



August 28, 2003

Highland Soccer Club Meeting

1. Mike welcomes new clubs into the club. States how we are trying to find young teams to come into the club in an attempt to keep the clubs longevity. Mike mentions we are trying to find a coach for a U8-U10 girls team. Ask members to try and find volunteer coaches for these age groups.
2. Carding players – Mike mentions how strict Carol is going to be on reviewing player packets. Warns coaches who haven't already carded players to make sure everything is perfect before submitting packet. Need outstanding packets by Sunday in order to guarantee having cards for first game. Peter made reference to the league contact meeting (LCM) he attended that there will be fines imposed if a team can't play the first game due to not having their players carded. Bill mentions concerns to Wendy about her player's cards because of the water stains on a few of the cards. Mike had a player's pass rejected due to water stains.
3. Handbook – reminds everyone the importance of reading the league handbook on-line.
4. Game day – Mike states, games can not be canceled. You must have a darn good reason to cancel. You must provide at least a 2 week notice for a cancellation. Same thing if it is raining on game day. Mike will check fields for playability. The fields will have to be very bad in order to cancel. Mike will call home field coach if the game is to be cancelled, coaches shouldn't call Mike. If you're at the field and the weather gets worse, it will be the referee's decision to proceed or cancel. Peter refers to the LCM. He stressed they spent 45 minutes discussing cancellation of games due to weather. They also stated at the LCM that **BOTH** coaches should start Sunday night to try and come up with dates to reschedule. Being the away coach is no excuse for not getting a game rescheduled. The league suggested doing everything via email as to create a paper trail. CC Mike on email correspondence when you are trying to reschedule. Not rescheduling timely will cause a double forfeit and \$100 fine. Mike states the club is not responsible for the \$100, the individual teams are.
5. Fields – Hillside park and Goodale are ready to go. Evergreen still needs to be lined. Mickey will call all the Green coaches and have them get together this weekend. Small goals will get delivered this weekend to Hillside. Mike reminds everybody for the last team on Sunday to put the flags by the sheds. Eric states that we should buy each coach a set of flags. Mike stated we discussed that last



season and too many coaches were opposed. Mike will set the flags Sunday morning.

6. Uniforms – Mike stated we voted on new club colors. The majority of the vote was for Maroon and White. Bill organized 9 teams to buy uniforms from Sportsphere for approx. \$22/player saving the parents approx. \$3,000. By September 2004 every team has to be in compliance with the new club colors.
7. Web site – Mike asks if we want to continue having the web site. Mike asked the coaches to see if there are any parents who want to get involved helping with the web site on a weekly basis. We may want to post Sunday game cancellations. Bill mentions coaches personal email provider may provide free website space. The teams can create their own web site and John can provide a link on the club's site to the individual team's site. Dave Snyder expressed concern with parents being involved with the web site. The concern is over the content that may get posted. Mike and Bill mentioned the parents would just be a committee. Prior to posting something on the site it would have to be approved. Ed Kazar mentions the MCYSA site has the majority of information that he needs. Ed states he would get rid of the site. Peter is in favor of keeping site. Dave thought we should keep the site for the posting of the meeting minutes. Eric thought of publishing articles on nutrition. The thought was to keep the site for at least a year.
8. Referee reimbursement – a very lengthy discussion took places pointing out the pro's and con's. Bill pointed out the following: the increase in referee reimbursement from \$225 to \$480 will cost EVERY player in the club approx. \$4. The club would then either have to raise the registration fee from \$50 to \$54 or keep the reg. fees the same and just recognize that the money being added to the equipment fund is going to be that much less. Mike made a motion to reimburse U17 – U19 teams a full reimbursement of referee fees (currently \$480/season). This will be self policed with any unused money being turned back into the club at the end of the season. Chris Pierson seconded the motion. Every present at the meeting voted yes.
9. Registration fee – Mike brought up for discussion raising the fees by \$10 to \$60, but the fee would include a full home and away uniform. In the long run this would save the players a lot of money. Every year the teams would get new uniforms. Dave Snyder objected to this idea. Paul Altenburg stated that even a \$75 fee that includes a uniform would be a bargain. Mike strongly pled for the club to vote on lowering the fees.



10. Spring end of season party – Mike threw out the idea of an end of season party for the club. Most coaches seemed to rather do their own individual parties.
11. Tournament – Chris Pierson discussed running a small sided tournament. Mike suggested Chris investigate the idea further.
12. Filing as a 501 (c) (3) corp. – Dave mentioned he found an attorney, Karen Plasa (spelling ?) that would do the paper work necessary to get our club registered for \$100. Dave passed on he information to Mike for him to follow up with her. The floor was given to Lynn to discuss what is necessary to do to get a 501(c) (3) status. Mentioned to Dave that the attorney may not have understood what she was being asked to do. It is a lot of work to get registered. Lynn thought the attorney may have thought she was only going to incorporate the club. The club is already incorporated. Lynn pointed out how the club would have to act and the administrative burdens that this could pose on the club (annual reports, filing of minutes, check disbursements). Mike stated that matching funds couldn't go towards an individual team and would have to go to the club.
13. Meetings – Dave wants to have at least two meetings a year both with at least 1 month notice. Mike mentioned most of our meetings have had proper notifications.
14. Meeting adjourned.