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Moscow United Board Meeting

February 11, 2016

Present: Jan Boll, Erin Brooks, Reese Cousins, Scott Grieshaber, Mathew Helmke, Kelly Isakson, Malia Odberg, Luke Ordway, Peggy Quesnell, Pedram Rezamand, Jen Seegmiller, Tiffany Skinner, Mike Stubbers, Dan Strawn, Daniel Taylor, Marci Wood.

Minutes of December, motion, second, unanimous vote in support (with one revision to occur at request of Luke)

Jan requests an extra board meeting on February 25. Board has numerous items to address.

Fundraising

Jen has prepared the flyers. It has been difficult to make appointments with potential donors. She encourages anyone interested to contact potential donors. Jan encourages the creation of a list of potential donors so that the committee can be informed. Jen wants to be assured that sponsors receive thanks for their contributions. Pedram notes that the club has sent thanks for all contributions, including Palouse Cup. Jen also encourages that we publicize sponsors who contribute, which can be achieved in various ways, for example on uniforms, at the web site, etc.

We need to know who is doing what? And we need to know exactly what a contact person should say to the sponsor?

Kelly suggests that a good strategy is that an individual does the groundwork in terms of contacting and cultivating a sponsor. Then bring a chosen representative from the club to meet with a potential sponsor in the hope that we can receive a financial commitment.

Pedram notes that there is an excel sheet that has the list of donors which includes information about financial donations.

Anonymous donation

Donor wants to know where the money will be spent. Pedram notes that we had a goal keeper trainer in the past. He moved away. Pedram recommends using this contribution for hiring a goal keeper trainer.

Jan considers this a good idea. Jan asks if anyone has any other suggestion for use of this donation. Board votes in agreement that the plan will be to fund a goal keeper coach.

Jan comments:

There are Board position changes.

Erika and Tami have requested to withdraw from the Board.

Mike Stubbers has agreed to move from Manager of Managers to Treasurer. A motion, a second, unanimous support. Great news!

Butch has taken over scheduling. Also great news! He has agreed to help us but prefers not to join Board.

Pullman is moving from being a local club to a regional club. They will begin with U11 to U14 (2003-07) players. The name will be Hawks SC. It will be a premier club including premier and select teams. Some of our players might be interested. MUSC needs to be aware of this new club on the Palouse. We do not know yet if and how they will recruit Moscow players.

Reese Cousins representing the Pullman Soccer Club notes that their Board has not officially voted on being tied with this new Hawks SC.

The nuts and bolts have not been discussed with regards to Hawks SC.

Dave Simeone projects that these teams will begin training and playing in fall 2016, but team selection occurs starting in May.

Jan asked for volunteers to organize a parent meeting. No one expressed an interest in doing this, so Jan will try to do it.

Jan suggests that we consider and discuss at the next meeting the possibility of having a Jamboree, AGM and SoccerFest on the same day (a Saturday) at Mountain View Park.

Communications

Dan notes that there are lots of needs with regards to communication.

A short discussion on multiple ways to communicate. A Twitter account is a possibility.

Dan comments on the Newsletter. He is asking for contributions to the newsletter.

Jan asks if there is someone who could maintain the MUSC website, but the board members are not able to.

Uniforms

Tiffany shows a possible shirt design to the Board, including the Sublimation. Most likely a V neck will be the choice. She has received various options from the vendor from which MUSC can choose. Discussion occurred about the best design. Board asks Tiffany to ask the vendor to match our current design as close as possible.

Board is in agreement to do sweatshirts for the Micro coaches.

Equipment

Is MUSC responsible for the goals at Joseph Fields? Discussion about field use and responsibilities will take place second half of February. It appears that the fields will be available during spring season for games only. Goals at Guy Wicks need to be welded.

Sprenger Scholarship

Cody Lassen is the recipient of the award. Luke and Jan will meet with the Sprenger's next Tuesday to discuss the awarding of the Scholarship.

Volunteer Program

Jan encourages Board to think about how best to attract volunteers to MUSC. Volunteering needs to be more evenly distributed. This will be discussed in two weeks.

Plans with regards to volunteering to be discussed at the annual Board meeting.

Palouse Cup

Pedram notes that the committee met the previous evening. Daniel is keeping everyone on track. There is a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place. The committee is revising the SOP at present. Paperwork needs to be signed. Palouse Cup has been posted on the UI schedule for early August.

The group is working diligently to prepare for Palouse Cup. Pedram requests that more people show up. There were just five persons at the meeting.

Mathew requests information about who has specific responsibilities for the Palouse Cup.

Jan encourages that the MUSC web site be updated to provide information about the Palouse Cup.

Bylaws

Bylaws revision remains on the Board agenda. Dan and Jan have made some changes to the bylaws. Plan to bring this back to board at next special meeting in two weeks.

Soccer Academy

Several positive votes were received online in support of the Soccer Developmental Academy.

Great plan scheduled by Luke. Flyer is available.

An “Intermediate Academy” is discussed. In this Academy, U11 to U14 players will train with Academy coaches along with their own coach, all supervised by the DOC. This will replace a practice for some teams and be an additional practice for other teams. In spring 2016, this Intermediate Academy will occur on Wednesday nights.

Question posed: Is it worth giving up a full practice for an Intermediate Academy?

Luke hopes to increase relations with UI program. He has high hopes for both Academy programs. They both offer great opportunities for the players.

Malia and Kelly suggest that information be sent out effectively concerning Micro program. Important to develop the database of parents and players to attract them to Micro.

Are we communicating also with Pullman Parks and Recreation with regards opportunities here in Moscow with Micro and MUSC? Suggestion of a press release to the Moscow Pullman News.

Club Updates

Fusion: Peggy notes that there are two complete male teams, and a women’s team of 15-16 players. Three teams plan to play at Blue Mountain Exchange. Plans for the spring practices in place.

Club wide curriculum

Luke took a recent course on how best to present a soccer curriculum. He plans to provide a curriculum to coaches. This will be a helpful tool. He has been researching tactics and strategies for 9 vs. 9 teams and 11 vs. 11 teams. Jan encourages that information be available at the web site.

Agreement to reimburse Luke for his recent training.

Short discussion about possibility of joining the Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to work effectively with the Chamber and other public entities.

Notes by Dale Graden