



**South Plainfield Soccer Club
General Meeting Minutes June 23, 2009**

Meeting called to order 7:40pm

Introduction of those in attendance

Review of last months meeting minutes - approved - unanimous

Financials - Terry Ward reviewed the financial reports. There were no questions regarding the financials. Approved unanimous

Tryouts - Ken Harrell reviewed the current status of the tryouts. Teams that have been selected have been reviewed and approved by the board, and players are being contacted. Concerns were expressed regarding non-selected players that have not been notified to date. Second U-11 team to be formed. U-14 boys, U-14 girls and U-12 Boys have not been established as of yet.

Training - Bill Garner spoke regarding training for all teams this coming Fall. European Soccer has presented us with their quote which is a very fair cost to the club. Coaches training sessions will be conducted in the Fall and spring. Concepts for specialized training also were discussed such as special sessions by position, sweepers, goal tenders, and stoppers. Ken Harrell spoke regarding the board's position on training and the clubs subsidizing one half of the training costs. The other half of the training fees would be the responsibility of the player. The cost to the player would be a \$50.00 buyout, or fundraising through candy sale to total \$50.00. Bill Garner also offered to do a BBQ fundraiser to help with costs, he will further discuss this with the board. Chris Paez inquired about teams doing their own fundraising. Currently, the board is opting for a club fundraiser to assist all teams in raising the money for training. Phil Battista offered to get a corporate sponsorship for taking care of the parents end of training costs. Danielle Gray suggested a letter writing campaign to raise money. Dawn Farinella expressed concern that the training fundraising/buyout was not disclosed at tryouts.

Registration - Scheduled for July 8th and July 9th at the SPJBC Clubhouse, 7-9pm. All coaches must be present both nights. Encouraged to remind their parents to have their copies of the Birth Certificates, 1" X 1" color, photo, non-laminated. Packets will be

available early next week and out to all coaches.

Field Status - Joe Evans spoke regarding fields. Spoke with Spruce it Up, who provides services for the fields. Joe discussed the 6 Step Program that they provide. Has asked that Spruce it Up come out and walk the fields to see the current weed situation. Sprinkler system needs to be looked at and checked to see that it is operating correctly.

Brandao Soccer Camp - 35 children enrolled. Advertising has done a great job in getting a strong turnout. A plan needs to be made in the event of rain to get all the campers to the PAL.

Status of Tournaments - Mike Surowiec had brought up the idea of running tournaments at the last meeting. The board had asked for a detailed plan of how this could be done. Mike provided the club with an idea of ways that the tournaments could be run. He will forward to the board a spreadsheet of his plan to be reviewed. At present, it was determined that the tournaments require more research and planning and would be best to do either Spring or Early Fall of 2010. Some issues that need to be further discussed are parking, ref fees, football field usage, field scheduling for reg season. Funds will also need to be available to do this.

Team Status - All teams had a good season. Arsenal finished 10-0,

Open Issues - Bill Garner spoke on behalf of Landi Garner, parade chair. Looking for past members to represent the club, along with our current members. This is in line with the "SP, through the years" theme. Also, looking for help with planning and preparation of the float. F License information is available at the Mid-NJ website. Uniforms were discussed, option to the teams for whether to stay with the old design or purchase the new style. New teams will be going with the new style. Ken Harrell spoke regarding the appointment of Dawn Farinella for the open position of the board. Dawn will be working with Terry Ward to assume the role of treasurer in the near future. It was also announced that at the July meeting, we will be voting on open board positions. There will be a total of three positions opening up. Nominations were made for the following members: Mike Surowiec, Dom Cirilli, Bill Garner, Rich Paez and Phil Battista. Voting will take place at the July 23rd meeting.

Motion to adjourn - Bill Garner, second Laura Readie

Meeting adjourned - 9:30pm