



**SPSC General Meeting  
March 10, 2010**

**Adrian Moses from The Red Bulls discussed training available through the Red Bulls franchise. 3/23/10 signed to support and educate, the program offers many levels and is driven by an online curriculum. The program goes back to basics, teaching one by one. Program is outlined in brochures provided and any questions can be directed to [Adrian.Moses@RedBulls.com](mailto:Adrian.Moses@RedBulls.com)**

**Meeting called to order at 8:15pm**

**Spring Teams - Phil Battista spoke regarding the Spring teams. We were able to add 4 additional teams to the club roster, with 13 total teams carded and ready to play. A few adds will be completed. Phil reminded coaches to retain extra cards, once they are depleted they will have to order additional from the league at \$10. Ea. Equipment, game balls, ice packs, etc, available for all teams at the meeting. Coaches need to understand the league handbook. Copies are available in the club as well as at the MIDNJ site. Phil spoke on the current coach suspension. The club needs to approve and sponsor all of our coaches in the club. Effective Sept 1, 2010, the club will be utilizing the finger printing and background checks being done by the recreation dept with a red light/green light policy. They will sponsor 1 coach from each team. Phil also reminded coaches any carded player who moves from one town to another is required to sit a period of 3 games.**

**Review of meeting minutes from January 9, 2010 - approved by Dawn Hutchison**

**Financials - Dawn Farinella reported on the clubs financials. Dawn commented that the winter fundraisers - Pasta Night and Mardi Gras were pretty much a break even and the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Elks was a \$750.00 profit. The current financials that were handed out for review did not include additional Spring registration for late adds, additional candy money to be collected, or ref checks. Also, our first week of canning has been completed, with one more weekend coming up. Laura Readie added that any players that has not paid the candy money/buyout, cards will be pulled until paid. Motion to approve financials, approved by Dom Cirilli**

**Website/Online Registration Dom Cirilli spoke of the clubs moving to online registration via Demosphere. Used by other larger clubs in the area, it will help facilitate registration and other payments, as well as create rosters and reports useful to the overall operation of the club. We are currently in the process of set up**

and customization. Website is up to date with schedules and team info. Any schedule changes should be verified by using the MIDNJ site, as all changes may not be communicated in time for our website to be accurate. It is best to have parents rely on the MIDNJ site.

**Field status/Snack stand** - Bob Sanko reported that field 1 was still wet but Field 2 is painted and ready to go. If weather should be a factor, game cancellation have to made to the league by 10am or 3 hours prior to game time. Scheduler is to report any cancellations to the ref assignor. Bob will send an email to all coaches if the fields should be closed. John Pollizano asked about the dogs for the geese issue. It was discussed that we had the dogs and they did not work. We are currently looking into ways to address the goose issue. We are looking to add an additional game to turf each week. This will cut down on cancelled games due to weather and wear and tear early in the season. We also are securing a mobile snack stand for the turf field. Games at turf can be played at 1:00, 3:00 and 4:30, full sided teams only.

Bob also discussed the snack stand, coaches will be contacted regarding the team assignments for the snack stand.

**Training** - Bill Garner spoke regarding his sons personal experience at the Red Bulls camp. Bill had inquired about club training from the Red Bulls, program discussed by Adrian Moses at early part of the meeting. Also, looking at other trainers for specific needs of our teams, dates, times, etc. Phil Battista asked the coaches present if they are interested in training again, all in favor.

**Public Relations/Upcoming Events** Dawn Hutchison spoke regarding the PR that we are trying to do for the club. Encourage our families to utilize the website for information. Would like to continue getting the club out in the Observer with team profiles. The kids love to read about them and it creates excitement for other kids to want to be a part of the club, too. Rosters will be our main source of information about our members. Dawn provided all coaches with the current rosters to have them check for accuracy. We need parents to get involved, we always need help. Dawn also asked the coaches to support and back our efforts, their support will in turn get our parents involved. Our fundraising eliminates the need to raise our registration, but it doesn't take away the need for our families to get involved and support our efforts. Super 50/50 will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> and run through May. Details to come out shortly.

**Open Issues** - Phil Battista asked for coaches feedback on issues within the club, Dialogue will help make the decision process in the club be more effective. Dawn Farinella spoke regarding the Super 50/50. Laura Sansone said that canning has gone well, one more weekend remaining. She also asked that any buyouts be sent to her.

**Tryouts** - Phil Battista spoke regarding upcoming tryouts for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011 teams. Phil asked for the coaches feedback regarding the tryout process. It was discussed the policy of "everyone make a team". Currently, the bylaws state that

**there is a Pool A and Pool B, and the kids are evaluated separately. This was discussed as being detrimental as it establishes the “divide”. Evaluate all kids together. Discussion was also entertained about an unbiased evaluator, such as trainers to evaluate the kids rather than a current coach. Paul Baldassare commented that the way it had been done in the past the top 10 ranked kids made the team and the coach had the discretion of the remaining 6-8 players he would like to add to the team. Coach has some leeway as to the balance of the team. Chris Marks commented that the all players make it may give the club a more “recreation” soccer feel, for the money. It was brought up the difference is our training.**

**Dom Cirilli reminded the membership that the SAGE meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm.in the cafeteria at the SPHS. Everyone is encouraged to attend, new coaches and one parent representative should attend.**

**Laura Readie asked about the bleachers not being on Field 2, if anyone thought we needed them back. It was agreed the bleachers were not necessary.**

**Laura Readie announced her resignation as president effective May1, 2010.**

**Meeting adjourned - 9:48pm.**