

## Sun Prairie Soccer Club

### Meeting Minutes / Action Items

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Annual General Meeting – December 2009	<b>Location:</b>	East Side Community Center
<b>Recorder:</b>	David Nelson	<b>Time / Date:</b>	Sunday, Dec 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.

#### Invitees/Attendees: (y/n - in attendance)

	Name		Name		Name		Name		Name		
Y	Ryan Baker, In-House Program Director	Y	Tom Gehrmann, Coed Travel	Y	Sergio Loureiro, Coed Travel Director	Y	Dave Nelson, Secretary, Coed Travel	Y	Mike McIntosh, Travel Director	Y	Rachel Olson, Girls Travel
N	Vince Padilla, Girls Travel	Y	Missy Thompson, Member at Large, Girls Travel Director	Y	Rich Tomscak, President	N	Tony Veroeven, In-House Program, Parents Advisory Group	Y	Jack Wilkinson, Treasurer		

#### Agenda:

Item No.	Subject	Leader(s)	Item No.	Subject	Leader(s)
1	President's Report: State of the Club	Rich	7	Fields	Tom
2	Financials	Jack	8	Events / Spirit Wear	Missy
3	Travel Program	Rachel, Mike, Sergio	9	Annual Awards	All
4	In-House Program	Ryan	10	Public Comments	All
5	Coaching	Sergio	11	Board Election	Dave
6	Indoor	Sergio			

#### Minutes:

Attendance at annual general meeting was strong with a large turnout of club members. The meeting was called to order.

##### 1. President's Report State of the Club:

- a. Rich discussed state of the club with membership, highlighting growth and successes in first two years of merged SPSC (from ZIA/SPYSA), progress made in 2009 and current challenges / needs. President's report is attached at the end of these minutes.

##### 2. Financials:

- a. Jack led financial review. We received our 501 non-profit status this year. Financially we are stable. Major expenses were equipment (up due purchase of two sets of goals) and MAYSA fees. We had a \$1,000 donation from one family. We need to be more active in fundraising. The club funds scholarships in amount of about \$4,000 per year – we'd like to have a donor fund that. In addition we need to start building funds for a field complex – with the hope that land will be donated, but we'd still need to pay for many improvements.

##### 3. Travel Program:

## *Sun Prairie Soccer Club*

---

- a. Rachel and Mike led review of travel program. In 2009, we fielded 28 teams up from 26 per Rachel. We are seeing more kids at the younger ages, so expectation is growth will continue. Mike discussed new policies and processes around player try-out and evaluation, coaching selection, etc.
4. In-House Program:
  - a. Ryan led a review of the in-house program. We have seen lots of growth with new player, parents, and families coming into the club. We have also seen a corresponding increase in coaches – but this will continue to be an area of focus. Biggest challenge is assuring field availability given the growth.
5. Coaching:
  - a. Sergio led a review of the state of coaching and 2009 activities. In 2009 some new processes were put in place to aid selection and support of coaches. Sergio reminded the club that coaching support is critical. He called on coaches to be sure to ask board for “what you need.” A recent coaches survey was run by Mike McIntosh – the hope is this will help us improve coaching support and direction.
6. Indoor:
  - a. Sergio led a review of the indoor program. He describes it as successful in only its second year with strong participation. Financially we are roughly breaking even. Sergio reports improvement in player skills and described indoor as about “touches and fun.”
7. Fields:
  - a. Tom led an overview on Fields. He reports continued and growing strong demand for fields due growth of SPSC but also Lacrosse and Football. A big concern is there is no time to “rest” fields by giving a field a season off here and there. Challenge is how to get more space, find more fields. Coordination with SP Parks is improving but we feel we still have not received the attention this issue deserves. It was suggested we have some 800 players and should more powerfully use our voice to speak up for what we need with SP Parks – at any opportunity members should talk it up with SP city leaders. Rich and Mike Aughey commented they have been working on land donation Fields. This effort will continue and hopefully accelerate.
8. Events / Spirit Wear
  - a. A big thanks was given to Missy for her great efforts on events this year. The Spring Festival was a great success, strongly attended and very effective in raising funds. The Youth Appreciation Nights for Girls (Spring) and Boys (Fall) were also successful. We now have a strong catalog of Spirit Wear and are hoping to get to an on-line catalog.
9. Awards:
  - a. This year, for the first time, SPSC has created awards for outstanding volunteers. This year's award winners are:  
**“Whistle Pig”** award for outstanding dedication and service to SPSC during or cumulating in 2009:  
For Active Service to SPSC: **Mike Aughey, Lisa Cassidy, Daniel Darmstadter, Pam Jeidy, Sergio Loureiro Amber Marsh, Alan Mileham, Mike McIntosh, Jim Nelson and Rich Tomscak,**  
For Past Service to SPSC: **Britta Johnson and Tim McDowell**  
**“Marmot”** award for *greatest* dedication and service to SPSC during 2009: **Missy Thompson**  
**“Grand Groundhog”** award for unique and essential *lifetime* service to the Sun Prairie Soccer Club: **Rachel Olsen**
10. Public Comments: The meeting was opened to public comments. Comments include:
  - a. Please keep teams together over the seasons... to facilitate “esprit de corps” and so they learn to play together. Does not make sense to re-mix players.
  - b. How did Deforest get their soccer complex? Rich explained land was donated. Mike Aughey commented it all about the developers and urged club members to “talk it up.” We are looking for 40 acres. Parent commented that it is coming to the point where fields are not safe.

## *Sun Prairie Soccer Club*

---

- c. At what point do we have to limit players due lack of fields? Rich responded that day may be coming but at this point we don't envision refusing kids – we'd make it work.
- d. What about more volunteers? A weekend perhaps to fix fields. Would have to let fields sit for a year to really recover shape. Again comments that City needs to hear from us as members.
- e. How about corporate sponsors for fields? Baseball field at new HS had sponsors to lay down artificial turf at a large expense. Get creative. Get corporate sponsors. If we wait around for land or \$ it will never happen.
- f. I want to share how thankful I am to SPSC... Have made much more progress in last 2 years than in last 10 years since I last coached.... I now have another child and it's a big difference. As parent, I want to say thanks. We should be very grateful to have the organization we have now.
- g. Do you think we have a good parks and recreation dept here? We do have good parks here. Rich acknowledged and re-affirmed that we want to work with City. We can show city economic impact of soccer complex.
- h. How does High School feel about SPSC? This program should feed the High School. Rich commented that we are trying to create a strong working relationship with HS.
- i. A coach commented that it was a little intimidating coming in as anew coach. Have we thought about a mentoring program? Rich responded yes we have thought of partnering a coach with a "buddy." We are working to upgrade our Coaching manual. Comment maybe you could come up with a video? Rich: one thing we would like to build is a library of coaching materials.
- j. Do we for all teams emphasize a Team Manager? Rich: Yes. We now insist each team have a Team Manager. When we are recruiting coaches do we emphasize? Rich: yes, we bring that up in the coaches meeting.

### 11. 2009 Board Election:

- a. A final call was made for nominees. No additional nominees were nominated. We had 6 nominees for 6 open board positions. Thus, election was not needed and nominees assumed the following Board roles:
  - Girls Travel: Mike Aughey, Brad Davidson, Kirk Scott (note one of these nominees will serve as "member at large" because only 2 girls travel positions were open)
  - Coed Travel: Steve Traut
  - In-House: Ron Greisch, Jeff Risseuw
- b. 2009 and 2010 board members will meet soon to review and discuss club issues. 2010 board will elect officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure) at next board meeting.
- c. Meeting was adjourned.

### **Action Items**

See November Minutes for Open Action items

### **Next Meeting**

Date: Sunday Jan 10 @ 7:00 @ East Side Community Building

## *Sun Prairie Soccer Club*

---

### **President's Report :**

The Sun Prairie Soccer Club (SPSC) has just completed its second year as a result of the merger between SPYSA and ZIA FC in 2007. SPSC continues to work through its 100% volunteer's and staff to become the best possible soccer club to our constituents. We would not be able to accomplish the goals without the important contributions of these volunteer's that have dedicate numerous hours to ensure a positive experience for our players. Please take a moment to thank those volunteers who continue to offer their talents every year.

The SPSC Board of Directors continues to strive to improve the game for all our participants by providing the direction that is needed. We are determined to work together in order to create an even better environment for our players, coaches, officials, administrators and spectators.

The sport of soccer in Sun Prairie continues to make positive strides. Our numbers continue to increase at all ages, with 32 in-house, 20 traveling, and 8 classic teams. At the travel and classic levels, 11 teams finished the 2009 fall season in the top 2 of their respective divisions. We also continue to have SPSC coaches securing USSF licensing with 2 already completing their "D" licenses.

Our success does not stop there. SPSC continues to reach out to our community and high school. Our Youth Appreciation nights have helped raised much needed money, food and coats. SPSC has assisted in raising over \$600 for the SPHS boosters, 300 cans of food for Sunshine Place and over 30 winter coats for our local children during the 2009 calendar year.

During this past year, SPSC also introduced "Soccer Shorts". This monthly email publication was designed to offer a more effective way for the club to communicate with its members on upcoming events.

Of course, there is still much more that can be done. Last month SPSC held a Strategic Planning meeting in which several areas were identified in which our club will need to move forward on. We are positive that these recommendations will only benefit our current and future members.

Some of the recommendation includes the following,

- 1...The creation of a unified plan in order to develop our players and coaches
- 2...Coaching standards for both out in-house and travel division
- 3...The creation of a high school age small sided in-house program
- 4...Increase the number of volunteers
- 5...Paid coaching director and administrative assistants
- 6...Major improvement to our fields

These are just a few of the more then 20 objective goals that came out of this meeting.

As our financial I show, SPSC continues to have a solid foundation in which to build. We continue to offer one of the best soccer values in the local area for our membership. But while our fees remain low, this will also need to be addressed as SPSC continues to make improvements to our club.

I would like to extend my appreciation to current SPSC board and volunteers. Your desire and commitment to provide a first class organization shows in your efforts. All of you have assisted in "Creating a Soccer Community" here in Sun Prairie.

Rich Tomscak, President SPSC