**January Board meeting -**

**Attendees – Nick Druga, Jim Marsula, Julie McDermott, Joshua Dadeboe, Kimberly Rios, Kate Koch, Chris Lynch, Amy Proie, Courtney Bianchi, JG Wiles, Carly Kohler, Jim Spagnolo**

**PA West Updates - Nick/Jim/Julie**

* + Updated Code of Conduct related to Coach and Parent Behavior
		- New Code of Conduct approved
		- Added teeth to PA West due to Coach/Parent behavior
		- Will be distributed
	+ North District Looking for a delegate from each club to serve as an age group commissioner
		- Looking for 1 delegate for clubs of our size, 2 from larger clubs
		- Nick has some ideas, but would like to approach some people
		- If you have suggestions or if you would like to be involved, please let him know
		- Shouldn’t be too overly taxing – should be eyes and ears for questions/concerns to funnel up appropriately
	+ Plan to structure Sunday Travel with 6 A/B and potentially 5 A/B
		- Going to do a new level 6 A/B to help with the balancing
		- Especially out of the ICL – when we have to rate our teams, we have to be better at being positive about our teams
		- If winning 3-5 games, you are in the right spot, if you are winning more, you should likely be moving up a level
		- Potential that we will be offering a 5A/5B – really good opportunity for the teams that are being kept together and give them and take the step and get in the right division
		- Ideally, we more competitive and stop blow outs/domination games
	+ Need for Referees
		- Need to continue to driving it forward
		- As kids age, we need to encourage them to think about becoming referees
		- May have to look at rates moving forward and be competitive
		- Offer referees appropriate incentive to keep the kids wanting to ref soccer
	+ More Collaboration between clubs
		- There is Division 4 – more competitive teams and
		- For Division 5 and 6, we need to be more collaborative between clubs
		- Overall, it is for the kids
		- Large, Medium and Small clubs in the District – we are offering the most out of all the clubs to support kids playing
		- Our training is the same – but the principles are the same – we could open up our summer skills (Fox Chapel, Hampton, Highlands, etc.) that is more coming into our club and continue to grow their skills
		- The only way that happens is if people/teams keep developing at the same rate
		- There are tournaments and opportunities for U10 and up
		- Shaler could be the destination for a U8 festival – we have the fields/goals for younger kids
	+ TOPSoccer – moving to a Skype meeting

**Vision 22 - Nick**

* + FUN
		- Potential U8 Festival over the summer
		- Adult Pick Up League
			* + Great opportunity to leverage our space
				+ Opportunity for coaches, college kids, etc.
	+ DEVELOPMENT
		- PDC refining U4-U8 Training Guides
	+ COMPETITION
		- Focus on more creative teambuilding to provide the right challenge levels
	+ COMMUNITY
		- Continue with Food Drive
		- Ideas for how we can better support our players
		- PA West – put out coaching session for how to have conversations with your teams when tragedies occur
		- Think through what we have built and what we can do to continue to develop
		- Want to keep kids playing soccer because Shaler Soccer is their home

**Finance Update - Josh**

* + Financial Health Check – reviewed PDF of Financials
	+ Had lock smith come to Concession to open floor safe $150
	+ Purchasing new lock for Floor Safe

**Registration - Kim**

* + Registration Numbers – Sitting about 50% of where we will end up – in the last week/2 weeks where we get the majority of the people
		- In-House
			* U5- 23, U6 – 27, 22 U8 Boys, 23 U8 girls, 28 Lil Kickers, Tops 13
		- Travel
			* 23 U10 B
			* 25 U10 G
			* 20 U12 B
			* 15 U12 G
			* 10 U14 B
			* 6 U14 G
			* 6 U16B
			* 1 U16 G
			* 2 U19 B
	+ Reached out to Lisa Pierce – have connections on the girls and boys side to contact
	+ Have not gotten responses from Clint
	+ Spring registration is open until 1/31 with late registration closing 2/12
	+ Pre-Season Foot Skills registration is open until 2/27
	+ Registration Communications - Kate/Amy
		- Peachjar – submitted 1/10, approved 1/22 and sent to 6 schools

**Team Building - Jim/Julie**

* + February will be more related to the placement of teams
	+ Travel Teams Coaching Needs
		- Working through coaching needs
		- Not sure if any will player pools will needed
		- Always would love to have more coaches
		- Working to make sure that the teams are available
		- U14 G communication going out
		- Will see what the numbers are and see how it goes if School teams etc. want to be involved
	+ In-House Teams Coaching Needs
		- U5 – only 5 coaches have committed (1 new)
			* Need more hands on deck
			* Communication to be sent
		- U6 – OK on coaches
			* Will go to waitlist
		- U8B – Need Commissioner, need even number of teams
			* Will go to waitlist
		- U8G – Ok on coaches
	+ TOPSoccer Coaching Needs – Need Buddies
	+ Lil Kicker Coaching Needs - Ok

**Season Prep Activities**

* + Equipment purchased with DICKS money
		- 2 12ft by 6 ft pop up goals
		- 4 first aid kits
		- 10 sets of agility mini cones
	+ Permits are in for township fields (Start 4/1) – all in for the year - 2022
		- Denny
		- Fawcett
		- Fall Run
		- GLENSHAW VALLEY REMAINS FALL ONLY
	+ Permits for School fields are in (Start 4/3)
		- ALL OF SCOTT IS OURS
		- ANDERSON IS POSSIBLE FOR FALL
		- Submitted pre-season practice
	+ Coach Clearances
		- Working session to be held by Kim/Nick
		- JG/Chris will be added to the system to allow for appropriate training
	+ Hanging Basket Sale
		- Kate, Carly, Kim
		- Validate where we need volunteers
	+ Concession Restock
		- Will give the go-ahead to Jamie to order what is necessary to get the slushie machine back
		- Restock with what we did in the fall
		- On Sundays, what do we want to do? How do we want to set it up?
		- For weekdays – do we want to do a signup genius?
			* Can put together a signup genius and have it available
			* Commissioner can open and if the spots are taken, the concession stand can open
	+ Yard signs –
		- Are out in some intersections due to weather/timing
		- Jim put them out
		- At the schools – Elementary school, Wetzel/Mt. Royal, Wetzel/Vilsack
	+ Field Clean Up – First games – 4/2 and 4/3
		- Target the week before – Saturday, March 26th/Sunday, March 27th
			* Signup genius – put all on one day for spaces for Saturday
		- Fawcett
		- Denny
		- Fall Run
		- Glenshaw Valley – move goals and take down nets
	+ Uniforms
		- Primary Blue, Secondary White (UPMC) (will be on the front like European/Premier League)
		- Thoughts on 45th Anniversary Alt Jersey for Fall
	+ Sponsorship
		- Updating Offering for Fall/Spring 2022
			* + Been offering a lot for a little
				+ Need to make adjustments to make up for it
				+ Working through options and will update
		- LeagueSide Sponsorship $2000 for Spring
	+ Coaches Meetings
		- New to Coaches Meeting – plan for Thursday, 2/24 via Skype
		- All Coaches Meeting (Travel/Inhouse)
			* St Bonaventure on Wednesday, 3/9 at 6:30 PM
			* Jim will put on GameChanger in coach group

**Spring Season**

* + Really promoting throughout the season with the coaches
		- PA West Open
		- Fox Chapel Moonlight Madness
		- Plum Open (U10 and Up)
	+ In House - 8 weeks
		- 4/2 Meet and Greet Saturday (not during the week in previous season) PDC will be involved
		- 4/17 Easter (OFF)
		- 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, (6/11 make up)
	+ Travel
		- 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, (6/12 make up)

**New Business**

* + Motion to apply for 501(c)3 - Motioned by Josh Seconded by Jim M
		- Reviewed differences via chart of 501(c)4 which is where we currently are registered
		- Major difference with the alignments is with political recommendations
		- Motion accepted

* + Motion to apply for Non-Profit Incorporation- Motioned by Josh Seconded by Kim
		- Motion Accepted
	+ Apply for Secured Credit card account – Motioned by Josh, Seconded by Jim M
		- Give us an ability to use by members
		- This card is secured – this is backed by our own money
		- Our Money goes into a savings account that we already have and is just something that we draw from not provided
		- Is there an authorization limit or card being used by card
			* Limits can be set by card – will check to see if each card has a separate limit
			* Can be raised or lowered by card
			* Not sure of real time alerts to spending
			* Not planning to have the entire board to have a card – likely most of the e-board will have a card, but not the entire board
			* Mastercard backing

Motion – Adjourn meeting – First – Jim, Second – Julie