

**Minutes of August 20, 2007
Fremont Emeralds Board Meeting**

In Attendance:

Brian Meadows, Nancy Morroney, Tammy Calhoun, Jacque Foos, Melanie Elias, Deb Streacker, Mindy Miller

Meeting Convened: 6:32 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 (CAB)
8. Old Business
9. New Business

In-Depth Notes

Motion to approve minutes as read: Nancy

Seconded: Deb

Approved:

Opposed:

1. **Treasurer's Report** – information compiled by Jacque Foos
 Δ As of July 31, 2007, the following is held by the Fremont Emerald Soccer Club:

Checking

Ending balance 7/31/07 \$7,019.18

Savings

Ending Balance 7/31/07 \$2, 949.08

Kroger Gift

\$1,885.00

Certificate Program (Goal is \$5,000)

Δ Jacque Foos to check on switching Croghan accounts over from Sharon to her. Melanie will need to sign for account as well.

Δ Families w/ 3 players will be given 50% off 3rd player's fees. Melanie suggests beginning to apply this policy with Spring season fees.

Moved: Nancy

Seconded: Brian

Approved: 7

Opposed: 0

2. Secretary's Report

Δ Deb reports League One is the official online registration program preferred by SAY – this is the editable one. Training is 2 hours on phone in front of computer. She is looking at dates for completing this training.

Δ Website has been updated with scrolling information, team practice and game schedules and coaches' contact information. Deb notes that Tammy Calhoun did an excellent job setting up the site initially which made it very easy to update.

3. Fundraisers/Sponsorship

Δ Need someone in charge of fundraising – will seek a Parent volunteer @ Information night.

Δ Also need someone to take over Kroger Card Program

Δ Cedar Point Booster Bucks – “One Day Commitment Program”
419-627-2241

Δ Start scheduling in May for fall

Δ Last week of August (every Sunday after that)

Δ Adding Saturdays (but booked)

Δ Sending information to Deb (on other programs at CP as well.)

Δ Will follow-up at subsequent meetings to get on schedule for next fall.

4. ESSL

Δ Nancy reported the following:

Δ SAY and ESSL fees are due for U6's and up. Final clarification is that we pay SAY for all new players that did not play in spring (new for fall).

Δ After first game weekend, if we add new kids will need to send a second check to SAY for other new players. Final rosters must be included as well.

Δ Tiffin wants to join ESSL, but distance is prohibitive for most ESSL teams. SAY recommends Tiffin apply to be its own area. If Fremont was its own district, and we wanted to join Tiffin, we would have to get permission from ESSL to join Tiffin area. Email from Bob Berfield indicates that if we don't join ESSL, then it's possible the ESSL can come into the Fremont area and try to start a new league (other than the Emeralds).

Δ Deb noted that there are games at Bowling Green and Old Fort on our schedules. Per previous meeting minutes, we informed ESSL that if BG wanted to play us, they were to contact us and come here to play. (1 BG game for U10 Boys, 1 BG game and 1 OF game for U14s). Neither Nancy nor Wayne Morroney was consulted prior to adding these games to our schedules. Melanie to inform ESSL that we did not choose to play Old Fort or BG. **Question:** will we be forced to forfeit and will this affect our tournament opportunities?

Δ Coaches names and phone numbers posted on ESSL website for coaches to contact each other. From here on out, any schedule changes for games will be made between Melanie as President, Diane Brandt, Bill Lagrou.

Δ Area Tournament Dates: October 20, 21, 27 & 28

Δ State Tournament Dates: November 10, 11, 17 & 18

Δ **Coaches Code of Conduct** needs to be signed and turned into Melanie and kept on file.

Δ No ESSL Fall Kickoff due to lack of interest.

Δ British Soccer Camp: 45 in attendance this year vs. 109 last year. Student instruction wasn't at a level that benefited our kids.

Δ Suggestion to put parents on same side of field as team in order to control parent confrontations, rather than have both sets of fans on same side.

Δ From August meeting, if Emeralds form their own District, Board members will be covered under Board insurance. ESSL membership will allow us to participate in tournaments at end of season.

Δ Discussion of the “benefits” of joining; some members hesitant to join, not sure tournament play is that important to players/parents; discussion on importance of kids playing in tournaments. At end of spring out of 22 U14 players, 14 played in Medina tournaments. Would there be fewer players on the younger teams?

√ Brian Meadows suggests polling parents to find out how important tournament play is to them.

Δ Further discussion indicated that members present may be more comfortable joining the ESSL after further review and additional experiencing of ESSL policies in action.

Motion to vote on becoming a district in ESSL: Melanie

Paper vote taken:

Yes Votes to become a district in ESSL: 1

No Votes to become a district in ESSL: 6

Board defers to become its own district within the ESSL until a possible later date.

Δ Next ESSL meeting: September 12, 2007 (6:30 pm) at SJCC; awaiting confirmation on this location.

5. Webmaster

Δ Deb reports that the website is updated.

Δ Nancy requests the following change be made to the online registration form: c/o UPS Store Box 191.

6. Team Representatives

Δ Originally, Nancy split phone calls (Team Mgr) and folders (Team Reps)

Δ Team representatives are those that also attend Board meetings to act as liaisons between team and Board.

Δ U14 – Need volunteers

Δ U12

√ Team Rep: Tammy Calhoun (folders)

√ Team Mgr: Nancy Morroney (phone calls)

- Δ **U10 Boys** – Need volunteers
- Δ **U10 Girls**
 - √ Team Mgr: Kelly Young
- Δ **U8 Girls**
 - Δ Team Rep: Karen Meadows
- Δ **U8 Boys** – Need volunteers
- Δ **U6 Teams** – Need volunteers
- 7. **Coaches Advisory Board**
 - Δ Planned meeting in September.
 - Δ One issue: when to join Northwest to put travel teams together.
 - √ Nancy reports that ESSL is discussing limiting the number of travel kids per rec. Emeralds must be careful to have strongly established program before creating a traveling team.
- 8. **Old Business**
 - Δ **Interclub communication** – nothing to report.
 - Δ **Publicity – nothing to report.**
 - Δ Next publicity will be Indoor Soccer program at YMCA.
 - Δ **Fall Registration**
 - Δ Status of U6s: 3 teams created: Doug Ronski, Melanie Elias, and need another coach. Melanie to seek volunteer at Parent Information mtg.
 - Δ Referees: mostly student referees (could we promote this to U14s?)
 - Δ Melanie to check on Jason Sidell as a possible ref. Chris Carpenter another possibility.
 - Δ Previously Board discussed idea of having pictures taken in fall. Melanie to solicit parent volunteers at Parent Meeting to do this.
- 9. **New Business**
 - Δ **General Discussion**
 - 1) Trophies – not for fall
 - 2) Potluck – not for fall
 - Δ **Parents Meeting**
 - Δ August 23, 24, 25

Δ Labor Day Parade

Δ Not enough time to organize

Δ Seek volunteer at Parent Information Meeting for Memorial Day Parade and 08 Labor Day parade.

Δ Motion to reimburse Steve Llewellyn for soccer balls he bought for club

Moved: Deb
Seconded: Nancy
Approved: 7
Opposed: 0

Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m., September 24, 2007
SJCC Media Center, 3rd Floor

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Moved: Nancy
Seconded: Brian
All in favor: 7
Opposed: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.