



To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Marsha I. Grigsby, City Manager *mg*
Date: March 21, 2013
Initiated By: Matt Earman, Director of Recreation Services
Re: Youth Soccer Update

Background

At the February 11, 2013 meeting, Council requested feedback from the Dublin Soccer League (DSL) Board of Directors regarding the items included in the proposed Amendment to the Agreement between the City and DSL to be implemented after this spring season. The DSL Board of Directors met on March 4, 2013 to discuss and weigh in on these items and is generally in support of each of them. Following is a summary and the outcome and/or feedback from the Board:

Amendment Item #1: Separate the competitive club agreements from DSL to allow the organization to focus solely on its own programming. This item would restructure the Board of Directors of DSL to include only eligible members within the recreation program as defined by the DSL Bylaws and Agreement with the City. The current members representing Ohio Premier and Club Ohio select soccer clubs would be removed from the Board effective following the 2013 spring season.

DSL Board Outcome: The Board voted in support of this item without dissent.

Amendment Item #2: Extend the requirement for background checks to individuals including but not limited to staff, board members, volunteers and coaches, associated with either DSL and/or any other group/organization providing services for the DSL.

DSL Board Outcome: Motion to approve passed by voice vote without dissent. This item was approved by City Council at the February 11, 2013 meeting, and will go into effect prior to the 2013 spring season.

Additional Items to be Added to the Amended Agreement :

- Clarify language in the Amended Agreement to include the continuation of the MSSA/HSSA/DSX (middle school/high school/middle tier) programming currently being offered by DSL.
- Clarify language to include the ability of DSL to assess administrative fees at cost to each organization for services including but not limited to player carding, league representation, field lining, field scheduling, use of goals/equipment and miscellaneous staff time associated with club requirements.

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DSL Board Outcome: Each of these items has been approved by the DSL Board and is being requested for specific language to be added to the Amended Agreement.

Dublin City Schools (DCS) – Soccer Academy. This topic was also discussed at the March 4, 2013 DSL Board meeting for the purpose of soliciting feedback as requested by Council.

DSL Board Outcome: The opinions of each member of the DSL board were expressed, resulting in four (4) members “in support” of, and two (2) members “not in support” of the DCS Soccer Academy program.

Attached is a copy of the minutes from the DSL Board Meeting held on March 4, 2013 for your reference.

Recommendation

Information only. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Matt Earman at 410-4568.



Dublin Soccer League Board of Directors Minutes – Meeting of March 4, 2013

DSL office
AMENDED

Present: Liz Johnson, Carri Stearns, Natalie Stellini, Randy Smith, Matt Earman, Mike Scoliere, John Muir (secretary)

Guest: Ryan Bunner, Keith Hadley, Ken McMahon, Chris Clinton, Wayne Fassett, Karsten Poole

Meeting called to order by Liz at 7:05pm. A quorum was present.

Matt/Liz moved/seconded to approve minutes from February 6th board meeting. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Carri/Natalie moved/seconded to move approval of the attorney and most important matters to the beginning of the agenda. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Treasurer's Report

John displayed a graph representing the DSL checking account balance indicating we continue to remain in a positive situation. Reserve of approx. \$65K maintained.

Executive Director's Report

John distributed an updated board contact list. Nicole Cobb replaces Ruth Rudibaugh as Director of Operations for OP.

John introduced Charles McClenaghan as the preferred selection to represent the Dublin Soccer League's legal interest. After some discussion, Carri/Liz moved/seconded to approve authorizing Liz to review and execute the agreement to retain Mr. McClenaghan as counsel for the DSL and remit amount of \$1750. A review shall be presented to the board prior to authorizing further expenditures. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Ratification of email votes: The printed Agenda is incorporated herein by reference.

- Randy/Matt moved/seconded to ratify the email votes initiated Feb. 11, 2013. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- Mike/Natalie moved/seconded to ratify the email votes initiated Feb. 22, 2013. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- Randy/Mike moved/seconded to ratify the email votes initiated Feb. 24, 2013. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Carri/Liz moved/seconded for the Executive Committee to enter into private session. Consensus approved. The regular general meeting resumed following the private session.

Matt/Carri moved/seconded to approve and implement as soon as practical the Amendment to Section B(3)(a) of the 2012 DSL Agreement pertaining to background checks to state:

Assure "that any individual, including but not limited to staff, board members, volunteers and coaches, associated with either DSL and/or any other group/organization providing services under this Agreement is required to pass the qualifications for risk management background checks through the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association ("OSYSA"). In addition to the disqualifiers contained in the OSYSA risk management program, the City hereby prohibits the participation of any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense involving a minor and/or where the minor was the victim. Finally, ..."

Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

For the following, Matt stated what is not being asked here tonight is for approval of the Amendment to the Agreement; ... it is in our best interest to have the attorney review the actual Amendment to the Agreement prior to approval. City council is asking for the board to be in support of, or not in support of, these two items (below) to be included in the Amended Agreement.

Matt/Liz moved/seconded for DSL to support proposed Amendment provisions:

- 1.) *Separating the supplementary competitive club agreements from DSL to allow the DSL organization to focus solely on its program(s).*
- 2.) *Restructure the Board of Directors of DSL to only include eligible members within the recreation program as defined by the DSL By-Laws and Agreement with the City of Dublin. This will remove the current members representing Ohio Premier and Club Ohio.*

Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Among the Executive Committee members, Matt stated there is sincere and appreciative dissention as to whether the school program should or should not go forward, support of or not support of, "*the schools as a recognized youth soccer provider within the community for supplementary competitive youth soccer*" and now would like to know how the clubs feel. Club Ohio and Ohio Premier both indicated they support the program. As a result: the opinions of the individuals on the board expressed: four in support of, two not in support of, the school program.

A matter of a grievance against a coach was brought forward. It was decided that this matter should be discussed and addressed by the grievance committee not the board. The general meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm to allow the grievance committee to meet privately."

Next board meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00pm.**