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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Board of Directors of the

Darien Youth Club

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:00 pm

1. Call to Order 7:04
2. Roll Call- Present Nick Skweres, Kevin Webb, Kraig Conyer, Nicole Leatherwood, Mike Bills, Dave Surdyk, Dave Leatherwood, Jill Armbruster, Brian Arquilla, George Wilcox, Jamie Kuhlman
3. Declaration of Quorum Quorum established
4. Questions, Comments, or Announcements – General (This is an opportunity for the public to make comments or ask questions on any issue – 3 minute time limit per person, additional public comment period – agenda item 16 )
  - a. Congratulations to the 2019 DYC Scholarship Winners
5. Approval of Minutes motion by Kevin Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Wilcox, motion approved
6. Receiving of Communications
7. President’s Report
  - a. Field Improvement Committee report
  - b. Accounting procedures are changing to streamline process
    - i. Bills submitted Wednesday- Sunday, treasurer approves Monday, checks mailed Tuesday
    - ii. Executive board will be placed on accounts with banks
    - iii. Monthly bills will be mailed directly to accountants
  - c. August 6<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out—DYC will do radar gun throw with prizes
8. Vice-President’s Report- No report
9. Secretary’s Report- No report
10. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Working with accountants on reconciliations
  - b. Accountants have access to Blue Sombrero

## 11. Administrator's Report

- a. Overview –Open registrations include Fall Soccer, Five Star Summer Soccer Camp, Soccer Referees, Lacrosse Summer Shootout, and the Grand Slam Tournament.
- b. Open Accounts/Financial Assistance
  - i. Two open baseball accounts that I have been attempting to collect for months. No responses from either, despite numerous correspondence.
  - ii. No requests for financial assistance or payment plans for soccer at this point.
- c. Correspondence
  - i. Received a bid from Spurgin Photography. Forwarded to the Board.
  - ii. Received an email on 6/19/19 from a resident who stated that children had been climbing over the back fence of her property from the Eisenhower dugout during baseball games on the weekend in order to retrieve baseballs. She is concerned about being responsible if someone gets hurt. I forwarded to the Board.
  - iii. Received a request on 6/19/19 to advertise a USA Luge team recruitment event called the White Castle USA Luge Slider Search for children to learn about the sport and tryout for the Junior National Development Team. I posted on Facebook.
  - iv. Received an email on 5/15/19 from Brittany Palomar of Amita Health Orthopedics Institute. She inquired as to whether we have a current sports medicine relationship or healthcare partner, and wanted to set up a meeting to discuss a potential free resource for DYC. I forwarded to the Board and she sent follow up emails on 6/4/19 and 6/14/19.
  - v. Received an email on 6/19/19 from Menta Sports Academy regarding a basketball/soccer/football camp. I forwarded to the Board.
- d. Newsletters
  - i. Advertised Fall Soccer, Lacrosse Summer Shoot Out, Five Star Summer Soccer Camp, Softball Skills Day, the Historical Society Ice Cream Social, the All Star Games, the T-Ball Olympics, and the Board Meeting/Elections.
  - ii. Newsletters issued on 6/14/19 and 6/28/19.
  - iii. Open rate over 21%, with number of clicks between 6 and 30.
  - iv. I also issued email blasts and facebook posts dedicated solely to fall soccer, the t-ball Olympics, and the elections.

- v. As a result of an email blast via Blue Sombrero suggesting people subscribe to the newsletter, 27 new subscribers.
- e. Soccer Referees
    - i. Registration is open.
    - ii. I will set up the training/orientation meeting for August.

## 12. Commissioner's Reports

- a. Baseball
  - i. House leagues are finished. GDPA fees have been paid by all towns, but many towns still owe for postseason trophies
  - ii. Pinto all-star game went well
  - iii. T-ball Olympic Day had a lower turnout. Fields crew did a great job with facility.
  - iv. Darien Stars
    - 1. 8,9, and 11 year-old tournaments are complete. All three teams advanced to championship Sunday. 11u repeated as champions
    - 2. 10, 12, 13 year-olds will host tournaments this weekend
  - v. Umpires
    - 1. It is very difficult to find enough umps to provide 2 per game.
- b. Basketball
  - i. No report
- c. Soccer
  - i. Registration numbers are decent.
  - ii. Early bird registration has expired
  - iii. So far, 3 families have been able to take advantage of the family max discount.
  - iv. Woodridge Soccer Association reached out and I've agreed to partner with them for our 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade levels. They will invite our upper level coaches to their informational meeting on 7/30. I'll attend their board meeting in August.
  - v. Registration will close on August 1st.
  - vi. Spring soccer went well
  - vii. Referee training will last approx. 5 hours
  - viii. Want to design a patch for referees
- d. Volleyball
  - i. No report
- e. Softball
  - i. No report
- f. Lacrosse
  - i. July 21<sup>st</sup> is clinic/tournament
  - ii. Registration is low at this point
- g. Facilities (Sportscore)
  - i. No report
- h. Fields

- i. No report
- i. Administrative (Picnic, Sponsors, Marketing, Website, Social Media)
  - i. No report
- j. Social Director
  - i. No report

13. Standing Committee Reports none

14. Questions and Comments – Agenda Related (This is an opportunity for the public to make comments or ask questions on any item on the Club’s Agenda – 3 minute limit per person) none

15. Old Business none

16. New Business

a. Board Elections

- i. Congratulations to Nick Skweres (President), Laura Crumpler (Social Director), George Wilcox (T-ball Director), Mike Bills (Mustang Director), Kevin Webb (Bronco Director), Brian Fudacz (Pony Director), Kraig Conyer (Star’s Director), Jamie Kuhlman (Umpire Director), Steve Alavi (Tournament Director), Katie Kadolph (Soccer Commissioner), Brian Arquilla (Instructional Soccer Director), Dave Leatherwood (Soccer Referee Director), Dave Surdyk (Volleyball Commissioner), George Wilcox (Lacrosse Commissioner)
- ii. Remaining open positions: Secretary, Website Director, Sponsorship, Publicity, Marketing, Baseball Commissioner, Pinto Director, All Divisional Soccer Directors, Volleyball Divisional Directors, Volleyball Referee Director

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18. Adjournment motion by Dave Surdyk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Bills, 7:52