

SMSC Board of Directors Meeting
Director of Coaching Report
June 22, 2009

Coaching Assignments: Fall 2009

The staff is coming together for the fall season. We have commitments for both the U12G (replacing Missy Price) and U14B (replacing Steve Funk). We are actively seeking coaches for U10 B and G, new U12B, and possibly the new U14G. Continuing comp coaches include: Rodney Colson (U11B), Seth Williams U13B, Tad Herrington U11G, Anna Thrasher U13G. My goal is to have all coaches hired/assigned by July 30th. For Devo teams, we have one continuing, soon to be trained trained volunteer coach. Volunteer Assistant Coaches and Devo coaches will be asked to obtain an "E" level state license within the first year of their service. Comp coaches will be required to obtain a "D" level license before they coach a team. Comp coaches will be required by contract to attend all coaching sessions in our CEP. Devo and VAC coaches will be asked to attend as many as possible.

Summer Training Program:

Both the Tahoe Vista and Truckee sites for the Lil'Kickers, Jr. Passers and Intermediates have shown a low turnout. We are hopeful to get some late registrations and walk-ups in addition to better numbers for the second session. The Comp and HS sessions are more well-attended, but well below expected numbers. We will poll the participants and our Club members to see if we can schedule a different kind of session (times, dates, etc) to improve the numbers for next summer. We will look into hosting a weekly camp for LK, JP and INT players and/or push comp players to more evening times. We feel that the marketing was done thoroughly and timely enough, so as a new program, we need to tweek the program and build on the numbers we got this summer. The Free Clinics were not well attended and may not be recommended for the future.

Facilities:

I met with Dan O'Gorman and have plans to meet with him again very soon to lock in dates for the fall training and match schedule for our teams. I will be looking into reserving North Tahoe Regional Park fields for some match dates this fall. It is a beautiful facility with a full-sized turf field and a youth sized, grass field. This facility is only 15 minutes from Glenshire, closer from Truckee. Depending on availability and the composition of our teams for the fall, we may use it for some training, as well.

Club Guide:

The Club Guide is finalized and the translator will have a final Spanish copy later today. We will have English and Spanish versions at the evaluation sessions June 28 – July 2. I encourage all Board members to familiarize yourself with our Club policies, procedures and protocols. All questions regarding information in the Guide should be directed to the DOC. Some of the policies may be problematic or need explanation. The Guide is now posted on our website.

Recommendations: repeated from May, not resolved

Although a friendly round robin style “tournament” is not included in the proposed budget, it could replace the winter indoor tournament. I would like to have that approved in the budget discussion as a replacement. See April recommendations for rationale.

I would like to request that the Board ask Kelly Carroll to provide legal counsel for the staff regarding the on-going negative remarks, emails and phone calls from a former club member’s parent. We have exhausted all positive measures in dealing with this individual and would like some suggestions as to how we can legally stop her actions against the Club. I have spoken to Kelley, but I believe the Board needs to formally request his services.

June and July Plans:

We are conducting our evaluation sessions for players selection and placement for the 2009-10 soccer year on June 28, 29 and July 1, 2. The league registration deadline is July 11th, so team assignments and commitments will be required by July 5th. Any support the Board can give Kelly with the registration process to meet that short deadline would be greatly appreciated.

Final Club Guide will be published on the website and copies made in preparation for the tryout period.

I will be working with Jeff Cade, Technical Director for GBYSL on a few key league issues (including the bracketing of teams and league match schedule) and assisting with the development of the Northern Nevada Premier Program for next fall.

Tad and I have been speaking with representatives of teams in Reno, South Lake, and Incline Village regarding the expansion of our Club into those areas. At this time, we are negotiating how the Club could provide services to these non-Truckee based teams. We will not absorbing whole teams with coaches. Any players or coaches that want to join our Club will go through the proper evaluation and selection process and meet all minimum standards for participation. I will update the Board as this process continues.

Once the teams are established and coaches hired, I will begin early trainings for the coaches and do many of the HS level summer training sessions to prepare that group for HS soccer. Although we still have no commitment for support from the Truckee HS coaches, the North Tahoe HS coaches are sending many of their players. This will an on-going project...to build some kind of relationship with the HS coaches. If anyone has an “in” there or has ideas about a good approach, please let me know.

SEE CLUB MANAGER’S REPORT FOR DETAILS ON OUR TOURNAMENTS AND THE BBQ