

## AUSC Minutes, 7/18/2021



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

**Absent:** n/a

Call to Order: 7:05pm

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Josh moves, Tim seconds, motion passes

### REPORTS OF OFFICER

**President - (Matt N.)**

- Nothing at the moment

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

- Identify new Secretary
- Josh willing to take on permanent duties, outstanding question is what to do about checking USPS mail duties
- DoC and/or Treasurer might be able to take on, given type of mail included
- Considering how to add more regional board members

**Treasurer – (Tim H.)**

- Finances in flux based on when checks move for July
- June statement reflects close, but not exact current state of finances
- Timing of income doesn't have a significant impact based on which FY it comes in under
- Spring coaches' stipends have not yet been recorded
  - Chris will send Tim list of coach stipends to pay out, referee payments, and club donations
- Matt will send Tim the list of board stipends to send out, after which Tim will send them out

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

- Chris's priority for the coming year is to develop a methodology that provides continuity development between age group
  - Carry players through from one age group to the next
  - Chris will develop a club methodology for the coming season
  - Chris wants to develop a methodology now after getting a season's worth of experience under his belt
  - Coaching staff is one of Chris's priorities for the coming year, but survey feedback is still very new and he needs to analyze it more
  - Chris's ideal would be to have a high density of former AU players
  - Identifying coaching philosophy will be key to recruiting like-minded coaches and setting style of play and club culture for players

- Since last meeting the club went to Essex United Shootout
  - Chris felt many families were done after VSL ended
  - Chris C wonders if COVID scheduling burdens impacted who was available when
  - Chris G thinks team managers may need to present scheduling differently
  - Matt encourages repetition in communication next season
- Fall 2021 season
  - Waiting to see what registrations come in
  - Chris wants Fall season framed differently on website
  - Chris C is holding a meeting tomorrow night (7/19/21) to discuss AU working with the 5 Towns to run their rec program
  - Training will all be in Monkton
  - 2 days a week each team
- Board feedback from 2020/21
  - Chris felt the schedule was very compressed this year
  - Getting volunteers to handle fields, equipment, and other tasks will be helpful
  - The challenge will be when issues with volunteer-run tasks impact player experience, which is a concern for Chris
  - Chris's priorities for getting admin assistance are on registration and payment issues
  - Chris liked how winter 2019 coach training sessions were good
  - Chris thinks we need a combination of framework and new coaching staff with the right mindset to carry out the club's philosophy
  - Chris wants to schedule a gap analysis for coaching staff heading into the winter

### Technology — (Josh R.)

- New website update
  - Trying to wrap up in next few days
  - Will send Chris and board final drafts for feedback, contact Tim with software we need to purchase, and then schedule out migration

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 21/22 winter/spring registration fees
  - Chris's suggested fees are in the June 2021 minutes
    - Proposed by Chris George:
      - \$150 U8s, kit included
      - \$250 U10s
      - \$350 U12s - 1 tournament
      - \$450 U14s – 2 tournaments
      - \$450 U16s – 2 tournaments
      - \$250 U19s – 2 tournaments
      - Spring only a la carte option \$100 less
        - U12-16 only
    - Josh motions to approve, Chris Coffey seconds, vote passes
    - Chris wants to compare 20/21 to 21/22 registration numbers after spring 21/22 season
- Additional job roles needed for Spring season
  - Registrar
    - Ensure registration contains all the necessary information.

- Equipment & Uniform Coordinator
  - Ensure teams have the equipment per DoC direction
  - Ensure all players have bought a uniform.
- Field Coordinator
  - Register field use
  - Ensure field maintenance is done, fields are mowed and lined.
- Alliance Program Coordinator
  - Manager of all Alliance Program activities (communications, Q&A)
- Chris would prefer to keep club communication with the DoC role
- Continue Big Picture discussion (defer to August meeting)
  - Review what to discuss that's shareable with the community in August
  - Matt will send a club-wide email summarizing big picture stuff and survey results

## NEW BUSINESS

- End of Year Survey Results (defer to August meeting)
  - Find new board members
  - Find new volunteers for roles identified above
- Vote in new secretary
  - Dave Turner moves, Chris Coffey seconds
  - Motion passes
  - Josh will update website about the Secretary position change
- Executive Session – DoC Contract
  - Scheduled Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to executive session, 9:05pm

## Next Meetings

Monthly Meeting—Sunday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 2021