

South Plainfield Soccer Association Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 2, 2005
Meeting Type: General Meeting
Minutes filed on: November 5, 2005

Attendees: Paul Baldasarre U-14 Fire, Frank Licato U-14 Ice, Patrick Flanagan U-12 Rockets, Bill Butrico U-9 Storm, Gary Herbster, U-14 Fire, Pete Kelly U-11 Magic, Paul Seyffart U-11 Hotspurs, Millie K. Hunt U-13 Sonics, Bruce hunt U-13 Sonics, Al Vill U-11 Bullets, Thom Lanza U-13 Sonics, Tracy Lundy U-12 Bullets, Scott Bishop U-14 Fire, Vijay Bijlani U-14 Ice, Frank Mitrano, Roma, Richard Peaz U-13 Sonics, Sam Pauls U-12 Power, Anthony Calentano U-11 Hotspurs, Ele Soisson, Debbie Krawice U-13 Spirit (did not Sign Attendance Sheet)

Financials- Millie hunt Did not have a handout but read the financial handout that was distributed at the Executive Board meeting (see Executive board Meeting Minutes for 10-24-05) with 4 changes which were due to 4 invoices received between the Board meeting on 10-24 and the general meeting on 11-2.

Sonics Sold Curves cards and everyone seemed to like them.

People who sell more than required for the fundraiser will get credit rounded to the nearest dollar. This credit can be used for Spring Canning, Spring Fundraising, Registration and Uniform

Basket Bingo-Debbie Krawice is running the basket Bingo which (Debbie recommends) should be in February. Al Vill will find out what date Sacred Heart Church is available and notify Debbie.

According to Law you can only play Bingo for \$1000.00 of total merchandise. So Debbie is going to Buy the baskets from Longerberger and distribute to each coach and then each team will need to make a basket based on a theme they are given randomly.

The Club may run the raffle noted later in these minutes here at the Basket Bingo night.

Thom Lanza is going to get a gaming license (for Basket Bingo) and a gambling license (Raffle) for the club as soon as we know what date we are going to have the Basket Bingo night.

Field Status-The fields look good we have had a lot of rain, which the fields needed after a summer with no rain.

The price of paint has gone up but Sherwin Williams still has the best price. Looking for paint on the internet showed that there are places that the paint can

be purchased cheaper, but the shipping or the minimum number of gallons required to make an order makes it not reasonable to purchase on the net .

Debbie Krawice asked if she could check to see if she can get a better deal since her husband gets a discount at Sherwin Williams. Of course Debbie's investigation is appreciated.

The issue of purchasing a lawn mower was discussed. Paul Billich is going to look into getting estimates for purchasing a 60 inch cutting area. The question was raised if the Club would be better served getting a used mower. Paul explained that based on his experience the answer is no because Landscapers are putting as many hours on their machines as possible so Used machines are pretty beat up.

A vote was not take but the topic will come up at the next meeting.

Insurance the club does not have insurance to cover stole items. The club does have insurance for errors and omissions, which cover the executive board and head coaches for mistakes that maybe made during the course of the season. Players and Coaches are covered by New Jersey Youth Soccer if they get hurt Playing or Practicing. Parents and Siblings are also covered if they get hurt at a soccer game. A coach transporting his team members is also covered by NJ Youth Soccer. Non coaches transporting players are Not Covered.

Alarm system for the Snack Stand when it is completed will be necessary. Millie Hunt recommend an alarm system called a Wizard by DEMCO

Trainers- Most teams have had 3 or 4 training session rained out. USA has offered to have make up dates but with different trainers. The general feel was to work with your current trainer to schedule make up practices. Nobody really wanted to use a different USA trainer.

Snack Stand- The Snack Stand has had the Roll up Door installed but No other substantial progress has been made. It has been promised to be competed by mid November

The Club still needs 1 member from each team to serve on the Snack Stand Committee

The Club is looking to Run a Raffle 50/50 style we need some one to run this activity

Other Items-Each coach discussed how their teams season was going thus far. Thom Lanza brought up an issue that had was being discussed between the President and himself. The issue was a letter between the Borough of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Soccer Club.

After the September meeting where the voting members of the club voted in favor of letting Match fit Academy play 20 games on our fields for the sum of \$1000.00. Thom had asked the Borough if there was a lease between the Borough and the Soccer Club. After a few days of looking the Borough came back and stated they did not have a lease on file but they did have a letter dated 6-29-99 From Michael English Director of Recreation Borough of South Plainfield to John Rayho South Plainfield Soccer Club Board Member.

The context of this letter was explained by Thom, who went on to state that the club did vote in favor of the allowing Match fit Academy to play at Kenneth Ave and that is not in question. Then Thom went on to say that because of insurance purposes and because the letter states the fields are to be used exclusively for the use of the youth of the Borough of South Plainfield Match Fit would need to ask the town for permission. If match fit didn't get the towns permission to use the fields the town could take the fields away from the soccer club.

Al Vill confirmed that he received a phone call from Michael English who was not happy with what was going on with the Match Fit Academy situation

After much discussion bouncing between Match fit Academy , Roma (Garden State League) and Thom stating that he felt anyone who is not a member of the club and a resident of the town must have the permission of the town to play. Thom qualified his statement by saying that we as a club should notify the Borough of which members are not residents of the Borough but are members of the club.

Frank Mitrano asked the members present that since there was a lot of talk about his team playing on the fields does anyone mind if he plays his last two games at Kenneth Ave. Secretary Pat Flanagan he read the letter in question and didn't feel that South Plainfield Soccer Club was violating the letter of 6-29-05. Al Vill confirmed that ROMA would be playing the last tow games of their season at Kenneth Ave

Frank Miiitrano said that he was sure that the club originally had a lease and that he would look through his records to see if he had a copy of it but that he thought he handed it over to Glen Gross at the tie Glen became president

Referee Mentoring program is Over! Paul does not organize the Assistant Referees any more, they all report directly to the Paid Referee assignor. Paul will be running a Referee Certification class over the coming winter

Meeting concluded approximately 9:45pm