

**Minutes of April 16, 2008  
Fremont Emeralds Board Meeting**

**In Attendance:**

Melanie Elias, Wayne Morroney, Steve & Kari Durbin, Deb Streacker

**Meeting Convened: 5:40 p.m.**

**Topics discussed**

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Fundraisers/Sponsorship
4. ESSL
5. Webmaster
6. Team Representatives
7. Coaches Advisory Board
8. Old Business
9. New Business

**In-Depth Notes**

**Motion to approve minutes as read:**

**Moved: Melanie**

**Seconded: Deb**

**Approved: 5**

**Opposed: 0**

1. **Treasurer's Report** – information compiled by Jacque Foos.

**Checking**

Beginning balance 1/31/08	\$5,343.08
Deposits	\$4,360.00
Payments	\$1,368.37
<b>Ending Balance 3/31/08</b>	<b>\$8,334.71</b>

**Savings**

<b>Beginning balance 12/30/07</b>	<b>\$2,952.82</b>
Quarterly Interest Deposit (Mar Jun, Sep, Dec.)	1.59
<b>Ending Balance 9/28/07</b>	<b>\$2,954.41</b>

<b>Kroger Gift Certificate Program</b>	<b>Loaded</b> (Goal is \$5,000)	<b>\$3,355.00</b>
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**Outstanding expenses to date include:** Little Caesar's fundraiser payment, uniform t-shirts (U6) to FAS.

**Noted by Melanie: Little Caesar's fundraiser earned \$450.00; not as successful as hoped for but practice scheduling, and other factors, created difficulties getting information to coaches/parents. Melanie suggests we attempt again in the fall.**

## 2. Secretary's Report

### **Δ Club Reg – extension of League One**

#### **Advantages of doing this:**

- 1) Decreased volunteer time spent on registering player data; frees up volunteers to work on other club obligations/activities
- 2) Parents can do it directly online themselves

#### **Details:**

- a) allows for parent online registration for \$2.92 fee per registration transaction per season
- b) \$495 initial setup fee waived
- c) Suggested increase in Emeralds fee from \$35.00 to \$40.00 to accommodate online registration fee, SAY insurance increase
- d) Must submit packet asap as 4-6 week setup
- e) Must have tested and in place by June 1 for use for fall registration
- f) Still have paper flyers for those without Internet access and must publicize this on flyer for parent awareness of new procedure
- g) Able to close registration by certain date
- h) Biweekly submission to Emeralds of fees collected
- i) Fees may be collected from credit card or check

#### **Questions to clarify with ACTIVE:**

- a) Is online checking bill payment available?

## 3. Fundraisers/Sponsorship

- a. \$450.00 Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser – will repeat in the fall
- b. Candy bar fundraiser
- c. Clings need to be pushed

## 4. ESSL

- a. 1/09 – SAY will increase insurance fee by \$1.00
- b. 1/10 – increase of another \$1.00

- c. VP says draw process will change regarding information to have in-hand at draw.
  - d. Final rosters and money for reconciliation needed
  - e. British Soccer Camp information provided by Wayne to hand out to all U10 teams and above.
  - f. Spring Fling – 38 teams, attendance down
  - g. Discussion of moving spring soccer season due to weather issues; more details coming; potential issues include that moving season back would compete with baseball games (and not just practices)
  - h. Woodmore and Port Clinton change of game locations; information passed on to coaches and parents (Thank you, Nancy.)
  - i. SAY approved new rule: quarters of play by age level; more info forthcoming
  - j. Oak Harbor East and Oak Harbor West – discussion regarding joining the 2 districts as one; further information in the future.
  - k. **Fingerprinting** - Any coaches and assistant coaches not residents of the state for 5 years must have both BCI and FBI fingerprinting done. (Emeralds organization will reimburse a coach to have both done.)
4. **Webmaster**
- a. Starting to put up game highlights and pictures.
5. **Coaches Advisory Board**
- a. Summer Clinic or British Soccer Camp?
  - b. Continuation of U6 teams – discussion centered on it being more instructive and fun for this age group rather than a competitive one.  
**Concern by Melanie:** what are Emeralds providing that is anything different than any other available programs?
  - d. Need to schedule a CAB meeting to discuss above issues.
6. **Old Business**
- a. **Memorial Day Parade – Melanie to contact Annette Hossler**
7. **Publicity**
1. Will need to publicize Club Reg online registration once finalized to make sure that people know how to register for fall season.
  2. Also need to prepare flyers for fall season – registration to begin June 1. Expand flyer circulation to include other local areas.
8. **New Business**
- Δ General Discussion**
- a. Must compare (after all bills reconciled) to one year ago to see how we can / should absorb any additional costs for next seasons (Club Reg, SAY insurance increases, etc.)

- b. Coaches Clinic – open to ESSL district coaches – push-pass seminar (45 mins. – for free) (Ken Alfilar) **(Melanie to investigate).**
- c. Tim Ellenberger and Charles Valone (along with 2 others) will do Coaches Clinic
- d. Send out fall flyers to Old Fort, Tiffin, Gibsonburg, Lindsey, Bellevue (contact first and then take flyer to approve). Get numbers of classes/students.

**e. New Board Members**

- a. Voting in new President, Vice President in May
- b. Nominees:
  - i. President: Kari Durbin
  - ii. Vice President: Rhonda Taylor
  - iii. Correspondence Secretary: Denise Hamrick (not an elected)

**f. Banquet Information**

- 1) Committee meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Recommended banquet dates: 5/21, 5/27 – Board prefers 5/21 date, concern that attendance would be low following Holiday weekend.
- 3) Location – Lindsey Park
- 4) 5:30 arrival, dinner at 6:00 followed by trophy presentations
- 5) **Menu:**
  - a) potluck (main dishes possibly assigned by alphabetical order)
  - b) Arthur Treacher's – hot dog & French fries - \$3.00  
Hamburger & French fries - \$3.50 (plate, napkin, food provided)  
Teams supplement with side dishes, desserts and drinks
  - c) No contract or deposit needed w/ #2
  - d) Emeralds pay for player meals, families pay their own – use ticket system (different colored tickets for players vs. parents/families)
  - e) Will need following supplies:
    - 1) tickets?
    - 2) paper plates, napkins
    - 3) PA system – Deb/SJCC to provide
  - f) Committee soliciting door prizes
  - g) Trophies selected @ \$5.50 each (number needed)
  - h) Committee needs final rosters of player names for trophy engraving (rosters provided to Wayne at meeting)

**g. Direction of club**

1) Wayne suggests splitting off teams to play at higher levels

**Considerations:**

2) Will need more coaches

3) Would need a separate committee/board to administer travel play/organization.

**In favor: 4**

**Opposed: 0**

**Δ Volunteer Recruitment**

a. Need to contact people personally to solicit commitment

**Δ SAY Grant**

a. Jacque provided budget information; **Melanie to pursue from here.**

**Δ Next board meeting: May 28, 2008**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Melanie**

**Seconded: Deb**

**Favor: 4**

**Opposed: 0**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.**

