

Agenda- Highland Soccer Club
Hillside Barn, Andover NJ
14 attendees in total
Meeting started at 7:35pm on Tuesday, 2/27/07

Team Status

- The Highland Soccer Club is adding 3 teams in the Spring
- 2 boys U-16-u19 and 1 girls u-17

Background checks

- Chief Coleman spoke with John Grant
- The application will funnel through the town with a police check
- This will be an abbreviated background check
- Dave Snyder picked up the forms at the police station in Andover
- The form is 212A and assumed it is available through www.njsp.org however we will get them from Dave

Registration and Fees

- Dave should have paid all teams registration for all teams
- Club fee is now \$75.00
- Fees were raised to include access to the Pope John fields, including the grass fields
- The fees were raised to build up a reserve to pay for such things as the PopeJohn field, and to allow us to start paying our way for the other fields we use in the way of paying and for maintenance and equipment etc.....
- The bank balance is approx. 1/2 team accounts and half club account
- Long Pond Field may be available,
- Standard size field is 100 x 50 (U-11 and up)
- We need a third field for the Spring (Andover Boro and Evergreen are two)
- Babe Ruth Baseball is using the Pope John turf field

Treasury Report

- Dave Snyder made the report available for viewing at the meeting
- 5013C still being considered

Fields

- Field Scheduler is Dave
- FMB may be considered a small sided field
- Dave and John will discuss soon
- Club will make a financial offer towards maintenance for the fields
- County College may be available as an alternate field
- Eric Stanton is the Girls Varsity coach at the County College
- Fields are closed until it is playable- parks will determine when the fields will be ready according to Bill Delfing
- April 1 is opening day and the fields may or may not be ready
- Andover Boro may want to build another softball field

- Can the Highland Soccer Club get the Abbey soccer field since Newton High School is a feeder program?
- Can Pat Brennan and Donnie make the fields available?
- Can Newton Rec. assist?
- Richie conveyed the name of John Kelly from Newton to get another field? John Grant will take it under advisement
- Mike Stoner mentioned the field in front of the Sparta Athletic Center
- Fields for practice? Does every team have a practice field?
- Is FMB available? Goals at the nursing home? 4 teams want to use the Nursing Home
- 2 new full size goals are needed at the Nursing Home- Dave Snyder will be advised
- Someone has to be there to receive the goals at the Nursing Home
- Can we make a donation to the Nursing Home from the Club for field maintenance?

Licensing

- F license is available through Aukie at the end of March as raised by Ivor Foster
- Club will pay for the F license, contact Ivor for details or see the website for details
- John will post the flyer on the website
- Morris County may have a D license course available

New Business

- If there is a player who is experiencing a financial hardship, please bring it to the attention of the Board- one was discussed in confidence
- League Meeting was attended by John Grant
- A womans professional soccer team will be started soon called “Sky Blue”
- Select program needs to for the elite team
- Junior Showcase- league needs to fund it
- New coaches meeting is mandatory from the league
- Final flighting was posted on Feb. 12
- If any teams need additional funds, please see Dave
- Dave will put the transaction “milk box” outside his garage
- Still need volunteers
- Election of New Officers takes place in June
- Erica Chrusic-ejchrusic@verizon.net
 - Proposed a “Get to Know Highland Soccer” and associated timeline
 - Set a date for a tryout, May 12 or May 19
 - Publicity starts April 30, Committees are needed
 - “Get to know Highland Soccer” in the middle of April
 - Packages and partnership with NJ professional teams
 - A committee for publicity is needed to get attendees excited about soccer
 - Feeder program for the high schools
 - Tryout committee is also needed
 - Aggressive schedule- Erica can’t do it alone

- Teams send team emails to the Club Secretary
- Get 2 volunteer per team to assist
- Club is behind the timeline and dates
- 3 Committees are needed from Erica

Misc.

- Send email addresses of each player
- Soccer fun day and tryouts are two issues
- U-9 and U-8? What other teams want to do tryouts?
- 2 ladies want to coach one boys U-10,
- U-9 team coach is needed
- U-10 boys and U-10 girls
- We need a U-8, U-9 also
- Coaches will send the Secretary the emails from each team
- Field maintenance: Mickey will line Evergreen, Bill will line Andover Boro
- Camps need to be discussed,
 - Aukie is a teacher and a coach and knows a lot of people
- 3 or 4 camps should be made available
- High school team
- March 20, Tuesday is a meeting
- What is the Highland Soccer Club offering above what Rec.offers:
 - more training,
 - more qualified coaches,
- teams haven't changed, small sided games,
- More trainers are needed,
- Better qualified, better techniques,
- Each younger team should have a trainer.
- Most teams have trainers
- Committee can communicate that the Club has trainers
- New team should be given a trainer
- Donnie is not allowed to coach above age 14
- Techniques should be taught before age 12
- Auke can volunteer for clinics and tryouts in addition to tryouts
- **Tuesday, March 20th is the next meeting pending availability**