

**Soccer Rhode Island
General Membership Meeting
October 19, 2009
*Un-Approved Meeting Minutes***

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Roll Call:

Absent were Stephen Votolato, Pat Votolato, Oscar DeLemos, Larry Fish, Dean Hostetler, Tim King, Matt McGarry and Mike Ashworth. AYSO, Bayside, Bristol, Bruno, B/G, Capital, CLCF, Cumberland, East Greenwich, Jamestown, Lusitana Sports, North Providence, Portsmouth, Rams Football Club, Scituate, Smithfield, Tidal Wave SC, Tiverton, Warren and Westerly.

President's Report:

Stephen Votolato was absent

Membership Report:

Dean was absent. In his place Barbara Labossiere reviewed the main topics covered at the Oct 18, 2009 Region I Risk Management meeting:

Goal Safety – Referees, Coaches and Parents, please always check that the goals are properly secured BEFORE players are allowed on any soccer field.

Concussions – The State of Washington (state government) has passed the [Zackery Lystedt bill](#), requiring all young athletes in the state who suffer head injuries to get a doctor's permission before playing again. "When in doubt, sit them out."

International Background Checks. At this time there isn't a policy for screening non-US citizens. It is being discussed at the National level

H1N1 (swine flu) – make sure your players:

Have plenty of sleep

Proper nutrition

Are fully hydrated

Wash their hands (or use Purell or sanitary handiwipes)

Confirmation of Previous Minutes: The motion was made and seconded and adopted to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009 Soccer Rhode Island Council Meeting held in Warwick RI.

Competitive:

Report is the last page in your packet.

Paul will have a meeting concerning the 2010 President's Cup on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Teams will have until November 27, 2009 to withdraw from the 2010 President's Cup

Coaching Education:

In Oscar's absence Steve Marmas spoke. There are D, E and Y-2 courses in Coventry in November & December. Barbara stated that the D course was full and there was only 1 spot open for the Y-2.

TOPSoccer/Soccer Across America:

The following topics were discussed at the Region I TOPSoccer meeting this past weekend:

How other states and regions register their TOPSoccer Players

H1N1 (swine flu) disabled players are particularly susceptible to this strain of the flu.

Players with Downe Syndrome are at a greater risk of neck injuries from heading the ball.

Recreation:

The Kohl's Cup registrations are closed. The draw was held just prior to this meeting. Schedules will be posted by the end of this week. Registrations are down, one reason some clubs are not returning to the cup this year is that they are still playing due to the number of rainy weekends this fall.

Public Relations:

The 2010 Soccer Rhode Island Coaches Convention and Soccer Workshop is March 27, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick RI. This does not conflict with the Mohegan Sun event.

We need all award nominations submitted to the SRI office by January 4, 2010. Steve asked each association to submit the profiles of their hardworking volunteers

Plans for the 2011 Expo are to move the workshop to the Wide World of Indoor Sports in North Smithfield. We would use their indoor fields for the demos. The Awards Banquet would be held at another location.

Nomination forms will be sent out and published in the Center Circle

ODP:

A first round of tryouts was held on September 19, for the 93 & 94 girls and the 95 & 96 boys.

Tryouts for all age groups are this weekend, schedule is on the website

A boys' team and a girls' team will travel to Costa Rica in 2010

A boys' team will travel to Portugal in 2010

A girls' team will travel to England in the summer of 2010

A movie of the girls' trip to England in August 2009 is posted on the Soccer-RI website

Youth SRA:

In Tim's absence Steve Mauricio spoke

Recertification classes are listed on the SRC website (www.RISRC.net)

Lincoln and Pawtucket offered to host recertification clinics

The Referee training program is continuing at the Holiday Inn Express on Jefferson Blvd, Warwick. This training counts towards the referee's recertification

Intermediate training is at 6:00 PM

Advanced training is at 7:30 PM

District Commissioners:

North District – Meeting will be November 16, 2009. Info will be sent to the District Presidents & SRI.

South District – No report (Randy gave his District's Presidents a written report with their packets.

East District – will contact his Presidents to setup a meeting

State Administrator:

The Fall invoicing process will be started this week. I hope to have invoices sent out by the end of October.

Financials:

Motion to file the Financial Reports, seconded and approved.

Chuck stated the SRI 2008/2009 Fiscal Budget shows a surplus of \$15,000. However since September 1, SRI has paid almost \$14,000 worth of expenses for 2008/2009. SRI is a cash basis corporation as such income and expenses are reported when the money is paid or received not when the income or expense occurs.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed Policy Change 4305 Protest & Disputes.

Motion was made to approve the Policy Change and seconded.

Discussion took place.

A friendly amendment was proposed from the floor:

In 4305 (6), the word "Nonrefundable" was removed from the proposed policy change AND added 4305 (7) The appeal fee shall be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is sustained.

The friendly amendment was seconded and PASSED by voice vote without dissent.

The Proposed Policy change with the friendly amendment was PASSED by voice vote without dissent.

Proposed Policy Change 5322 - Game Protests was withdrawn by Paul Hoxsie.

Proposed revisions to 9103 Soccer Rhode Island Fee and Assessments Schedule

Background check fee is reduced to \$2.00 per check

US Youth Rhode Island Championships Team registration Fees:

SRI Member Association Teams is \$500

Non-SRI Member Association Teams is \$750

Add the Game Protest Fee of \$200.00

Change Regional Cup to read RI Championships

Add Presidents Cup fees

Withdrawal fee is \$500

Non-Appearance fee is \$1,000.

A motion to approve the changes and additions to the Fee and Assessment Schedule was made and seconded. Discussion took place. The motion PASSED by voice vote without dissent.

New Business:

Approval of the proposed SRI Policies and Procedures as distributed at the August 31, 2009, Council Meeting.

Motion to approve the Policies and Procedures as presented at the August 31, 2009 Council Meeting was made and seconded. Discussion took place. Motion was PASSED by voice vote without dissent.

Barbara stated she would add the policy changes approved earlier this evening and mail each association a hard copy of the revision. Discussion took place. It was decided that Barbara would email each association to find out if they wanted a hard copy or would work with the file posted online.

Good of the Game:

The US Men's' team is ranked 11th in the FIFA world standings.

Condolences were sent to the Votolato family. Steve's mother Rosalina passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2009

Condolences were sent to the D'Antuono Family. Dave D'Antuono passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Dave was the immediate past president of Exeter/West Greenwich Soccer.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm

Barbara Labossiere respectfully submits the three typed pages of the General Council Meeting minutes of October 19, 2009 for approval at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.