



LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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AGENDA FOR LMSC DIRECTOR'S MEETING

May 23, 2016 at White Dog Cafe

In attendance: Board Members Howard Burde, Chris Yanney and Biff Sturla (President)

1. Growing size of travel team program.

We will have the most number of travel teams in our club history. More and more players are interested in playing at the travel team level. We have a lot of coaches, all with strong soccer backgrounds who are interested in taking one or two teams.

The growth in the travel team program will require us to get more fields. We will need to identify outside groups to rent fields from. Alternatively we should continue to look for places where we can build our own fields in the future.

We will also need to look at getting additional indoor time for teams during the winter months.

2. Change in field usage for travel team program (games are now 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11). This will require us to alter our field usage and create three different size fields.

US Soccer had mandated that the U-9 and U-10 age groups will play 7 vs. 7. They have not yet defined the field size parameters for these fields. We will have to wait for them to announce that, before we can determine where to put 7 vs. 7 fields. US Soccer originally stated the fields should be 47 yards by 30 yards but the soccer community said this was way too small. US Soccer is reinvestigating this and will issue revised numbers later.

The U-11 and U-12 age groups will play 9 vs. 9 soccer. Again, US Soccer has not given final field size parameters. The field sizes for 9v9 will likely be about the same size as the 8v8 games played in previous years. Again, we will wait until US Soccer issues a mandate before determining where our 9v9 fields will go.

We will have our highest number of 11v11 teams ever. As a result, we will need to get additional fields for these teams. The slightly smaller fields will be fine for U-13 and U-14. However, the top tier teams at the high school ages will need larger fields.

3. Need to fundraise to acquire outside fields.

For use to be able to rent more fields or possibly purchase land to build our own fields, we will need to increase our revenue stream. We will need to identify someone who is familiar with LMSC and who would have the time and connections to contact people to solicit donations. A more thorough discussion of this will need to be held sometime in the near future. We will need to identify someone who is qualified to head this up.