

## AUSC Minutes, 6/13/2021



**Present:** Matt Neffinger, Josh Romond, Dave Turner, Chris Coffey, Chris George, Tim Hunt

**Absent:**

Call to Order: Matt Neffinger, 6/13/21 7:01pm

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

From 5/6/21 – Chris motions, Josh seconds, motion passes

### REPORTS OF OFFICER

**President - (Matt N.)**

- Matt reports that parent issues brought to his attention this season have all been successfully resolved
- Division switches in season went through
- Matt is getting lots of questions from U6/U8 alliance families
- Chris will send out an email to families in the program after discussing with the board

**Secretary – (VACANT: Josh R. Acting)**

- Nothing significant at this time

**Treasurer – (Tim H.)**

- Reviewed financial report in Tim's absence, no questions asked

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**Player and Coach Development — (Chris G.)**

- Chris will be working on finalizing uniforms for next year
  - Ideally will be ready for the fall season
- U6s/8s are done, Chris thinks it went well
  - Learned a lot about running this age level, including the mentor system
- U10s
  - VSL schedule done, week off, and then the Essex tournament ends their season
  - Boys teams were a little too large, but had strong season
  - Older girls teams struggled at finding right level of competition
  - Younger girls did well in D3, will be very strong in the future
- U12s
  - Girls teams had one at right competitive level, other struggled
  - Boys had trouble fluctuating between levels of competition in D3 and D2
- 11v11 teams
  - Will be at GMC next weekend
  - All travel teams will be at Essex Shootout
  - U14 teams had up and down seasons, expected to be strong next year
  - Older U16 girls had a good season

- Younger U16G team struggled at times, but had a good season overall
- David commented that losing players to Vergennes FC hurt ability to coach consistent team
- Matt asked about fan behavior, re: some issues early season, Chris says those issues resolved and no new reported issues from other clubs after a parent communication he sent out
- Other DoC items below in unfinished and new business
- Chris notes he has accepted a position as the Middlebury High School boys coach

### Technology — (Josh R.)

- Website port in progress, hoping to have a date in the next two weeks for the cutover of all the content.
- Request from Chris G to have this open for Summer kickoff
- Matt N to send out an announcement

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Draft admin position list [Tabled till July]
- Decide on 21/22 registration fees
  - Proposed by Chris George:
    - \$150 U8s, kit included
    - \$250 U10s, kit included
    - \$300/350 U12s, kit included
    - \$450 U14s, kit included
    - \$450 U16s, kit included
    - \$250 U19s, kit included
  - Matt will meet with Tim next month to discuss
- Decide status of Fall 2021 program
  - Run with other clubs similar to last year
  - Current tentative plan:
    - July - August 1 signup closure
    - Solicit existing club members - Not intended to be a point of entry into the club
      - Current players and players from last fall
      - Would evaluate new players case-by-case
    - U8s-U12s
      - Twice weekly trainings, games on Sunday
    - Possibly also U14s - U14 may have conflicts with School Programs
      - If U14s happens, they would be games-only
    - Matt motions, David seconds, motion passes
  - Planning to set fee at \$100 for U8s, \$150 for U10 and above
  - Need a decision on Monkton Rec Park vs Middlebury School location
  - Chris Coffey proposes discussing AU running the five towns fall rec program, requires significant discussion with stakeholders
    - Provide structure for coaches
    - Ensure no kids are left behind due to too small of teams
    - Admin registration hassle
    - Bulk Uniforms
    - Supplement Equipment as Needed (\$ charged as needed)
    - Con: Less Flexible Than Usual
    - Concern about creating conflicts between school and AU program
    - Would need to work with towns to set registration fees

- Chris Coffey will contact rec dept stakeholders in the 5 towns to evaluate interest
  - Chris thinks setting a meeting by end of July at the latest is feasible
  - Chris motions to reach out to 5 towns rec directors to pursue this, Josh seconds
- Big picture discussions [Tabled till July]

## NEW BUSINESS

- Approve draft of end of year survey
  - \*\*\* End of year survey \*\*\*
    - Please describe any position you held with the club this year (e.g. Coach, Mentor, Manager)
    - What Should We Start Doing (Future Strengths)?  
Anywhere this season where AU came up short? What are programs you would like to see expanded?
    - What Should We Keep Doing (Current Strengths)?  
What areas do you feel AU is doing well at and would like us to ensure continue?
    - What Should We Stop Doing (Current Weaknesses)?  
Anywhere this season that did not work at all? Are there things you think we're putting energy into and shouldn't?
    - Josh suggests adding a solicitation for volunteers to the end of the survey
      - - We Are Always In Need of Help, What Areas Would you Consider your Strengths for Volunteering?  
strengths, then please enter your info below.
    - Josh motions to send the survey as written, Chris seconds, motion passes
- Discuss plan for summer 2021
  - Including 2021/2022 travel team age-level players
  - Chris proposes a "Try out Addison United" program
  - Two nights a week, keep kids playing and interested
  - Use these sessions as a channel to lock in registrations for the fall
  - Field location TBD
    - Tim thinks Chris should consider Monkton Rec fields for hosting this event
  - Chris has a preference for training in Middlebury again due to location, player catchment, and (lack of) field cost
  - Free program
  - Three weeks long, mid to end of July
  - Would need administrative help on-site to accommodate registering new players
  - Matt motions the above plan, Tim seconds, motion passes
- Executive Session – Contract Discussion

## ADJOURNMENT

### Next Meetings

Executive Session — July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00pm

Monthly Meeting — July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00pm