

## UMNSC Meeting Minutes August 18, 2010

### Agenda items:

#### 1. Introductions:

#### 2. Club Update:

- U-11 girls won State cup – Congratulations!
- Skills Development will continue this year (U-7 and U-8 grouped together) – will include small sided games; trained by CRN soccer players and staff;
- club will provide trainers at every practice this year;
- if you need patches for tournaments, contact Virginia Manning -- [umnscregistrar@aol.com](mailto:umnscregistrar@aol.com)
- send team news to Virginia and she will put it up on website
- YMS Columbus cup is free to UMNSC teams – so sign up; if interested in working concessions at Upper Makefield venues as team fund-raiser, contact Gary Roberts;

#### 3. Winter Indoor Space Usage

- CRN turf fields available starting Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 6 – 9 pm for training; important to make sure fields are clean when leaving;
- NAC turf indoor fields available for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, early Saturday mornings for winter soccer training paid for by club – will be scheduled in October;

#### 4. Training Schedule (Bob Hill)

- Team training schedule will be send via e-mail;
- 2 hrs of club sponsored trainers per team per week– anything over that must be paid for by team, no makeup or rescheduling allowed; someone must be present and able to the run the practice as a back up in case the trainers don't show up; decisions to cancel a practice are made by coaches and trainers; don't call Bob or Gary; it's a good idea to copy trainers on team e-mails so that they are aware of team issues and trainers can focus on problem areas;
- share space on practices fields
- Pat will determine field closures for games but be aware that Washington Crossing Park rarely closes. Also, be prepared to check field conditions prior to games if necessary and make independent decision about field conditions if necessary;
- independent trainers are \$50/hr, youth trainer are \$15/hr.

- Working on getting portable lights at Washington Crossing park for October – TBD

## 5. Field Availability and Guidelines

- Use Washington Crossing park for practices;
- Try to use fields side to side for practices to help preserve grass for games;
- Fields are in good condition at Washington Crossing Park; stay off Brownsburg for practices as fields are dry and in poor condition;
- forward schedules for games to Pat O'Neill (Patrick.O'neill@spcorp.com) to make sure fields are available;
- remind parents not to park on fields or on the stone driveway at Washington Crossing Park;
- Try to set up scrimmages at away fields if possible; if need to schedule a scrimmage at home, set up for Wednesday, Friday – Sunday (not Monday. Tuesday, Thursday) and arrange through Pat. Patrick.O'neill@spcorp.com

## 6. Field Preparation Day

- Volunteers needed from IM and travel teams to set up Sol Finestone fields – please send out e-mail to parents asking for volunteers;
- “rock party” (to remove rocks from fields) for Brownsburg park to be scheduled;
- approved to get irrigation at Brownsburg but having trouble getting bids under \$10,000 (2 part process);

## 7. Coaches, Player and Parent Conduct

- ICLS stressing conduct of coaches, players, and parents – complaints by refs; send message to parents reminding them to not coach from sidelines – only positive support; do not direct comments to refs.; let coaches do the coaching; club reputation at stake;

## 8. Team Bank Accounts

- Prefer separate club bank accounts with two names on the account and one should be a non-parent coach; keep accurate records; suggest to send out spread sheet every month to parents with full transparency 2 x per year;

## 9. Philadelphia Union UMNSC Game Night

- season tickets available for volunteers; e-mail Gary if interested; – 11 tickets for every game;

– Upper Makefield night at Philadelphia Union – October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm v. Red Bull New York; player escorts needed for Red Bull team; 11 escorts will be randomly;y selected from UMNSC teams;

10. September 5th Fundraiser at Brownsburg Park – “Rejuvenations” is a non-profit group supporting the construction of a community center in Jamaica; 3 v 3 soccer games for ages 13 – 35;

11. Uniforms and Player Passes Update

- forms for secondary player passes need to be completed by 8/19;