

**Minutes of June 27, 2007  
Fremont Emeralds Board Meeting**

**In Attendance:**

Wayne Morroney, Nancy Morroney, Melanie Elias, Danielle Armstrong, Mary Ickes, Mindy Miller, Kim Thompson, Deb Streacker

**Meeting Convened: 6:40 p.m.**

**Topics Discussed:**

- 1) Treasurer's Report
- 2) Secretary's Report
- 3) ESSL Invitation
  - 3a) Player loss and retention
- 4) Team Pictures
- 5) Publicity
- 6) Miscellaneous
  - 6a) Banquet report
  - 6b) Parade report
  - 6c) Uniform order
  - 6d) Field space
  - 6e) Summer clinic
  - 6f) Tournaments
  - 6g) Fall Registration
  - 6h) Nominations/Elections
- 7) Coaches Advisory Board
- 8) Emeralds By-Laws

**In-Depth Notes:**

Minutes from previous meeting approved as recorded.

**Moved: Melanie**

**Seconded: Wayne**

**1) Treasurer's Report**

Checking End Balance - \$3,300 approx  
Savings End Balance - \$2,900 approx  
Kroger Program - \$ 300 approx

- a) Sharon Fox stepping down as Treasurer in fall so organization is in need of replacement.

b) Nancy contacting Jacque Foos as possible replacement.

## 2) Secretary's Report

All mailings are completed and thank you's are mailed.

## 3) ESSL Invitation

a) Emeralds are 1-1/2 yrs into our 2-year probationary period and have been invited to join ESSL League.

b) Issues regarding organization of ESSL:

1) Fees per player – still confusing; Wayne & Nancy trying to clarify

c) ESSL is not the only league option

d) by joining ESSL, we would be able to play in the local fall tournament.

e) no consequences for not joining, can continue as now but must have a sponsor district.

f) Wayne and Nancy checking to see if there would be repercussions for leaving league if we join and then decide against being in the ESSL.

g) If we join ESSL, all coaches and assistant coaches must be electronically fingerprinted – Mindy checking on cost and question regarding coaches/board members already fingerprinted.

1) If this must be done, Nancy in favor of Emeralds paying the fee for electronic fingerprinting.

h) Next ESSL meeting – July 10, 2007

Number of Emeralds Teams: 7

2 U6 Teams

i) Preliminary rosters and fees submitted to SAY by 7/17/07.

**j) Motion to join ESSL tabled until July meeting pending input from other board members.**

## 3a) Player loss and retention

Why are Emeralds losing players to other teams?

Possibly:

Δ more qualified coaches

- Δ players who want to be challenged
- Δ parents impatient with son/daughter's playing time/frequency

#### **4. Team Pictures**

- a) Suggested that team pictures be done in fall so parents may wear buttons entire year
- b) Mary Ickes suggested that if we change from Dummering as photographer to someone else, that it be someone that patronizes the Emeralds.
- c) Suggestion made to solicit names of potential team photographer at Parent Informational Meeting in fall.

#### **5. Publicity**

- a) Ad in Town Saver
- b) Nancy to coordinate ads in New-Messenger, Clyde Enterprise, and Advertiser-Tribune (Tiffin)

#### **6. Miscellaneous**

##### **6a. Banquet**

- Δ Approximately 300 people in attendance – good turnout

##### **6b. Memorial Day Parade**

- Δ Approximately 30-40 players, parents, and siblings
- Δ Possibility of using flat-bed trailer next time with cooler for water, more candy (and spacing it out to last to end of parade)

##### **6c. Uniform Order Day – July 10, 2007**

##### **6d. Field Space for U8 Teams**

- Δ Wayne's company, Alkon, has offered a field large enough to accommodate U10 and 2 U8 teams for practices.

##### **Δ Conditions are:**

- √ Must be maintained, mowed properly (Wayne seeking quote) – this may be a one-year proposition as company is expanding
- √ Field layout, striping etc. is Emerald's responsibility
- √ Need to look into other options ie:
  - a) Terra CC soccer fields
  - b) Otis soccer fields
  - c) SJCC Athletic complex mentioned (but too far off in development)
  - d) Ross H.S. soccer fields

### 6e. Summer Clinic

- Δ Low turnout – approximately 24 kids
- Δ Reasons for poor turnout:
  - √ Soccer burnout
  - √ Kids exploring other sports possibilities, camps, etc.
  - √ Vacations
- Δ Suggested that it be changed to a fall clinic
- Δ Use fall clinic as a means of getting kids excited about upcoming season
- Δ Melanie suggested possibly making it a 4 hour per day, 3 consecutive day type camp
  - Alkon Corp. paying for cost of t-shirts for campers
  - Have had a number of new players attend and register for Emeralds fall soccer season.

### 6f. Tournaments

- Δ Kim, Danielle, Mary reported that they were impressed with the level of play they encountered at the tournament level.
- Δ Mary believed that Emeralds players were overconfident and realized that there was a higher level of competition than they expected.
- Δ Fact that not all players present impacted Emeralds play.
- Δ However, Emeralds held their own in competition.

### 6g. Fall Registration

- 1) Nancy reported the following with regard to fall registration:
  - a) U6 – 18 players
  - b) BU8 – 16 players = (2) teams this age group
  - c) GU8 – 10 players
  - d) BU10 – 17 players
  - e) GU10 – 15 players
  - f) U12 – 14 players
  - g) U14 – 9 players

### 6h. Nominations/Elections

<b>Nominated:</b> Melanie Elias as President	Accepted
Brian Meadows as Vice President	Accepted
Treasurer	Pending
Debra Streacker as Secretary	Accepted

There were no other nominations.

## **7. Coaches Advisory Board**

1. The Executive Board feels it a positive move to form a Coaches Advisory Board to assist it in decision-making regarding internal soccer issues. Currently the CAB consists of:

Ms. Melanie Elias  
Mr. Tim Ellenberger  
Mr. Steve Llewellyn  
Mr. Phil Collison

The CAB is charged with advising the Emeralds Executive Board on topics pertinent to the Emeralds organization including, but not necessarily limited to:

- a) Parent : Coach : Referee issues
- b) Decisions regarding players moving up
- b) Overall issues dealing directly with the sport, such as coaching, training and team development

CAB would advise Executive Board as to its recommendations in these areas. Executive Board would make decision based on CAB's input.

### **Mindy moves to form Coaches Advisory Board.**

**In favor: 8**

**Opposed: 0**

2. Coaches Advisory Board has already suggested policy for moving players up. This policy reads as follows:
- a) Parent must make the initial request. Coaches should not be recruiting from younger teams.
  - b) Player must be no more than one year younger than the age in which they would be playing up.
  - c) Both coaches (that of the team being left and that of the team they wish to join) must approve.
  - d) Player's abilities must be comparable to the team they wish to join.
  - e) Player's physical size must be taken into consideration for safety's sake.
  - f) Consideration should be given to those with siblings on the older team.
  - g) Consideration should be given to whether this move could be beneficial or detrimental to both teams and the Club as a whole.

**Move to Adopt Policy for moving players up: Deb**  
**Seconded: Melanie**  
**In Favor: 8**  
**Opposed: 0**

**8. Revising of Emeralds By-Laws**

- 1) Wayne suggested that the By-Laws need revisions.
- 2) Tabled entering specifics regarding Coaches Advisory Board into By-Laws until such time as revisions take place.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 2007**  
**6:30 p.m. at US Bank**