

## **Cutters Soccer Club**

*Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2024*

*Meeting held via Zoom conference call*

### **Attendance:**

Executive Board: Nat Delafield (President), Rebecca Nguyen Frink (Secretary), Dan Preston (Treasurer), Jared Edgeworth (VP of Travel – joined at 8:20), Jason Tucker-Ramer (Dir. Risk Management)

At Large Board: Chris Farris, Brittany Bauer, Stephanie Shelton, Michael Wasserman (joined around 8:10), Victor Burrell

Non-voting Staff: Louis Malone, Executive Director (joined around 8:05)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:50pm after a quorum was established
2. The minutes from the August 28, 2024 Board Meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote (motion by Dan, seconded by Jason)
3. Rebecca gave an update about planning for Casino Night. The date will be 1/25/2025 and space is now booked at The Fields in Bloomington for the event. The Events Committee is starting to work on food vendors, raffle baskets, and sponsors –Board members are welcome to help with sponsors and donations. Also, the Cutters Golf Scramble event is scheduled for 6/29/25.
4. Dan Preston reported that the Fundraising Committee will have a meeting on 10/3/24 from 10am to 11am on Zoom. Dan will host the meeting.
5. Nat Delafield updated Board Members about the September Alliance Board meeting held at Karst Park. Key points include that Cutters will look to be more involved at the Board level and the DOC level to help guide Alliance programming. Alliance will review the amount of funds that pass back to each club for players who join Alliance from the respective partner clubs, as this figure has not been changed in several years.
6. Louis Malone presented his Executive Director's Report, which included updates and discussion about the following topics:
  - Karst Farm field renovation planning continues and Louis has remained closely involved in the process. Additionally, conflicts with Cutters field use from other scheduled events at the park has been an issue this fall. Louis is monitoring this issue closely and will advocate accordingly for Cutters' needs. Cutters provides details of the club's needs at the beginning of the season, but with more events approved by the Parks throughout the season, there is little room for flexibility later if additional needs or changes in scheduling occur.

- Indy 11 Affiliation – programming for NAL teams is underway for the fall. These teams draw several players from each Indy 11 affiliate club to offer a high-level playing opportunity periodically for players at the U11 and U12 ages.
  - Fundraising activities – Brittany and Stephanie have been working with Louis and others to create documents for soliciting donations and sponsorships. Seve has provided some templates that he has used in past positions for this purpose. The Fundraising Committee will meet soon to continue its efforts.
  - Travel Programming – the travel season has gone mostly smoothly with only a couple of problematic incidents. Cutters DOC and Assistant DOC have been active in working out solutions and guiding the fall travel program.
  - Community Programming – also going smoothly this fall. Isaiah MacNeal, our new Community Coordinator, is getting settled into the role and is managing the fall program effectively. There are still some program aspects that require fine-tuning, but overall the season is going well.
  - Seve Hirst and Emily Basten are present in the community this season and representing Cutters Soccer Club well. One issue they have focused on particularly is girls soccer programming. They have organized one player workshop for girls and will hold another workshop in October. DOCs are also focused on engagement and development of new coaches in the Cutters Club, especially for younger coaches.
  - Cutters staff is working to finalize winter scheduling at BUGS
  - Louis is reviewing potential vendors for uniforms and will decide soon on a final choice. Affiliation with Indy 11 will be a factor in this decision once all details of the affiliation requirements are known.
  - We are considering a change from SportsEngine at the request of Cutters staff. Other platforms are more functional for management of teams and communication, and the rates we pay for SportsEngine have increased.
  - We have some players from refugee families that have joined Cutters teams through a connection with Refugee Support Network. These players have had the opportunity to play free of charge, using donated uniforms and equipment.
7. Dan Preston provided an update on our bank account and financial management. Bank account signatories are now Nat, Louis, and Dan. We have set up online account access and positioned long-term funds to get a 3% interest yield. We are considering other banking services such as online bill pay and payroll services to be managed by Louis with oversight from the Treasurer. Dan and Louis will meet with Charlene, our bookkeeper, to review her role and responsibilities.
  8. Generally, Cutters Board combines the November and December meetings. We will plan an in-person meeting this year, with date, time and place TBD. Stephanie suggested that her workplace may be able to offer conference room space for in-person Board meetings.
  9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm