

Fond du Lac Soccer Association Board Meeting

March 19, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Fond du Lac Soccer Association (FDLSA) Board was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Room G of the Fond du Lac City/County Government Center at 160 S. Macy Street. Members present were: Don Wirtz, Mike Kobicic, Anne Thelen, Mark Daniels, Donovan Heavener, Ange Schneider, Renee Herrick, Paco Delatorre, and Dave Moehn. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the February FDLSA Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

The February 20, 2008 Financial Report was approved. Recreation league registrations and payments are coming in. Also, the Fox Valley Unified Soccer Club has two bounced checks from last year. Donovan Heavener has emailed their contact, Rhonda Graphos, two times regarding this issue. Donovan also reviewed current open invoices, which are as follows:

- 1) Fond du Lac Rotary Club
- 2) Ma & Pa's for \$500 (Write this off.)
- 3) Schneider Lawn Care for \$100
- 4) Taylor Davies for \$50 (Write this off.)

AGM Report: Don Wirtz reported that the two big issues are unemployment compensation and sales tax as it affects youth sports. The sales tax issue affects youth players and the fees that they pay for youth sports. These fees are to be taxed, it will be up to the IRS and how far they choose to pursue this issue. This will affect all youth sports.

East Central Report: Michael Kobicic indicated that the East Central (EC) Soccer League passed a motion to allow classic level players to move laterally and up when they play as guest players. This means that a U13 National League player could play for another U13 National-level team as well as for a U14 American League team.

The other main item discussed was a Coaches Misconduct Policy where the EC will investigate any issues. Mike has forwarded the minutes from East Central to FDLSA Board Members.

Recreation Coordinator Report: Renee Herrick and Paco Delatorre report that we are still very low on sponsors for teams this year. It was felt that we would need someone to call potential sponsors based on a list compiled from last season. Paco indicated that he could handle this task through his office.

The Recreation League team selection meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Contorno Surfaces Inc. (Paco's business) at 15 North Main Street.

Financial aid requests received by the FDLSA Board have increased this year. Donovan will get these names to Renee and Paco. It was suggested that the financial aid

from should be on the Rec. League Page on the website. Mark Daniels will check on this.

Coach's gift: Every year the FDLA Board gives a gift to individuals who volunteer their time to coach. The three gifts considered are; a coach's shirt with the FDLA Logo, a stopwatch, and a clipboard with the FDLA Logo. Both the shirts and the clipboards fall into the \$10 to \$12 range. The consensus of the board was that the FDLA explore the shirts further.

Rules for the Co-Ed Rec. League (U16 to U19): Proposed rule adaptations include allowing a goal scored by a girl to count as 2, no slide tackling, no goal keeper substitution before a penalty kick, and a goal limit of 3 per player per game. Discussion then focused on Law #12 Fouls and Misconduct on whether the statement on player aggression should be included or not (Law #12, second sentence). It was decided to remove the statement, but to make referees aware of this topic in the referee meeting.

Travel Coordinator: Will skip the Travel Coordinator Report because Greg Winkler has a girl's soccer meeting at Fond du Lac High School and is unable to attend the FDLA Board Meeting.

Grounds & Maintenance Report: Don Wirtz reported that the fields aren't even remotely close to being ready for soccer. He indicated that Field #1 still has snow around the goals and that the fields may be ready by mid-April (if we're lucky). Don also mentioned net replacement on the soccer fields, noting that at least 4 new nets are needed on the U10 fields. The maintenance garage on the FDLA Soccer Complex also needs repair as the siding and corners are damaged. Don will attempt to find volunteers to make the necessary donations/repairs.

Precision Lock checked the locks to the FDLA Soccer Buildings and will make the necessary changes so that all of the locks to the facility will use the same key and that all travel coaches will have bathroom keys (bathroom keys would only open the bathrooms and not the garage or other facilities). Don indicated that this can be done for under \$300 and will submit a motion on this item at a later time.

The lawn equipment has been maintained and oil changes have been made. Don is also exploring purchase of a "gator" or similar product. The cost of a demo unit for the FDLA would run between \$5000 and \$7000 approximately and price would depend on the brand. Don Wirtz made a motion that the FDLA purchase a demo model of a "gator" or comparable vehicle for use on the FDLA Soccer Complex for no more than \$7200. Ange Schneider provided a second on the motion and the FDLA Board passed the motion.

The questions of whether the FDLA would allow practices on the Moraine Park side of the soccer complex was raised and it was indicated that practices would be allowed on fields #13 & #14 as well as on the UW-Fond du Lac Fields, but not until they dry out and are ready. An email will be sent to the travel coaches indicating that they need to stay off of the fields until further notice.

Don also noted that the paint for the soccer fields has arrived.

Tournament Coordinator Report: Donovan Heavener indicated that we are still accepting registrations and that we could still use some minor sponsors.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Referee pay scale & game card/envelope change:** The referee pay scale issue was tabled until a later time because the FDLSA Board did not have enough information. It was felt that we would move forward with the change from game cards to game envelopes this season.
- 2. Workers compensation & liability insurance findings:** Terry Becker and Fond du Lac Insurance have a liability insurance policy that would cover the field maintenance staff at a cost of \$450 per year. Tom Rottman would pay for this, and the FDLSA would have the option of providing a “bonus” that would cover the cost to him and his staff. Mike Kobicic will email the policy to FDLSA Board members for review.
- 3. Concession Stand Agreement with the Fondy High Booster Club:** The Fond du Lac Booster Club would man the concession stand for games during the FDL HS Girl’s soccer season at \$25 per night. (Other discussion on the concession stand focused on travel teams taking the stand and an individual that Don Wirtz was contacted by volunteering some time working in the concession stand.) These items were tabled until a later time.

New Business

- 1. Chicago Fire Camp update:** Tentative date is the last week of July for Rec. and Travel Teams and the first week of August for High School Teams. The FDLSA could make some profit on this through field use fees. Will also need a volunteer to take registrations and to work with the Fire setting this up. (Adam Dee is the Chicago Fire representative in charge of camps.)
- 2. Coaches Meeting Prep:** The travel/rec. league coaches meeting is on April 16, 2008 at the Fond du Lac Performing Arts Center.
- 3. Operation Soccer Ball:** Donovan Heavener shared this initiative with the FDLSA Board. It involves providing “gently used” soccer balls through the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association to children in Iraq. It was suggested that the FDLSA should provide some of the FDL soccer balls stored in the maintenance garage to this initiative.
- 4. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Opportunity:** Donovan Heavener mentioned that Pizza Ranch has a fundraiser where youth and their parents “run” the restaurant. It may be a good fund-raiser for travel teams!
- 5. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 16th, 2008 at Fond du Lac High School, 801 Campus Drive at 8:00 pm (after the coach’s meeting).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Thelen (second provided by Donovan Heavener). The March FDLSA board meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Dave Moehn, Secretary