

Club Meeting for GRFC Parent/Mgr (04/01/09)

Agenda

Sounders FC event

State cup

Tryouts

Financials

End of Season

Uniforms

Fundraising

Gary Boyle - Sounders FC

Club nights for MLS are not the same as the old days with USL. The state does more of the selection now. Annual GRFC night is June 13 vs. San Jose. \$16 or \$20 group tickets for groups of 20 or more. You will be emailed a link and a password and can buy the tickets online as part of the group. We have about 300 seats on hold (sec. 101) for that game in the GRFC group. There is a rumor that one of the sections will be family friendly (no alcohol served). There is a 5 game package includes 4 games + Chelsea (July 18).

Kyle & Rich (State Cup)

Home teams are responsible for providing fields and refs. April 25 & 26 will be tough due to Starfire tournament, so expect challenges on that weekend if you are the home team. Get scores to Rich ASAP so they can get into the system. Especially important if teams have a doubleheader weekend and need to get games reported.

Craig (Tryouts)

Tryouts for U10 & U11 will be May 4 & 5. May 15-17 will be the remainder of the teams. Please register online, and make sure that your teams are all registered in advanced. Rich will try to get copies of online registration so that check-in will go smoother. We need 4 volunteers per team to assist with the registration process. Managers, please consider who might be able and willing to serve in this important area. Check the web for all the latest dates and times for your age group.

Theresa (Financials)

Goal was to have all bills paid by April 15th or possibly April 20th. Expectation is that coaches and trainers get paid though May 15 (excluding the 98 teams which are done on Apr. 30). Kids are invited to train all the way up through the final session before tryouts. Please follow the deadlines. If there is money left in your account, you can not write refund checks back to the parents. Other teams are allowed to receive the funds (including family members of GRFC). One suggestion if a parent has overpaid is to work with a family that has yet to make their balancing payment. Other specifics or ideas can be discussed with Theresa, Jeff Childs, or another board member.

Annual fee is going up to \$280 for next year. Lots of details around the extra fee increase will be available as tryouts and orientation meetings approach.

#### End of season (Todd)

The last week or so will be open up for academy style training as we prepare for tryouts. This means that others outside the club will be invited to join in training sessions along with your team. If your team has concluded their season before the final weekend, it is possible that more sessions will be open to academy style training in order to reach more of the soccer community. It is also the case that friends and neighbors outside of our club would be invited to attend and check out our awesome facility and coaches and trainers (as we hope will occur with all our academy sessions).

Todd & Edith (Uniforms) - Team reps will still manage the uniform order. 2010 Uniform kits will be new all around, and then every other year after that (e.g. 2012). We will continue with SoccerWest as our vendor. Jared will be here at Starfire May 18-21 for fittings so we can get fit and place orders. More info to come on placement of orders and uniforms.

Barb (Fundraising) - we want to start the Papa Murphy Pizza fundraiser now to get a start on next year. Look for details from Barb on getting that going. It is our goal to have one club sponsored event per quarter (e.g. coffee). Additionally we will have the other fundraising with the golf tournament and auction, and the Mid-Winter Classic as club wide fundraising.

Evaluations - we would like to get those back, so please fill them out and return to the proper authorities. These are an important tool in our quest to improve the experience for all members of our club.

Q&A - Various topics discussed including a couple ideas around fundraising and sponsorship. We will explore the idea of Freedom from Fundraising, and also for payment sponsorship options as a part of registration.