



FC 814 Board & Coaches' Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 18, 2024

11/18/2024 ACTION ITEMS AND PAST ACTION ITEMS

- Coaches to collect payment for indoor slots and get to club.
- Alex Taylor to check if we can potentially water the Greenwood fields. *We cannot – no exterior tap and insufficient water pressure.*
- Club to launch tournament registration website in December.
- Devyn Little to work on conveyance of Urban Air Soccer Complex to FC814. *HSA Board met 3/11/24 and voted on resolution to dissolve and donate assets to FC814. The proposed dissolution plan was sent to the Office of the Attorney General on 5/3/24. A “letter of no objection,” signifying AG’s approval, was issued 6/25/24. Attorney Dan Stants is preparing to file the petition to dissolve. Assets can then be transferred from HAS to FC814. The petition has been drafted, but we also need a Tax Clearance Cert from PA Labor & Industry and from the Dept of Revenue. Devyn Little delivered HSA’s Application for Tax Clearance Certificate and the Petition for Citation for Permission to Dissolve the Nonprofit Corporation and Distribute the Assets of the Nonprofit Corporation to Attorney on 9/25/24. Word was received on 11/25/24 that the petition was filed, and the PA Department of State is not objecting, so we can move forward with preparing the deed. Awaiting that from the attorney.*

FALL SEASON AFTER-ACTION REPORT

- Tim Dieter reported that a parent was suspended for abuse of referees per the parent code of conduct. There have been other instances of referees being abused by parents, both by FC814 and opponents. This will not be tolerated.
- Tim advised coaches to all please ensure that all of players and parents have signed codes of conduct. Without them, it is difficult to enforce penalties for non-compliance.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT (FRYE)

- Tentative registration dates: Classic declarations by 1/31, travel by 2/14.

AYSO MERGER

- Tim Dieter reported that AYSO officially petitioned Blair County to permit FC814 to take over Valley View fields starting 1/1/2025. Mike Lytle and Sam Rogers are working together on the merger. Anybody available to advise is welcome to assist/attend. It does not appear that the merger will be in place in time to run anything at the Summit over the winter, but

SUMMIT PARTNERSHIP/CLUB VENMO ACCOUNT

- Jordan Bard reported that the club has launched a Venmo account. Venmo is charging us transaction fee, so if anybody will be sending a Venmo directly to the club, 3% will be added to the amount to cover for it. It is up to coaches whether to pass that on to players or not.

- For teams that paid more than \$1,000 for slots and want to tap into the overage that they paid, they should submit a receipt for the tournament/league/expense to Jordan, and the club will cut a reimbursement check up to the amount that you paid over \$1,000.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

- Damian Schimminger gave an update on current status of tournament:
 - Sponsorship solicitation flyer is ready to go
 - Hoping to open registration 12/1/24. (Actual open date ended up several weeks later). Looking at multiple levels of play: a classic level and a travel/rec level. The hosting for the tournament is through TeamSnap.
 - Start telling parents to save date and start looking for volunteers among teams.
- FC814 Classic is coming up on 1/11-12, 1/18-19.

MARKETING DIRECTOR REPORT

- Russ Buchmann received generally favorable feedback from his weekly game report postings. He is open to any ideas about further promotions or what we should be focusing on.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

- Apparel sale and window cling sale completed. Per Tim, only part of the apparel order has been completed. The rest is still at RC and will be available at a later date.
- Stephanie Patterson gave a 200 Club update:
 - Tickets have been printed, and she began distribution at the meeting.
 - Basket donations are required – one per team.
 - Each team is required to sell five tickets.
- Stephanie could use assistance on additional fundraisers (restaurant nights, store nights, etc.); Stevie Rutherford stated that she would be happy to help in this capacity.
 - Stevie will also look at getting flyers into schools for spring in-house.
- We would like to promote Urban Air's FC814 dates so that the proprietor makes a good return on them. We will promote on FB and website.

FIELD AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

- All fields have been torn down for winter (nets and banners down, last trash collected).
- Greenwood field 1 has been aerated and seeded. This field will still likely stay idle in the spring to allow new grass to take hold.
- There is no external tap (nor enough water pressure) to water fields at Greenwood.

REFEREE REPORT

- Feedback on fall referees was overall positive.
- Brian reminded coaches to let parents/players know that certification/recertification opens on 1/1 and we could always use more adult referees.
- Brian would like to find a spot to hold a “seminar” for parents on the rules to help educate them prior to the spring season.

BIRTH YEAR TO SCHOOL YEAR SWITCH

- No official announcement yet, but it appears that USYS will be switching back to school year age groups (August 1 – July 31) over birth years moving forward. There was some discussion on this but it turns out that this change is postponed to the 2026-2027 season at the earliest.

ODDS AND ENDS/FLOOR DISCUSSION

- Mike Pastore has been approved by the Executive Board to replace Andy Aveni as the Member-at-Large. Welcome back!
- Tim Dieter and Mike Metrik stated that they would like to return as president and secretary, respectively, for one more term.
- No update on any land use items at this time.
- Goalkeeper training announcements will be forthcoming. Should be similar to last year: Mini-camp or camps over Christmas Break, then a January-to-March program at the Summit. Joe Alianello is interested in running it again.
- REMINDER: the club sets aside \$1,000 per year as a scholarship fund to assist players who may need to use it. Please reach out to MJ Marasco if you have a player in need.
- Upcoming tournaments:
 - FC814 Classic (Summit 7 v 7) January 11-12, 18-19.
 - West Branch IceBreaker 2/8-2/9
 - Baltimore Mania – Boys 3/22-23, Girls 3/29-30

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 27, 2025, Frohsinn Singing Society, 1108 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, 6:00 PM