



## SOCCER RHODE ISLAND GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2019

- I) **ATTENDANCE:**
- a) **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** President: Steve Votolato; Secretary: Pat Votolato; VP Public Relations: Steve Marmas, VP of Recreation: Joe Carreiro; VP of ODPO: Steven Mauricio, First VP: Oscar DeLemos, VP of Membership: Nancy Hart, Treasurer: Chuck Griffith, Past President: Larry Fish, VP of Competitive: Paul Hosxie,
  - b) **NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** State Administrator: Bob Enright, Marketing Director: Stefanie Caliri, Craig O'Rourke,
  - c) **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** VP of Special Programs: Jim Kelly, District Commissioner: Central: Matt McGarry,
  - d) **GUESTS:** US Youth Soccer: Chris Moore and US Youth Soccer's Regional General Manager: Greg Smith
  - e) **ASSOCIATIONS/CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Burrilville, CLCF, Jamestown, Johnston, Lincoln, Narragansett, Newport SC, North Providence, Rams FC, RI Rush, Tiverton, Woonsocket, Warwick Soccer, West Warwick and Westerly.
  - f) **Voting strength:** 66 attending votes (out of 93) with half being 33 and 2/3 being 44 votes needed.
- II) **This meeting was called to order 7:15 PM.**
- III) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve Votolato:** The Report will be done during the meeting.
- a) Steve introduced Chris Moore and Greg Smith.
  - a) Steve was unable to recognize the new President of East Providence Youth Soccer: Michael Resendes, to him not being present at the time it was to be done.
- IV) **VP of MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Hart No Report at this time.**
- a) **MEMBERSHIP:**
  - b) **RISK MANAGEMENT:**
- v) **SECRETARY: Pat Votolato:**
- a) **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**  
**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND SECONDED.** After review the following corrections were noted that Shannon Cuthill was present, he came in late. The Motion was **VOTED ON with the correction AND PASSED** by a voice vote without dissent.
  - b) **The 2019 AGM is schedule for Monday, August 26, 2019**
- vi) **COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**
- vii) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A) **VP of COMPETITIVE: Paul Hosxie:**
    - 1) **RI Championships:** To be held in West Virginia, June 27-July 4, 2019
    - 2) **President's Cup:** To be held in West Virginia June 14-18, 2019
    - 3) **Soccer-RI Cup:**



**B) COACH'S EDUCATION: Steve Marmas spoke:**

- 1) Steve is talking with Mass and CT to organize Grassroots Training and D License courses.
- 2) 7 v 7 courses were scheduled for January 24, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel, in Cornwell Ct. 6 PM to 8 PM.
- 3) 11 v 11 course were also scheduled in CT (same place) January 24, 2019 8 PM to 10 PM.
- 4) A US Soccer D License at South Windsor Parks & Rec in South Windsor CT. Is scheduled for February 8- 6-10:30 PM, February 9- 8AM to 7 PM, February 16- 8 AM to 7 PM, March 16- 8AM to 7 PM and March 23- 8 AM to 7 PM.
- 5) Towards the end of February there are grassroots courses scheduled.

**C) VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Jim Kelly: ABSENT**

- 1) **Top Soccer:**
- 2) **Soccer Across America:**

**D) VP of RECREATION: Joe Carreiro: Go onto the soccer-ri.com website dates are there.**

- 1) **U8/U10 FESTIVAL:** June 1 and 2, 2019.
- 2) **TARGET UNITED CUP:** October 12 & 13, 2019 at Coventry Fish Hill.

**E) VP of PUBLIC RELATIONS: Steve Marmas:**

- 1) **The Awards Banquet:** Officers Club on March 31, 2019. Same place as last year.
  - i) **Sponsor ads:** For the booklet. \$100.00 per ad.
  - ii) **Vendor Sponsors:** \$100.00 per ad
- 2) **Dicks Sporting Goods is SRI's major sponsor.**
  - i) Gift certificates are being provided for each Award presented.
    - a) SRI presence at your Tournaments with a Dick's Sporting Good tent.
    - b) SRI has some soccer balls available.
  - iii) **A Raffle will be done at the end of the meeting for a set of pop-up goals** provided from Dicks Sporting Goods. **Ticket #293 Warren Youth Soccer won the pop-up goals.**

**F) MARKETING/SPONSORSHIPS: Stefanie Caliri:**

- 1) **Soccer Golf:**
  - i) 65 attendants and we expecting more for 2019.
  - ii) 2019 date will be in May TBD.
- 2) Dick's is also interested in your Top Soccer Programs. Let Stefanie know if you have a program within your Association/Club.
- 3) **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for SRI for 2020 in the spring:**
  - a) Awards Banquet on Weekend with Awards on Friday, Saturday with vendors and sessions.
  - b) EXPO: Vendors, Coaching Demo's & Certificates and breakout sessions.
  - c) **Volunteers needed ONE from each Association/Club.** Please provide Stefanie with the name of the person attending from your Association/Club.



**G) VP of OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT: Steven Mauricio: The report is from the SRI Board meeting of January.**

- 1) There are currently 57 registered players in the ODP program.
- 2) There are currently 54 players in the Academy program
- 3) 3) 115 players registered for the PDP session 1
- 4) 4) 86 players registered for PDP session two.
- 5) 5) We are using online system Doc-Sign for paperwork collection for all players
- 6) 6) We are collecting staff photos to update the website and promote program better on Facebook
- 7) 7) State clinic was held on January 27 at Wide World
- 8) 8) East Region Clinic was held on February 23 at Wide World followed by inter-state friendlies with regional staff on February 24

**H) YOUTH SRA: Vacant: Steve Mauricio stated the following:**

- 1) There are currently 240 referees registered for 2019
- 2) A large number took the exam on or about the deadline of December 31 and are awaiting approval.
- 3) Sean Hurd, former FIFA referee who worked at the Brazil World Cup will be the keynote speaker at this year's Pro Clinic
- 4) Each association has been contacted individually of their referee coordinator is not registered for 2019.
- 5) New referee clinics are scheduled for the spring season
- 6) We have scheduled our spring in-service schedule for all referees.
- 7) **The following Associations/Clubs do not have a certified Assignor for Referees:** CLCF, JAMESTOWN, JOHNSTON, NARRAGANSETT, SCITUATE, TIVERTON AND WARWICK SOCCER.

**I) DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:**

**NORTH: VACANT:** Mandatory Meeting on Tuesday April 9, 2019

**SOUTH: Shannon Cuthill:** Mandatory Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 Shannon spoke of some of the things that were gone over at the November 14, 2018 meeting.

**EAST: Joe Oliveira: ABSENT** Mandatory Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2019

**CENTRAL: Matt McGarry: ABSENT** Mandatory Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019

**PREMIER: VACANT:** Mandatory Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019

**J) STATE ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Enright: NO REPORT.**

**viii) TREASURER: Chuck Griffith:**

- a) A copy of the financials up to November 30, 2018 is with the file copy of these minutes and included in each Associations/Clubs packets.

Chuck went over the financials and the Associations/Clubs reviewed them and no discussion took place so the following Motion was made, **A MOTION WAS MADE TO FILE AND SECONDED.**

- b) **Approval of the 2018/2019 budget has to be made tonight.**



**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND SECONDED.** With no discussion, the **MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED** by a voice vote without dissent.

ix) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ratification of the Board's appointment of Steven Mauricio as VP of ODP was made and seconded.** With no discussion taking place the **MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED** by a voice vote without dissent.

x) **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) **Player fee increase: Chris Moore from Us Youth Soccer spoke to the Council.**

- a) Chris spoke about what US Youth Soccer is about.
- b) The possibility of US Youth Soccer changing the logos of all the events is in the works.
- c) US Youth Soccer has Fifty-Five State Associations.
- d) Steve Marmas spoke about the struggles within the States and how is US Youth going to help them. Chris said funds are being set aside for those States who need help in marketing growth.
- e) Larry asked Chris as to who are they targeting. Recreational, Competitive, Premier Player? Chris's response was yes, yes and yes that the Recreational player is being targeted. (80% of the players are Recreational players).
- f) Chris spoke of the Concussion requirements which are a Federal law in effect since last year. This is at no cost. More information will be forthcoming.
- g) In the very near future the National Championship Series is being revamped.

2) **Proposed Policy Changes:**

- a) **Policy #1506: Travel Team Coaches:** A copy of the proposed Housekeeping change is with the file of these minutes and in all Association/Club packets.  
**A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THIS HOUSE KEEPING CHANGE AND SECONDED. No discussion took place so the MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED, by a voice without dissent**
- b) **Policy# 9103: Fee and Assessment Schedule:** A copy of the proposed Housekeeping change is with the file of these minutes and in all Association/Club packets.
- c) **A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THIS CHANGE IN FEES AND SECONDED. Steve .said it is possible that the Federation will be requesting a fee increase but that will not be known until the meeting next week that he will be attending The MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED, by a voice without dissent**
- d) **Background checks will have a fee increase:** The basic fee is \$5.50. If there is a hit on your name and Birthdate the fee increases to the next level of \$12.50 then \$25.00. SRI is looking into being told what the hit is to decide if the additional search is needed.  
**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND SECONDED. Discussion took place so the MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED, by a voice without dissent.**

xi) **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS/ GOOD OF THE GAME:**

xii) **ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 PM.**

The Secretary, Pat Votolato respectfully submits the typed 4 pages of the General Council Meeting minutes of February 4, 2019 for approval at the next Council meeting.