

**EL DORADO UNITED COMPETITIVE CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Henry Reis Center at 7:02 p.m. at the Nugget Event Center in El Dorado Hills.

ATTENDANCE

Committee members Henry Reis, Kris Domenichelli, DJ Bole, Scott Kraeger, Mary Coyne, Erika Velclean, Rick Douglas, Heidi Holbrook, , and managers of ED United teams present. Absent Pete Oliver.

MINUTES

- Erika Velclean made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Scott Krager seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

REPORTS

- Manager reports – U11G, U12G, U13G, U14G, U16G – Absent, U12B, U13B, U14B, U15B,

Club President Report (Henry Reis) – Henry attended a President's meeting with all the league president's to discuss bringing back the competitive programs that have disappeared from our region. These leagues have held tryouts at the same time with all the existing competitive clubs in our region and are creating competitive clubs which although we don't know yet how it will work out, it will likely dilute the strength of clubs and teams in our region.

How this will work out in the long run is in question as it seems unlikely that our region will be able to sustain so many competitive clubs.

CYSA is currently in a huge state of upheaval as they restructure their whole system.

We as a club will be facing some challenges in the upcoming years as these clubs creating new competitive teams and will likely draw some of our players. We as a club need to work hard to keep our reputation at its highest level and offer all we can to our players to keep our club strong.

Question asked as to what organizations/leagues teams will be required to play in and Henry Reis stated that it will not be required for teams to play in any particular organization/league and each team will be able to tailor their schedule based on their teams needs.

Assistant Manager (Rick Douglas) – No report

Girl's Vice President (Erika Velclean) –

- Feels like it was a good tryout this weekend and received many compliments on our program, website, and reputation within the community.
- Rosters for younger new teams are just completed and we have more teams, players, and coaches than we ever have before.
- The academy side of our program has really helped to improve our reputation and build the program for the bottom up.

Boys Vice President (Pete Oliver) – Henry Reis reported for him.

- Trying to create a showcase U17 girls team with Jaimy McLaughlin at the head of it.
- The team would travel to mostly showcase tournaments and not play in leagues really, but rather just to go to places that would enhance the team being seen and players being picked up for college play.

Treasurer Report (Kris Dominichelli) –

- July through December 2009 EDUCC has a loss of \$9594. We have \$78, 383 dollars as of 12/31/09. This amount can be a bit misleading as year end comes, and sometimes does not account for outstanding costs that are collected in the new fiscal year.

- We have attempted to keep separated CYSA and US club.
- The program has lost \$39,000 on a cash basis without subsidized fundraising events.
- Tournament fundraising has had to be used in the last two years to subsidize running costs although in previous years we used tournament funds for field usage fees only.
- \$15,000 was owed to the club on past due team fees. Recommendations will be made to change the way money is collected to alleviate this.
- We are \$11,000 over budget on field expenses for this calendar year.
- Pure Athletics was an additional fee that was absorbed by the club that also cost a considerable amount of money.
- Henry Reis noted that school fields, although new with turf fields, are extremely expensive and are only down to a negotiated low rate of \$125 per hour adding to the field costs. We as a club need to go before school boards to try to get them to further reduce fees to make this an economically viable option for us to use as we require quality fields to run a successful program.
- Many requests for sponsorships that far outweigh the number of sponsorships that can be given and so some changes need to be made to the program.
- Automatic bank drafts for each player will be done to alleviate checks and the lag time in getting funds to ED United next year.

Webmaster Report (DJ Bole) –

- New website has been launched and lots of upcoming dates have been posted.
- Looking into having automatic payments is being worked on.
- Pictures are being added as teams send in accomplishments etc.
- Feedback button is a great way to communicate with DJ to get things changed, improved, etc.
- Golf tournament, May 21, fundraiser for the club at Empire Ranch.

Registrar report (Mary Coyne) –

- Requested rosters of newly formed teams be emailed to her prior to registration night on January 18, 2010.

Referee Coordinator - No report – Vacant position

Field Coordinator (Scott Kraeger) – No report

Old Business – None

New Business –

- New coaches briefly introduced and welcomed to the club. We have and are still looking to add more staff to make the programs run more smoothly and be more successful.
- Parents present offered volunteer services to the club. They were welcomed and it was asked that if people felt they had specific skills and ability to help out the club that they please do so as everyone is welcome and needed.
- Academies will be run through the entire summer from U8 through U12 at Rolling Hills Middle School. There will be multi family discounts.
- Summer break in July for 3-4 weeks is being proposed so families can take a planned vacation and not have so many families missing throughout the summer.
- Younger teams tournament on June 11-13 (U9/U10 teams).
- Older tournament (U11-U19) will be August 21/22.
- Plan to participate as a club in Albion Showcase this year again on July 17-19.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Holbrook
2009 EDUSA Board Secretary

