

**SMSC Board of Directors Meeting
Director of Coaching Report
February 16, 2009**

Coaches Training Session on February 3rd:

We met at Sierra HS in a classroom that was well-suited for instruction. Unfortunately, not all of the coaches could attend. However, we had a good session and were able to cover a long list of housekeeping duties in addition to a presentation on session planning, first touch progressions in an indoor setting and the “Diamond” shape attacking and defending roles for 4 v. 4 training games. Each topical session presentation materials are kept and will eventually be published on the website. For coaches who missed the session, an email was sent with the materials that were handed out at the meeting.

Coaching Assignments:

U11 Girls – this team is now being coached by Missy Price, GK Trainer for the UNR Women’s Team, she is assisted by two of her players

U12 Boys – I have interviewed a very good candidate for this position and will make a final decision on hire by the time of our meeting

U10 Boys – Since Chris LaBar is leaving town, we have begun our search for a new Head Coach. Doug Dalicandro will continue as the Assistant. We may offer this team to the U12 Boys prospect and piggyback sessions and matches to make it work for the spring season.

Training Schedule:

We have a confirmed February schedule and are working on confirmation of current times and locations for March. In addition, we have met with the Truckee Elementary VP, Tizoc Garcia and have received initial permission for use of their gyms. Their facilities scheduler is working on getting us the open dates for March in their gyms. We will also be allowed to schedule sessions on their turf field weather permitting. We are still waiting for the Reno fields to open and will schedule sessions at the two west side fields as soon as the fields are open. As soon as the March schedule is finalized, it will be published on the website and sent to all coaches, managers and team email groups.

Coach/Parent Advisory Group – 1st Meeting on February 10th:

We had good representation for our teams at the meeting. We covered the purpose of the CPAG and discussed the process we will use to revise and finalize the Club Guide by our target date of May 1. The mission statement and club goals were presented as a starting point for our review. The two sections we worked on were: Club Philosophy and Tryout Guidelines. I will make the requisite changes and additions and re-present at the beginning of the March meeting. I asked the group to prepare their comments on the Parent/Player Requirements and Discipline Policy and the Scholarship Policy (as it relates to process, not concept). I was very pleased with the engagement of the participants and am satisfied that the collaborative process will be an effective tool to create an excellent guide for our Club.

Scholarship Program:

I met with Tad and Steve Funk this month regarding the current scholarship policy and how we can effectively manage our scholarship families this spring, especially around their volunteer time. Steve graciously offered to remain the coordinator and will be scheduling scholarship players to assist Head Coaches of younger teams during their training sessions this spring. We have most of the applications from all teams except the U17 Boys, who have been given a deadline of Monday, February 16th for submission. Players who do not comply will not train again until their application is submitted. A final list of scholarship players will be ready by the next meeting.

Summer Training Program:

Kelly and I are working on field reservations here in Truckee and in Tahoe Vista and Incline Village. The current plan is to have morning sessions in Truckee and Incline Village twice per week and afternoon sessions in Tahoe Vista twice per week as well as afternoon sessions for the competitive players twice per week in Truckee. Please see the attached mock up for the brochure. We are targeting an early March release for promotions. This will include distribution of the brochures at the elementary schools in Truckee, IV, Tahoe City and Kings Beach. A prospective staff list has been created and some staff have already been contacted. A Head Clinician has been identified and logistics are being worked out to make the scheduling work. Yet to be done: finalize the brochure and get printed, design T-shirts for players and Instructors, order equipment, plan the curriculum, do contracts for staff, hire staff, prep registration process.

Issues and Challenges:

Parent understanding of the chain of command for the Club – expected and being handled team by team

Communication from coaches to players – mostly with the U17 Boys, resolved with new communication style (Amy will be calling a responsible, team leader to disseminate info in addition to the current coach)

Communication from coaches to DOC – I would really like to have our coaches respond to emails so that Kelly and I know that we are communicating effectively (very low compliance at present)

Player compliance with registration requirements – see U17 Boys issues, I met with the team on the 9th and issued a deadline with a “no training” consequence for non-compliance on the 16th

Summit 7000 Academy interference with SMSC players – Dennis Belisle has contacted players on our teams regarding attendance (outside of their birth year) at a National Pool selection session in Reno this weekend. After his failure at this event, I plan to contact him directly to discuss his unacceptable actions.

February and March Plans:

I will be meeting with Dave Orebaugh and Missy Price regarding the start of goalkeeper training for the Club.

I am still working on the evaluation/review tool for coaches that will be used at the end of the season.

Finalize plans for the Summer Training Program – see above yet to do list

Host 2nd coach training session

Finalize outdoor training schedule