

**New Lebanon Soccer Club
Board of Directors Meeting**

August 24, 2006

Members Present:

Michele Arthur
Mike Arthur
Carol Creevy
Angus Eaton
Joe Stauch
Scott White

Members Absent:

Crystal Phelps
John Dimuro

Mike Arthur opened the meeting by explaining the general roles of the Club Board of Directors, coaches, parent volunteers, parents and players. Mike outlined what is expected of each group and the performance criteria that will be used to judge the effectiveness of each supporting group of the Club (see below).

Who	What	Performance Criteria (How Judged?)
Board of Directors (BOD)	Administer Manage Operate Direct Guide Plan Market Set Club Policy	Accurate Records Accountable Provide Clear Direction Leadership & Integrity Positive Attitude
Coaches	Coach "Face" of Club to members Role Model	Teaching Skills Leadership Team Building Attitude Preparedness Follows code of Conduct)
Parent Volunteers	Specialized assistance	Varies depending on assignment
Parents	Prepare players Support	Timeliness with payments, paperwork Gets child to game/practice on time Preparedness Attitude Supportive Follows Code of Conduct
Players	"Feet" of Club Students	Cooperation Attentiveness Sportsmanship Attitude Follows Code of Conduct

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The following agenda items were discussed.

Set Registration Date for Spring Travel Signup

The importance of increasing Club membership and getting children involved in soccer at an earlier age were discussed. Suggestions made to increase Club membership included: host a soccer show/demonstration at an elementary school assembly; have a booth at the Fall Festival to provide registration forms and information; have a table at the elementary school the night of the open house to provide registration forms and information.

October 11 was set as the Spring Travel League information night to be held at the elementary school (pending building use approval by school).

The closing date for spring travel soccer registration was decided to be October 29th. All registration forms should be submitted to Angus Eaton by this date. Angus agreed to work out a process for accepting registration forms and payment.

Scott White agreed to develop and hand out registration forms for Recreation League at the elementary school the first few days of school.

There was a consensus among members present that parents of the players need to be told up-front the total registration fees. Rather than have separate payments for membership, referee fees and uniforms, the Board was in favor of collecting all fees from members at registration. Fees should be itemized on the registration form, with a check-off for uniform, if needed. The decision on which uniforms to use would be a team decision. Teams could purchase uniforms through the club. If teams wanted to purchase uniforms other than the Club tee shirt, it would be up to the team to collect money for and arrange the purchase of uniforms (which could be done through the Club to receive discounts and points from Eurosport catalogue etc.)

Process for Acquiring New Travel Team Coaches

Mike Arthur expressed the fact that more travel team coaches are needed. Mike said he would put a form on the website for signup and/or interest in coaching. Joe Stauch suggested having a sign up sheet available during registration for interested people. Board members agreed that coaches should

be approved by the board, and that the Club should pay for coaches' license fees.

Travel Uniform Standardization

Black and White/Grey should be the colors used on all of the Club team uniforms. The existing Club tee shirt can be used as the uniform. If a team decides to choose a different uniform--style, fabric, personalized, etc. that is the decision of the teams and coaches, as long as the colors are black and white.

Fundraising Ideas

The possibility of having a spring community soccer game fundraiser was discussed. Providing website links for corporate donations/sponsors was also mentioned as a possible revenue source. Trying to tap fundraising sources outside of New Lebanon was seen as an important aspect of Club fundraising, because local businesses are already approached for so many donations.

Registration Paperwork Process

Scott White expressed the need for a registration process for Recreation League registration. Angus Eaton said he would work out the process for accepting registration forms, fees, etc.

Website

The Club website is now live and functioning. To publicize the site Board members agreed Club members need to be provided the website address so they can start using it. Handing out flyers with the Club website address at both the elementary and the Jr/Sr high schools, and using school announcements to give out the Club web address, were possible ways to get people to the site.

Mike Arthur said he would be adding a photo gallery to the site in the future.

Recreation League Startup

Scott White said he would hand out registration forms at the elementary school the first week of school to get the league started. He said he would start out coaching but he would definitely need more coaches to make it through the entire season.

Tournaments & NLSC Involvement (Oneonta/NL Varsity)

Board members expressed their interest in making a financial donation to the NLSCD Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer to assist with the teams' expenses incurred when they attend the Oneonta tournament.

MOTION by Angus Eaton: that the NLSC donate \$500 to the Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer teams, to be split between the Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer teams and to be used for player lodging and meals at the Oneonta tournament.

Motioned passed.

Michele Arthur said she would be scheduling a meeting next week to begin preparations for the New Lebanon Varsity Tournament being held September 28, 29 and 30. Joe Stauch expressed the necessity to contact the school Athletic Director to be sure visiting teams had been or would be invited to participate in the tournament. The meeting will be 8/31/06 @ 7 PM at the Arthur home.

Red Bulls Camp (Rec. and Varsity)

Recreation League participation in the Red Bulls camp was higher this June, and arrangements have been made for the camp next year.

There were problems with collecting fees from boy's varsity team camp participants and scheduling this year. It was agreed that next year details regarding scheduling, and payment will have to be in place before the camp begins.

Proposed Budget

Membership fees for next year were discussed. The Recreation League fee of \$20 was deemed adequate to cover expenses for participants. The Travel League fees were raised from \$40 to \$50 to realistically cover expenses for participants.

Michele Arthur said she would look into the procedure for the Club to become a non-profit organization. This would provide protections to the Board of Directors, and would give the Club tax exempt status. The Club would absorb the costs incurred with registering as a non-profit organization.

Hosting of the website would be paid from the Club budget.

Equipment

Scott White said there are some items that were previously in the shed that are no longer there. Mike Arthur said the coaches should touch base with

Scott White to let him know what is left, and what will be needed next year. Because of the expense of game balls, game balls should be kept separate from practice balls and used only for games. It would be best if the equipment were stored at coaches homes over the winter rather than in the shed. If there are equipment needs a tally of what is needed should be taken and equipment should be purchased for all teams at the same time to get discounts and goal points from Eurosport.

Scott White expressed a need to periodically change the combination on the shed lock. Mike Arthur agreed and said he would change the combination.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Creevy
Recording Secretary

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