

**MINUTES OF HUNTER SOCCER MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

CALLED TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at the Hunter Soccer Clubhouse, 220 Houston Avenue, Penbryn Park, Glenside, PA 19038.

ATTENDANCE - Mike Hoffman, AJ Heintz, Bob Daniele, Mark Desmond, Andy Zucker, John Ginty, Matt Raisch, Tom Clark, Amit Sinea, Mike Szekely, Chris Lucarini, Joey Bilko, Billy Hartman, Mike McPaul, Thad Macnamara, Matt Egan, Joe White, Joe Bisulca, Glen Hackett, Ernie West, Frank Dully, Kevin Burns, Murray Peet, Mark Loomis, Ralph Bocchino, Simon Lindsay, Bill Manchester, Tommy Brauer

Correspondence and Communications – Correspondence sent out concerning spring tournaments.

President's Report – Many projects in the works, but nothing concrete to report at this moment.

Vice President – See President's report.

Treasurer Report – We are financially secure with travel tryout money starting to come in to provide greater cash flow.

Secretary - No report.

Chairman - Committee Head has sent out "blast emails" concerning the Hunter Golf Outing, which is April 28th at Lulu. He will be sending reminders on a consistent basis to attract participants. Golf Talk live will be there again.

Good and Welfare - All the coaches shared the latest news on all their teams: all is going very well. For up to date news on all the teams, please visit our website. Also all coaches of teams that are going to be U14 or above must contact Fifi and the fields committee to schedule their tryouts. Please plan to have them on a weekday as the weekends in April and May are tied up with cups and spring league games.

Registrar – No in-person registration in March will be available as the online registration is being utilized brilliantly.

Rules - No report.

Player Development - If you have not completed end of year Player assessment please do asap. This is especially important for U13 and below.

Please take time to answer the survey about training. We want to improve the offering from our training partner Future Player Academy.

Coach Development Report - See Player Development.

Community Liaison – No report.

Strategic Planning – No report.

Summer Camp Report - Dates for summer camp will be July 10th - 14th and July 17-21st this year. Day camp will have the Pee Wee's ages 3&4 from 9-10am. Premier Campers Aged 5-12 9am-noon.

We have a brand new Keeper Camp starting in the afternoon Tue, Wed, Thurs - both weeks from 2-3:30pm. All are at Penbryn Park. We have been working hard on a new camp website and will have registrations up by next week. New website is HunterSoccerCamp@gmail.com.

We are looking for shirt sponsors - email Tom Clark (Huntersoccercamp@gmail.com) for details. We will also have the travel team camps available both weeks at night from 6-7:30pm - again any teams interested just email for details. This is a chance to get a great UEFA licensed coach to add different training to your travel team.

Any high school aged travel team player looking for an opportunity to be an assistant at camp can also email Tom for an application and interview.

Scholarship - No report.

Equipment - Ball inventory is complete and the 2017 ball order has been sent to Runaround. Used balls are sorted in bins in the cage. Please do not disturb.

2017 Order includes 6 Cases #3 Select Classic, 2 Cases #4 Select Club and 1 Case #5 Select Club. Total 9 Cases at an approximate cost of \$5,900. Last year's order was 13 cases. This order is IM only and excludes both Travel and Camp Balls.

Tom Clark will order Camp balls separately because he needs different color choices. This is expected to result in some savings. Simon will order balls for travel.

Patches: Inventory looks good for the next year.

Paint: 25 cases white delivered this week. Should be good for spring. Plenty of orange on hand. A few cases of green and yellow are on hand for misc. use.

Uniforms: Travel Committee and Equipment are collaborating on uniform purchases. Currently reviewing 3 bids that were submitted to HSC and we will make a selection during February.

Maintenance – All landscaping fees have been paid. Committee chairman been in contact with Cheltenham Township about their fields and our usage. He will have more on that at a later date.

Tournament – No report.

Fields - 1- If you haven't already done so, please get back to huntersctravel@gmail.com with your team's plans for spring soccer. Training and match schedules will be built from your responses.

2- If you have been assigned training space at Abington Junior High for winter and you are not using it please let Ron at huntersfields@gmail.com know so we can give the time to another Hunter team. Don't hoard space that you're not using, and remember to share the love a little. I've seen some space going unused. If empty space is a one-day off thing due to a conflict that is fine, but if you're not using it at all, please let Ron know.

3- For teams currently assigned Friday evening training space at AJHS, Friday, February 24th is the last Friday night training night for that space. The school has other functions slated for the gyms on Friday nights in March.

4- We will be using Upper Penbryn to host tryouts for U14 and older teams. This gives us ability to hold weeknight tryouts under the lights. Please let Fields know when you would like to hold your tryouts.

5- With limited space available to us in spring due to competition for field permits from baseball, softball and lacrosse, we will only be able to offer teams one night of "officially permitted" training space. Training schedules will come out in February.

Marketing – No report.

Social – No Report.

Fundraising/Social - LuLu Country Club is confirmed for the outing for April 28, 2016. Prices from LuLu have not increased and we are keeping our fees at the same price as last year, \$140.00 per golfer and \$560.00 per foursome. Fifi has updated the golf information on the website. A golf committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future with further details to follow. As in years past, all travel coaches are responsible to donate one basket for our raffles for the golf outing.

Intramural – No report.

Travel - Travel Administrator contractor hired and operational- Welcome Fifi and Emily!

2017-18 Travel Registration is open. Some modest modifications were made to what is covered under the annual registration fee.

U9-U13 Tryouts scheduled for 3/18-3/19.

Winter Session 2 indoor and futsal leagues are underway. Indoor Cups also underway.

Coaches asked to submit spring season plans.

Spring Tournament Options document circulated to the coaches.

The joint HSC/UDSC Penn Alliance Select (PAS) spring pilot program is finalized. The club neutral Select program has attracted players from clubs that include HSC, UDSC, Whitpain, FC Continental and Springfield.

The U16 Boys Rangers are playing in EDP Premier under PAS and U17 Girls Fire combined with the UDSC Black Lightning and are playing in EDP Premier.

PAS has been recognized by both US Club Soccer and EPYSA. If the spring pilot is a success, HSC and UDSC will consider expanding PAS to year-round Premier teams (U13-U19) comprised of local-area elite players who 'graduate' from HSC, UDSC, and other local clubs who choose to become part of PAS.

ICSL – Spring league registration closes February 17th.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Miscellaneous Items / Meeting Highlights – The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the changes within the financial structure of the travel program and the upcoming tryouts in March.

The travel program has been losing money, so a complete review was done. Changes were discussed to bring the travel program back to a break-even point. A question was asked if Hunter has too many travel teams, however the goal of Hunter has been, and will always remain, to get as many kids involved in the wonderful game of soccer as possible. As long as the interest is present to form a team and a volunteer coach is available, Hunter will not turn away teams.

The rest of the meeting focused on the tryout metrics and format being introduced. The metrics that FPA will be grading the players on will be available on the Hunter website before tryouts to give everyone a fair opportunity to practice drills they may be weaker in. A copy of the tryout plan and metrics is attached. FPA is running the drills at tryouts and scoring the players. FPA however will not be picking the teams. Coaches will sit down with the travel committee and use the metrics and their notes on the players to come to the most educated decisions they can in picking their teams.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned; next General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Brauer
Acting Secretary Hunter Soccer Club