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Region 872 Board Meeting Minutes
Depot - Reed City, MI
October 15, 2017 4:00pm

- ❖ Attendees - Dale Hall, Shelly Hall, Brent Sible, Angel Sible, Marcie Larr, Jullie Taubitz, Tracy Busch, Stacy Clementshaw, Amanda Grant, Chris Hansen, Diana Fick, Lindsay Eccles.
- ❖ Approval of Minutes - The September minutes were approved.
- ❖ Reports
 - RC - Jullie announced that Tracy Busch could serve as secretary until the elections next month. A vote was taken, majority approved. Jullie also reported on the fundraiser, which was deemed more successful than popcorn, (for the second year). The balance of funds in our account is now \$18,064.88 (a spreadsheet was handed out to all attendees).
 - Treasurer – Amanda reported that \$6,337.14 was raised in the fundraiser (this averages out to about \$30/kid), and that 15 boxes were returned for credit. From this \$450 will be coming back to us. As a point of contrast, popcorn usually raises approximately \$4,000.
 - Registrar - N/A
 - CVPA – Diana noted Blue Sombrero has had issues with bringing over information from the old system. Also, there is a delay for certifications showing up in the system (concussion, safe haven, etc). It is not understood how long the delays can be (seem to vary but neither Blue nor AYSO has an answer). It is best for volunteers to get a screen shot of their certificates before exiting to prove they did it.
 - Safety Director – Chris Hansen noted that there were not any concussions this season. There were 2 injuries and the paperwork is being processed.
 - Coach Admin – Marcie reported that she has gathered all of the coach bags and the player ratings.
 - Ref Admin – Brent noted that it was a good year and that coverage was at 96%. Youths refereed 30% of the games. There were 22 total referees this season.
 - Director of Ref instruction. - Dale reported that the new rules worked out well. The U-8 parents were the most confused of everybody.
 - Uniform Coordinator – Shelly reported that people like the new uniforms. There was agreement all around. There was also discussion about donating old uniforms to children in either Africa or Mexico. The need to purchase additional storage containers was discussed.



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- Field Coordinator – Brent reported that the church loves the arrangement with have at the Tustin field. A meeting with the church is planned to discuss water, the fence, and the parking lot. We need to meet up with the baseball people regarding Hersey. The high school kids seem to be particularly hard on the high school field and parts of it are dug up. There was a discussion about not putting any more money into the Hersey Fields until we get a contract with them. It was decided that we need to push ahead and spend what we need to in order to have fields to play on. An MOU with the village is possible and will be pursued.

Brent and Jullie discussed the possibility of applying for a “People’s Fund” to get money for soccer field projects. This was done in the past for the Tustin fields and may be a viable option for more funds. It was clarified that 3 bids will be required.

❖ Old Business

- Fundraiser – see above. Angie Tower of Newbies was singled out for gratitude due to her letting us use the daycare for chocolate storage and pick up by the coaches.
- Review the season and what needs to be done to clean up - Brent says that it is underway and things will be put away by the end of the week pending practices by the one team going to 4x4 tournament.
- Nominating Committee – The nominating committee is made up of Shelly Hall, Dale Hall, Angel Sible, Brent Sible, Chris Hanson, Liz Szymanski and Kim Venema. Announcements to the general public that all positions on the AYSO board are open will be made on Face Book and the web page. The committee will finalize the list on Nov 12 to bring to the annual meeting on Nov 19th. Jullie said she would run for RC again.

❖ New Business –

- EXPO – will be held from Feb. 9-11 in Chicago. Names of those attending will be needed by the end of December.
- Mention was made that we need to figure out what to do with U16 and U19 teams for the future. A coach needs to be trained to support that group.



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❖ Closing Remarks /Open Floor

- Stacy brought up the point that there needs to be a policy in place for hot weather. It was decided to follow the standard used by the schools, e.g. a heat index of 104. This happened this year on Sept 23rd when the temperatures were in the 90s.
- The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Nov. 19 at 4 pm at the Depot in Reed City