



**SOCCER RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES of MARCH 30, 2009**

- I) This meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.**
- II) Roll call was taken:** All Board Members were Present except for VP of Membership Dean Hosteller, Premier Commissioner Mike Ashworth and Male Athlete Representative Nick Rossi. Those Associations not present were as follows: Burriville, CLCF, Cumberland and Westerly.
- III) President's Report:**
- a) Steve introduced the new Association/Club Presidents. Bruno United's Ted von Gerichten, Chariho's Don Orciari, Capital's Ryan Cafferty, Central Falls Jose Ortiz, Narragansett's Jonathan Pratt and Warwick Soccer's Chris Tortoloni.
 - b) John Burrill who was the Executive Director of Mass Youth Soccer passed away.
 - c) The SRI Coaches Workshop was good, the vendors were again happy with the turn out. The Clinicians were also happy with the turnout of people. On the down side, the dinner was poorly attended due to few nominations. More Nominations are needed for the Hall of Fame. Each Association/Club has someone who has been around for a while that should be recognized.
 - d) The USYS Workshop in San Jose, California was not as well attended at in previous years. SRI Board is considering hosting the workshop again. Next year the Workshop will be in Huston, Texas.
 - e) Steve recently attended the USSF AGM with Paul Hosxie.
 - 1) There is really not much at all to say about it except within USYS there is over four million players and the youth vote is equal to the Athletes being 22.
 - 2) There was much discussion about small-sided games. USSF refuses to mandate due to wanting limited substitutions.
 - 3) Here were no big elections.
 - 4) Plans are being made for US to host the World Cup in 2018.
 - f) The SRI District meetings were not well attended. In the North, there were new people and they were amazed with the amount of information that was provided at these meetings and the discussion.
 - g) The majority of emails being sent to me the President of SRI are in regards to parents being upset because their child has not been placed on an A team.
 - h) A big error was made when the plans or the President's Cup was being organized. Not all the age groups are included, only the 14-15-16-&17's. The blame falls on me not on Paul.
 - i) There is to be a Director of Coaches meeting this week. Oscar will speak more about this. The Premier Clubs need to have representation at this meeting.
- IV) Membership Report:** No report due to Dean's absence.

V) Meeting Minutes of October 2008 ad January 2009:

A Motion was made to accept the October 26, 2008 Council meeting minutes for approval and seconded. No Discussion took place; the **Motion was voted on and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** by a voice vote with out dissent.

A Motion was made to accept the January 26, 2009 Council meeting minutes for approval and seconded. No Discussion took place; the **Motion was voted on and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** by a voice vote with out dissent.

VI) Communications: NONE

VII) Competitive Report:

Seventy-five teams are participating in the National Championship Series. All the information is on the SRI website. It is a two game schedule.

VIII) Coaching Education's Report:

- a) As Steve has already stated there is to be a DOC meeting this Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM at the Sheraton on Post Road in Warwick. All information was emailed out to the all the Association/Clubs DOC. If your Association or Cub did not receive, this information contact Oscar as soon as possible.
- b) Input is needed on what you need from our Coaching staff.
- c) SRI will host a National Youth License course in October.
- d) Most of the courses are wrapping up now and in the summer there will be maybe one or two more Youth Module level 1 & 2 Courses ad an E Course followed by maybe a D Course.

IX) Special Programs:

Top Soccer:

- a) This past weekend Steve and Jim attended a Top Soccer Event. A coach's course was put on and those coaches who were not yet certified were certified to coach Top Soccer along with Steve and Jim.
- b) Basically, Top Soccer is the game for all children with disabilities. The course taught us how to deal with each disability so that the players could play and have fun.
- c) The Top Soccer Program is being looked into to have it done regionally. This will not interfere with those Associations who run a program. Events are being looked at to have them regionally.

Soccer Start:

- d) We are here if any Association/Club is in need of assistance in the way of product and or supplies.

Steve told the Council about his experience with watching the Top Soccer players getting ready to play with Sam Snow as the coach.

Larry asked all the Associations/Clubs to set a time slot aside for the Top Soccer players within RI to be able to play within your tournaments.

X) Recreational Report:

- a) Joe said he attended the District meeting and he spoke about the festival and the Kohl's Cup.

Festival:

- a) The dates for the festival are June 6 & 7 in B/G, Tiverton and Pawtucket.
- b) The Festival is being held in honor of "Megan Cordeiro Memorial Fund"; each site will have canisters for donations to be accepted.

Kohl's Cup:

- a) The dates for this are October 31 and November 1st to be held in Pawtucket.
- b) The format is one team per age group per Association/Club.
- c) The deadline for submission of teams is October 15th and team rosters by October 29th for the U12 and up.

XI) Public Relations:

- a) Next year's Coaches Expo is set for March 27th, 2010 at the Crown Plaza. Same information was handed out to those members present.
- b) In April the Center Circle will be sent out, then again in July and November. Any Association/Club who has some news to share should submit it to Steve Marmus.
- c) We have tickets for the Revolution and the Boston Breaker games. We will have competitions on the SRI website in which you could win tickets to a game.
- d) SRI is still looking into getting sponsors.
- e) There is to be a DOC meeting this Wednesday as Steve and Oscar already said, please send the DOC from your Association/Club to this meeting.

XII) Olympic Developmental Program (ODP):

- a) The indoor sessions have concluded. The teams are pretty well all selected, but if you know of a player who has not tried out and they would be interested in trying out let John Tomlinson know, his email is JRTOMO@cox.net.
- b) Stephanie Ribeiro and Kelsey McQuard are in California. Kyle is in Italy.

XIII) District Commissioners Reports:

North: Dennis said a big thank you to all those Associations/Clubs who attended the North meeting. Another meeting will be set up in a month or two.

South: Vacant

Central: Matt said he would like the Associations/Clubs to coordinate their fundraisers, let Matt know what you are doing for a fundraiser and maybe it could be coordinated with another Association/Club. Matt's email is on the Soccer RI website.

East: Steve stated that there are a couple of people interested in this position.

Premier: Do to Mike being put on rest by his doctor he could not be here tonight but wants anyone who is interested in hosting a Premier District meeting to contact him via email.

XIV) State Administrator:

- a) The dates for all the meetings for the next year were included in all Association/Club packets.
- b) In regards to the Coach's Licenses, SRI will do the updating the database. As long as you send a copy of your coaching certificate to the SRI office your records will be updated. Your licenses will be listed on your rosters
- c) SRI is using Soccer In College.com as a the scheduler for the RI Championships and the Soccer-RI Cup. Andy Curtis of South County said it was a good program.

XV) Financials:

- a) A copy of the financials is with the file copy of these minutes.
- b) Chuck said to be aware of the idea of fraud within your Associations/Clubs concerning charitable organizations. Those individuals on your Board are the ones who will be held accountable for any fraudulent accounting. Each Association/Club should require one person to sign the checks and another individual who takes care of the records of the finances.

- c) The budget is at 1/3 of the year. There are no major bills or issues to date.
A Motion was made to file the financial report as presented and seconded.

XVI) Unfinished Business: NONE

XVII) New Business:

- a) **Elections:** The ballot of those seeing election was included in all Association/Clubs packets. Vice-President Oscar DeLemos, Treasurer Chuck Griffith, VP of Recreation Joe Carreiro and VP of Public Relations Steve Marmus are all seeking re-election.

The question was asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. With none forthcoming it was asked for the Secretary, Pat Votolato to cast one vote for the slate of officers.

The SRI Secretary, Pat Votolato did cast one vote for the slate of officers stated above for election.

- b) **Central Falls appeal of the SRI decision not to grant a waiver of the three-town rule for their U14 gold team:** (A copy of the appeal request is with the file copy of these minutes and was included in all Association/Club packets).

- 1) Alex Ariza who is the President of Central Falls spoke to the Council in regards to his appeal being that he is the coach of the team and the player in which the waiver request was for was for his son.

A Motion was made to grant the waiver request to allow exception of the three-community rule for this U14 team to have the coach's son on the team and seconded.

After extensive discussion, the question was called. The **Motion was voted on and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** by a voice vote without dissent.

c) **Full Membership:**

Those Clubs who are up for Full Membership approval by the Council are as follows: Bayside United Girls, Black Watch Girls, Lusitana and Tidal Wave.

A Motion was made to grant full membership to those clubs stated and seconded. With no discussion taking place a roll call vote was done ending with Pawtucket since everyone previously voted to allow full membership to the clubs and was opposed to the **question was asked if anyone motion and with the response being no the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** by a voice vote without dissent.

XVIII) Miscellaneous Items: NONE

XIX) Good of the Game: NONE

XX) Adjournment: A Motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 PM and seconded.

The SRI Secretary Pat Votolato respectfully submits the four typed pages of the March 30, 2009 SRI Council meeting minutes for approval at the August Council Meeting.