

**TRI-COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2002**

Vice President Archie McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. All teams were present except ATS Pars, Cary, Crystal Lake Lakers, Dundee, and Warren. All teams except Warren joined the meeting in progress. Over-30 Referee Assignor Bouchaib Essalih was present.

President's Report. Bob reported that the League is in good shape that the managers are doing a good job, and the players are playing in a sporting manner.

Past President's Report. None

Vice President's Report. None.

Secretary's Report. The minutes of the July 2001 meeting were unanimously approved. A report of the ISSA Annual General Meeting held January 26, 2002 was given.

Treasurer's Report. Bill O'Brien presented his report. His expense report is attached to the minutes. There is a balance in the bank of \$6162.62. After expenses are paid, there will be an estimated balance of \$500.

Administrator's Report. Mike Parenti stated that he has reports of 3 red cards and 45 yellow cards in the Fall Season. He requested that the manager of a player getting a red card call him to determine whether a fine is due. The consensus of the team managers was that referees are not checking passes thoroughly. Bouch said that he will talk to the referees. Mike asked the game rosters be sent to his new address. It was suggested that a list be made of team colors to prevent conflicts.

Director of Scheduling Report. Bryan Winter advised that each team must register for the Spring Season at tonight's meeting. The playoffs will be held at Morava's fields.

Indoor. The teams are playing indoor at Elgin, Crystal Lake, Lake Zurich, Hoffman Estates, and Palatine. There was an indoor tournament in Las Vegas on the M. L. King holiday weekend.

E-Mail Addresses. Managers were requested to provide their e-mail addresses.

Over 40 Division Report. Clair Tripp reported that the division is running well, although there were 30 yellow cards and 12 red cards during the Fall Season. One player was given a lifetime suspension for referee assault. The Spring season will start April 21 and run for 15 weeks.

By-Law Change. Bryan Winter proposed a change to the By-Laws concerning rescheduling of games. It was moved and seconded to adopt the change. Passed unanimously.

Application of Palatine Celtics to Join the Tri-County League. John Miller of the Palatine Celtics of the NorthWest Suburban League (NWSL) requested that his team join the Tri-County League. There was extensive discussion about 2 incidents which occurred during the past several

years. In the first, Palatine's primary scorer was "continuously hacked," and he retaliated with an open hand to an opponent's face. NWSL suspended Palatine. In the second, after a hard foul, a brawl broke out, and the league expelled the opposing team from the League. While John said that these were the only problems that the team had, he was questioned about 2 players who the current NWSL President said had been in trouble with the League since the 2 above-mentioned incidents. It was moved and seconded that Palatine be admitted into the Tri-County League, subject to using a name other than "Celtics" which the present Palatine team uses; that the new team does not take players from the existing team/ that they secure a home field, that they are aware of the Tri-County League's emphasis on "Fair Play" and that violent play will not be tolerated; and that they are on probation for the first year and ineligible for the playoffs during that year. Motion passed 16 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. Mike Parenti volunteered to mentor the team for its first year.

Bryan Winter said that Palatine 2 will go into the Central Division, and that Libertyville Spirit will go into the East. The Spring Season will start on April 19, end on August 9, with August 16 a make-up date, and the playoffs on August 23. Bryan was advised that although Warren is not at the meeting, that they will play in the Spring Season. Jesse Gomez will turn over the team to a new manager.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs. July 25, 2002, tentatively at the Barrington Library.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McGovern