



WOODRIDGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2021

Call to order: An Executive Council Meeting of the Woodridge Soccer Association (WSA) Executive Council (also referred to as Board of Directors) was held virtually May 3, 2021. The meeting convened at 7:03 pm, Ken Perry presiding, and Al Kikilas, Secretary. Roll was called to establish a Quorum.

In attendance: Dan Peboontom Al Kikilas
Ken Perry Octavio Morales
Ed Bobowski

Apologies: Lisa Sarno

1. Old Business

Nothing Significant to Report. Minutes for April have been approved.

2. New Business

Discussed Spring season issues, nets were taken down in error. Board discussed the mask mandate for sidelines and issues with enforcement for parents. Concern is parents were not following the mask requirement, but coaches needed to concentrate on the game vice policing it during the game. Board discussed options to increase compliance and agreed to have the Park District send the COVID-19 letter to all parents in the league. Discussed parent misunderstanding on jersey and socks was the sole cost of registration. Board discussed the size of Orchard 4. Ed B discussed the success of the 3v3 on Falconridge.

Ken P started the recapped on the STORM and Park District meeting with Terry Gordon (Challenger program). The meeting was to the early proposal and brainstorming for partnership between Woodridge and Elmhurst travel Park Districts. Proposal was based around the two traveling teams combining and sharing fields and resources. Challenger program also discussed a desire and offered assistance to improve the recreation program to improve the travel programs. The Park District asked the WSA Board to provide recommendations for the proposal. Board discussed 4 options to consider (no particular order):

- 1- Simply cancel the STORM program all together
- 2- Merge with the Elmhurst program, which would require a contract to be written up between the program and the District
- 3- Consider and evaluate whether other “merger” options exist (perhaps Lisle, a club in Naperville, etc)
- 4- Hire a part-time director of soccer/player development that will help better merge the relationship between the STORM and Rec Program

Dan P discussed three STORM teams. U14 (11, 12, 13, 14) U17 (17, 16, 15), U11 (11,10, 9), numbers are down due to COVID and children phasing out. Ken P discussed numbers having been going down over the years, coupled with parent involvement. Board discussed the pros and cons of each option above.

Board decided on the following actions:

- 1- Request RFP from Elmhurst
- 2- Develop RFP for local partnership with neighboring Park Districts and potential partnerships
- 3- Develop and send tryout information and talking points, specifically MICRO I or MICRO II teams.
- 4- Send talking points to Peach Jar (local school district communication channel)
- 5- Review tryout numbers in the fall for team assignment and prevent large age gaps.

2. Committee Reports:

a. *Park District*

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b. *STORM*

See main notes

Mr. Kikilas moved for the adjournment of the meeting; the Board having completed its discussion of all agenda items; Mr. Perry seconded. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Alexander Kikilas - Secretary

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