

DC Stoddert Soccer Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

January 11, 2006

I. Election of Officers

- The following state of officers was re-elected for one year:
 - David Repka, Chairman
 - David Sarley, Vice-Chairman
 - Robert Hartheimer, Treasurer
 - Jennifer Hillman, Secretary

II. Committee Assignments

- Committee assignments were made.
- Additional committee volunteers are needed, particularly from the Open Commissioners.
- A new Development Committee is being formed. Cindy Dunbar agreed to serve as Chair. Tom Gross will seek *volunteers* with development experience to serve on the committee.
- Open Committee priorities were discussed as listed below.
- Committees should meet in February
- The Open Training and Coach Development Committee took the following action: evaluate the current state of clinics to determine which are successful (from the standpoint of attendance and effectiveness) and recommend any changes for Fall 06.

III. Financial Report

- Bob Hartheimer presented financial statements for 2005. The statements show the organization finished this year with modest net income and under budget for the year.
- The 2006 budget is in progress. There will be a meeting to finalize the budget in January.

IV. Fields Committee

- Reports are that Palisades, Fort Reno, and Shepard will be off-line for Spring 2006. Charlie Myers is exploring alternatives.
- Field load for NCSL/WAGS is due in early February. This will be discussed at the Travel Summit on January 28. A meeting to prepare the field load is tentatively set for February 1, at 7:30.
- An introduction meeting has been scheduled at DPR on January 24. David Repka, Rick Gersten, Charlie Myers, Tom Gross and Kate English will attend.
- Initiatives to contact schools for spring field use were discussed. Actions must be taken in January to meet the field load schedule.

V. Open Committee

- Alistair Gellatly has become Chairman.
- Action items are:
 - Meet with T. Heath to set the syllabus for the February 28 Volunteer Parent Referee course.
 - Meet with the High School division to discuss referee, rules, and conduct issues.
 - Work with Tom Gross and Mary Smith to monitor compliance with the Spring registration timeline (there will be a kick-off Open Commissioner event on February 9).
 - Complete the compilation of field set-up information to capture “corporate knowledge.”

VI. Travel Committee

- Kate English reported on several mid-season coaching changes.
- Emphasis must be applied to hold tryouts for teams with rosters less than 16.
- The Travel Summit will continue on January 28, at Cindy Dunbar’s house. Kate will report on the Raleigh seminar on club development and explain her recommendations for Travel program structure changes. All interested Board members are welcome.

VII. Other

- The Board re-iterated the Camp Policy adopted in June 2005 (attached). The Policy defines and restricts use of the club resources (*e.g.*, mailing lists, blast e-mails) to promote camps and clinics.
- DC Stoddert and DC United will sponsor a camp at the RFK auxiliary fields in June, open to all players.
- A task force is needed to take on the 30th Anniversary, which will be in 2007.
- Len Oliver discussed a fundraising idea.
- David Repka outlined discussions surrounding the web site and explained his vision for improvement. Many advised extreme caution in the area of Open registration and the database. A task force is needed to explore the issue. Tom Gross will seek *volunteers* with IT background.

Attachment

June 1, 2005

CAMP POLICY

The following will apply to all Office Staff, Contractors, Commissioners or others connected with DC Stoddert Soccer League, Inc. (DCSSL). This is intended as a fair and balanced approach to notifying the club's membership about camps, clinics, or similar soccer training activities.

Stoddert Web Site

- (1) We will have a page for camp/clinic information. Mary Smith will maintain the web site information. It will consist of a link that lists a standard set of information for the camps, and will be limited to camps run by DCSSL coaches (either the coach owns the camp or is the lead instructor).
- (2) The following are acceptable fields for the link:
 1. Date(s) of camp
 2. Time of camp
 3. Location of camp
 4. Cost of camp
 5. Coaching Staff: short (<35 words) bio that includes the licenses held and DCSSL teams coached by the coach being profiled (e.g., Coaches DCSSL U-12 Demons & DCSSL GU-17 Screechers)
 6. Goal of Camp: No more than 50 words providing guidance as to the appropriate player ("better for non-travel players")
- (3) The Developmental Camps run at DCSSL request by Karen Kelsner and Sona Walla will receive front page notices on the web site.

Stoddert Mail List/Labels — "Blast E-Mails"

- (1) We will consider selling a label set to any camp, regardless of coaching status. We will no longer accept "scholarships" in exchange for labels.
- (2) Karen Kelsner and Sona Walla do not need to pay for labels for the Developmental Camps.
- (3) We will not do "blast e-mails" (other than the Coaches Bulletin) for camps other than the Developmental Camps. We will do e-mails for the Developmental camps, if appropriate.
- (4) Open Commissioners must not "end-run" this policy by sending their own notices to their division.

Newsletter

- (1) DCSSL will sell ads in the Newsletter to any legitimate camp.

Coaches Bulletin

- (1) We will not run notices or other “plugs” for camps or clinics in the “Coaches Bulletin” other than notices for official DCSSL activities (which currently consist of clinics, but not camps). Len will periodically include references to the web site for information on camps.