

TRI-COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 25, 2002

President Bob Becker called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All teams were present except ATS Pars, Crystal Lakers, DePaul, Libertyville Spirit, and Warren. All teams except Warren joined the meeting in progress. Over-30 Referee Assignor Bouch Essalih, and Joe Soehn of the Chicago Kickers were present also.

President's Report. Bob reported that the League is in good shape, that the managers are doing a good job, and the players are playing in a sporting manner. Palatine 2 was added to the O30 division. The Prairie State Games were held in Springfield on June 27-29, and Bob suggested the managers remember the Games for next year, in case any desire to enter teams. There are open and O30 divisions.

Past President's Report. None

Vice President's Report. None.

Secretary's Report. The minutes of the February 28, 2002 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report. Bill O'Brien presented his report. His expense report is attached to the minutes. There is a balance in the bank of approximately \$7400. After expenses are paid, there will be an estimated balance of \$500. It was moved and seconded to donate \$500 to Talia Zdanowicz, 7 month old daughter of Gerald Zdanowicz of Wauconda Chiefs, who died on July 4, 2002. Most of the money will come from fines. Approved unanimously. It was moved and seconded to collect \$400 from each O30 Division team for 2002-3 fees. Passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report. Mike Parenti distributed a list of red and yellow cards issued so far in the Spring Season. He also distributed a list of players requiring new passes. He passed out a current game roster and requested that use of the old game roster be discontinued. He has received about 90% of the completed game rosters. Mike will charge \$1 for making a new pass, even if it is for reinstating a former player.

The consensus of the team managers was that referees are checking passes better than last year. Bouch said that 5 referees have called him to report that Warren has used underage or non-rostered players.

It was moved and seconded to increase referee fees in the O30 division to \$60 effective with the Fall season. Passed 19-1.

Ricardo Trujillo of O30 Fox Valley United was playing at age 29 on a "doctored" pass. It was moved and seconded to ban Trujillo from playing in the Tri-County Soccer League until he is 31 years old, as provided in the League's Constitution. Passed unanimously. Because Trujillo did not play after the Team discovered that he was underage, it was moved and seconded that the \$250 fine for 5 forfeits be waived. Passed unanimously.

Before Ali Ranjbar arrived, it was noted that ATS Pars had forfeited games because a large number of injuries left fewer than seven players. In addition, Ali has cancer, and there has been a

leadership void on the team. When he arrived at the meeting, Ali said that he would have a team in the Fall season and would ensure that someone would help him run the team.

As previously discussed, Warren was using underage or non-rostered players. Warren was not present at the February 2002 meeting. Bill McGovern called Jesse Gomez, who informed him he was not associated with the team any longer. Bill then called Angel Rodriguez, Warren team manager, who said he would attend the meeting, but he has not come to this meeting. It was moved and seconded that Warren United be suspended from the League at the end of the Spring season. Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the \$50 fine be collected for a red card given to a player who has received 2 yellows cards only where an offense was for verbal referee abuse and/or violent conduct or serious foul play.

Director of Scheduling Report. Bryan Winter advised that each team must register for the Fall Season at tonight's meeting. The playoffs will be held at Morava's fields. Bryan passed the standings to date in the Spring season. He also advised that teams will need player passes at tournaments. Bill O'Brien pointed out that referee reports were either not filled in or not filled out properly. It is hard to evaluate referees from the reports. There have been a few below-average referee ratings. He suggested that anyone with a problem should talk directly to Bouch. Bryan said Zoran Bobic has tried to expand the website. Zoran passed out a web enrollment form.

Application of Chicago Kickers to Join the Tri-County League. Joe Soehn of the Chicago Kickers requested that his team join the Tri-County League. Joe said the team has not played in a league in 15 years, only in tournaments. It was moved and seconded that the Kickers be admitted into the Tri-County League, subject to the conditions that the Kickers do not take players from the existing teams, that they secure a home field, that they are aware of the Tri-County League's emphasis on "Fair Play" and that violent play will not be tolerated; and that they are on probation for the first year and ineligible for the playoffs during that year. Motion passed unanimously. Bill O'Brien volunteered to mentor the team for its first year. Bryan Winter said that the Executive Board needs to meet to discuss League realignment. The Fall Season will start on September 6 and 8, and end on October 25 and 27.

Over 40 Division Report. Clair Tripp reported that the division is running well, although the O40 division has become very competitive, resulting in a behavioral problem last Fall. The Division has tightened up and not tolerated bad conduct. Two new teams began play this season, Gurnee Express (formerly in the O30 division), and Palatine 2.

By-Law Change. It was moved and seconded to make a game complete after one half has been played. Passed unanimously.

Concerns. George Dailey said that the Palatine Park District is policing its field to ensure that all teams, including Palatine teams, playing on the fields have permits.

Elections. Elections were held. It was moved and seconded that the existing officers: President Bob Becker, VP Archie McCormick, Secretary Bill McGovern, Treasurer Bill O'Brien, League Administrator Mike Parenti, Director of Scheduling Bryan Winter, and O40 Division Director Clair Tripp, be reelected to one-year terms. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs. February 27, 2003.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McGovern
Secretary