

**DC Stoddert Soccer League
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
June 13, 2007**

I. Consent Items

The Board approved the minutes of the May meeting.

The Board discussed the 2008 budget, which was the subject of a line by line review by the officers and Finance Committee. Following the discussion of several specific items in the budget, including the presentation with the general expenses allocated to Travel and to Open, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget.

The Board then turned to the Financial Policies and Procedures, which had been distributed in draft in May. The procedures outline the process used to maintain financial records, pay bills, register payments, pay employees, make tax filings and reconcile bank statements. Following a discussion of the procedures, they were adopted unanimously by the Board.

II. Reports

A. Administrator's Report

Tom Gross reported first on the outstanding work that Walt Anderson had done in terms of training, assigning and mentoring the referees this past season. After discussion of the referee program, the Board approved a bonus for Walt with thanks for his work in directing the referee program, monitoring the refs on the field, and taking over the role of referee assignor.

Tom noted that there would be a FIFA 9 referee course held on July 28th. The FIFA 9 satisfies the STAR requirement and permits referees to serve as assistant referees for Open and Travel games or to serve as center refs for up to U14 Open games.

Tom then reported on the highlights of the spring season, the 61st season of Stoddert play, with no rain outs and good attendance at the 30th anniversary soccer fest at Jelleff on the last day of the season.

Plans are in the works for a 30th Anniversary gala dinner to be held at Cindy Dunbar's home in September. The Board would like to kick off a fundraising campaign and to build support and appreciation on the occasion of the leagues' 30th year.

Tom then outlined the schedule for the fall season, with registration having already opened, late fees kicking in during the second week of July and going up on the 1st of August. The season will open on September 8th, with play on Columbus Day weekend.

B. Fields

1. UDC

The Board heard a report on the status of the negotiations with UDC. The final deal is expected to call for approximately \$400,000 from Stoddert, \$200,000 of which would be financed and \$200,000 of which would come from reserves.

2. Deal

Upgrades to the field are expected to be included in the final \$51 million school renovation package. Current plans call for the creation of a surface that is ready for artificial turf. For a solid long-term use agreement, Stoddert would commit to raise funds for the turfing.

3. High School Fields

Charlie Myers, Len Oliver and Tom discussed the plans by the Washington Sports and Entertainment Commission to put artificial turf on 3 high school fields this summer — Wilson, Roosevelt and Coolidge. Seven other schools are to be done in the coming years. The Board discussed the desirability of seeking improvements and/or turf at Francis, Deal, Tacoma and Ft. Stevens as part of this “Field of Dreams” program, if at all possible.

4. Kennilworth/Parkside

The renovated, full sized field (with lights) is to be dedicated this summer. Stoddert representatives are planning to attend the dedication and to request permits to use that field.

C. Director of Coaching

Len Oliver outlined a number of recent and upcoming activities, including an E license course, with 30 signed up and a D course with 17 already enrolled.

He noted that the subsidy program for rec coaches to bring in professional coaches for 3 practices with Stoddert subsidizing the professional coaching fees had been only somewhat utilized last spring.

In terms of player development clinics, the boys had 42 in attendance and the girls had 60. The program for U-8 boys and girls had 16 regular attendees.

The open goalie clinic on Sunday at the beginning of the season was very well attended but the travel goalie clinics had not been. It is possible that the time for those clinics will be moved away from Saturday and possibly scheduled in and around regular mid-week travel team practices.

D. Open Committee

Greg Robb discussed the agenda items that the Open Committee is continuing to address in light of the strategic planning efforts: coaching, player retention, community and outreach, and strategic development. The committee is working on the development of actions plans for each area.

III. Status of Jelleff

Dave Repka outlined status of efforts to sell or redevelop Jelleff. The Jelleff Board is opposed to the changes and would prefer the status quo. Stoddert is trying to consistently reinforce the message that we cannot afford to lose recreational space in this part of the city and that whatever happens to the space, it is critical that we keep space for recreation — the field and gym space, both of which are very heavily utilized.

IV. Executive Session

The Board discussed the need to further examine management and organization issues.