

2009 Annual Meeting Dynamos Soccer Club
Monday January 26th, 2009
Northfield Elementary School , Northfield VT

Attendees: Joe Hatch, Barbara Amell, Michele Langley, Billi Higgins, Lori McLellan, Shannon Doney, Heidi Passalacqua, Jason Miles, Vicki Corson, John Triano, Geoff Davidson, Brian Albee, Kelly Smith, Nelson Hoffman, Tracy King

Meeting Started at 7pm

Shannon Doney did not have the minutes with her from the 2008 Meeting but they will be posted on the Dynamos website.

President Joe Hatch read the following year in review.

The best way to sum up 2008 is a year of changes. As we know change is rarely easy and some changes are more successful than others. The first change in 2008 was the newly accepted by-laws set in place to help govern the club. This was new to the organization and like the constitution of the United States this should be viewed as a living document and may need to be amended and changed as the needs of the club are re-evaluated. This leads to the proposed amendment to the positions of the board members. As the year went on we realized that the scheduling was a huge task and if perhaps a job in and of itself we could recruit more volunteers. We originally separated the registrar and treasurer position but found that did not make the best sense for us in regards to keeping track of registrations and payments. We also received a considerable amount of feedback in regards to our coaches and their experience and knowledge of the game. The board felt it would be best to have a coaching coordinator to help with these issues. We are also actively looking to host training for coaches and last month Dynamos sent approximately 9 coaches to a course held in Essex.

The second change in 2008 was the introduction to Futsal a new version of indoor soccer played 5v5 in a smaller area with no boards. There were a lot of mixed sentiments regarding the game but in the end most of the kids did enjoy the game and the foot work and short pass skills used in the game definitely showed during our spring season.

Another change in 2008 was the way in which we ran our spring soccer program. In an effort to provide a place for any child interested in playing we fielded the most teams ever in Dynamos spring history. We learned a lot during this past season, mainly about numbers needed for a team. We had issues with teams not having enough players and coaches new to the spring program not being provided all of the information necessary for success. As long as these issues are lessons learned and the club moves forward with every effort not to repeat past mistakes we look forward to a bright future for Dynamos Soccer.

Lori gave the treasurer's report – see separate file 2008 Treasurer's Report

Discussion of proposed Amendment to by-laws

Shannon addressed an e-mail received the morning of the meeting regarding the amendment and questioning whether the board followed the by-laws in making this change.

Shannon noted that an e-mail was sent to the membership in December advising of the change and felt it was sufficient in following with the guidelines set forth in the by-laws. The group present reviewed the proposal below and voted the amendment all yeah's no nays.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws Annual Meeting January 26th 2009

The current board proposes we change the officer positions as follows effective for the 2009 term:

Combine the registrar and treasurer position back into one position and remove the responsibility of scheduling.

Create a new position of scheduler.

Remove the position of webmaster and replace it with the position of coaching coordinator.

Job descriptions –

Registrar/Treasurer – The duties and responsibilities of the Registrar/Treasurer shall include the following:

- A. To coordinate, direct and ensure the registration of all Dynamos players for each season.
- B. To maintain an adequate supply of forms that may be needed by teams and/or players.
- C. To interact with the state registrar on all matters pertaining to the registration of Dynamos teams and/or players.
- D. To maintain current roster and other pertinent information for each Dynamos team and for all registered players.
- E. To keep a detailed account of the income and expenses of the club
- F. To submit appropriate financial statements at membership and board of director meetings.
- G. Will have signing rights to the Club checking account.
- H. To carry out such other and further duties as from time to time are assigned by the board.

Scheduler:

- A. To act as Club coordinator in regards to scheduling with other towns
- B. To carry out such other and further duties as from time to time are assigned by the board.

Coaching Coordinator:

- A. Responsible for the solicitation of qualified and competent coaches at all team levels.
- B. Providing continuous opportunities for training and developing coaches skills
- C. Set clear expectation and guidelines for all of the associations coaches to follow
- D. Keep coaches informed of any board actions/decisions

Yeah _____

Nay _____

Kelly Smith suggested creating a list of things that Dynamos needs to do and does in an effort to pass it on to future members of the board. The board agreed and plans to work on this in 2009.

Australian ballot for election of officers for 2009

Ballot

President – Heidi Passalacqua

Vice President- Billi Higgins

Secretary- Shannon Doney

Registrar/Treasurer – Lori McLellan

Coaching Coordinator- Jason Miles

Fundraising Coordinator- Barbara Amell

Parent At Large – Michele Langley

Scheduler-OPEN

Equipment Mgr- OPEN

All positions were unopposed and every person received at least one vote and the officers of the club for 2009 were voted in as listed above.

Shannon welcomed Heidi and Jason to the board.

7:45pm meeting adjourned