we should disclose this to families.
  - A \$50 buyout option was suggested, though it was also noted that if we're going to do that, why not just raise the player fee by \$50?
- Coaches asked if Amy is using a committee? How to help her if so?
- At younger age groups, it was also suggested to have FC814 sponsor or organize teams for the younger ages. Wicker stated that the more that we promote and grow soccer at the Summit, the more that they will commit to it. Promote this more heavily in the U6/U8 level for FC814 in-house indoor.

#### **REFEREE REPORT (CHRIS WALTER)**

- Coaches suggested keeping a closer eye on GDRs and that numbers are put on them. Chris stated that coaches should make sure that they are exchanged with your counterpart on the other team.
- Older team coaches: please get the word out to players and parents about potentially refereeing. We've increased adult ref #s but would like more.
- We will set up a spring in-person course once we have better handle on numbers. Likely March. We can secure an indoor facility over winter if needed, too. Jim Fee suggested that we contact Nick Damon in Ebensburg, we might be able to partner with them.
- New referees can either certify or recertify through either PA East or PA West. Chris will put out the recertification reminder now that the season has ended.

#### **LAND USE REPORT (MJ MARASCO)**

- Westfall Field agreement in process. Considering renovation/earth work to be performed, this is likely going to open in 2025. Dave Ellis stated that City Council is discussing this tonight in executive session. City will do excavation, bring in topsoil, seed it, and fence it. This has been held up by the talks over Keith, tonight they will be talking about how they are moving forward.
- Keith - Great Commission is currently in the lead to purchase. The city still involved but School District is also in favor of keeping green space. We gave Great Commission our plans to renovate. We are trying to partner with them so that we can still have access to the field touse. The sale should happen in Dec after new school board takes office. GC will partner with us in order to enable us to continue playing there.
- The Strawberry Hills project going to happen, starting with phase 3 in 2024. This will give

two full-sized fields at 75Y X 120Y. The Township is sending this out to bid Jan 2024. The scheduling will be through Central Blair Rec. We can start looking at obtaining corporate sponsorships once ground gets broken. The Township has asked us to participate in donation of something tangible like buildings, a picnic pavilion, bathroom, storage, shed, etc. This should be open and playable by fall 2025 at latest.

- MJ stated that right now, they need approval from Parks Department and DCNR before they can let for bids. This should be in the next few months. We need to lock in where we sit on the priority list. This is part of the meeting to be had with them.

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

- Mike Lytle has set the in-house season to start 4/6/24 and end 6/1, taking off Memorial Day. 6/8 will be the only makeup rainout week. Mike asked that coaches put the goals back when you are done with your practice.
  - Registration for Spring In-house will run from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>, so that Mike can finalize teams by 23<sup>rd</sup> and hold his parent meeting on 3/30.
- We have secured email through the fc814.org domain. Board members please reach out to executive board for consideration for your own positional email address; DO NOT use it for personal matters. We will add to policies/procedures as we develop protocols for use and for turnover to the club upon vacation/termination of position. Chris Walter stated that he and Wicker would split a referee address between their two positions; call it refereeadministrator@fc814.org.
- Coaches interested in a D License course should contact Tim so he can set it up through PAW.
- Mike Metrik reviewed the upcoming tournaments:
  - Celtic Futsal Festival 1/6
  - FC814 Indoor Classic 1/13-14 & 1/20-21
  - West Branch Icebreaker 1/28
- Mike also noted that Mike Pastore and Devyn Little likely will not return as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, so please put the word out that those positions will be open.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, January 15, 2024, Frohsinn Singing Society, 1108 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, 6:30 PM