



Club Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020

Date: 9-3-2020

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Executive Council in attendance:

- John Larcinese, President
- Cathy Alexander, Secretary
- Jeff Davis, VP Intramural Soccer
- Haven Hoilett, VP Travel
- Michelle Bauer, VP Communications
- Steve Mumford, VP Marketing

Others in attendance: Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Brad Catania (2009 Heat), Terry Larkin ('10 Dragons), Rob Hill (2009 Legends), Ellen Frazier (08 Bulldogs), Matt Beaugard (09B Phantoms), Jen Halfpenney (2004 Blue Demons), Bradford Miles, Kym O'Donnell, Pat Tucker, David Parker, Paul Mages (U8 B Teal), Paul Dajewski (U10 Teal), Liam McDevitt, Kevin Frey (U19 G Force), Sheena Cherian, Terry Larkin (2010 B Dragons), Andrew Procaccini (U10 Dragons, U8 Champagne), Liam Woods (2007 B Lightning), Steve Orcutt (U13 B Wolverines), Jason Dubbs (U8 Royals), Joe DelRossi (U8 TNG), Kevin McDevitt (U8 Navy), Matt Beaugarde (Phantoms), Stacie Sigler (U14 Raptors), Mike Byne, Robert Lupinacci, Evan DiBlassio (U8 G Teal), Bill Procopio (U10 G, U8 Lime), Lou Lombardo (U10 G Lombardo), Eric Hammes (U12 B Phantoms), Marcelo Pascual (Marcelo Orange), David Frazier (Galaxy)

Minutes:

Board Meetings – The Board has been meeting every week, rather than once a month, to stay on top of the constantly changing circumstances and to move our club forward as safely as possible. We are in daily communication by text to handle all of the club's responsibilities and to address the many questions being asked. We appreciate everyone's patience, in this trying year, as we get things done. Our foremost responsibility is to keep the kids (and everyone else) safe.

Intramurals Update – The rosters are still changing daily. People are changing their minds about whether or not they want their children playing. We are also still accepting new registrations. We just received five more late registrations today.

While we have 55 fewer players registered for IM, than we did last fall, our numbers are still very strong at a total of 285. Our U8 boys group is huge, with more than 60 players. Our U8 girls have 36 players. Our U10 boys and girls are a little lighter. Our U12 boys is strong, while our U12 girls is a bit light. We have two 15+ teams, which also includes our U14 players. Our DDP is somewhat lighter than it was last year. But considering the circumstances, our numbers are very strong.

IM parents will be receiving two emails soon. The first will be about our club's Return to Play (RTP) protocols. The second will be about making payment for the IM season. We held off on having families pay until we became more certain the fall season would take place.

IM Practices - Intramural practices will be at Arcola School on fields 1, 3, 6, and 8. Coaches have been assigned practice days. If you have any questions about IM practices please email intramurals@fcmontco.

The equipment is in the shed, which is next to the school, at the back corner by the gyms. It is near Field 3, which is the field in the front that is closest to the school. The shed contains balls, goals, cones, and pinnies.

IM Games - This fall, IM games will be at Arcola rather than at Heebner, to allow for more spacing. We will be working with Westmont again to have games in the U10 and U12 boys and girls age group.

IM Uniforms – DDP uniforms have arrived. Other uniforms will be arriving next week for all players, except for those who registered late or were moved between rosters.

IM Clinics – IM will have two training clinics coming up in September. The first will take place September 13th. Andy, Liam, and Kylie will all be there. Even if IM coaches cannot attend, please encourage as many of your players to attend, as possible.

Festivals – DDP will have four festivals. The schedule is being put together.

Field Reservations – We took down the system during the spring and summer in order to preserve capital, because we are charged for it. We are rebuilding the system and will have the scheduled IM practices loaded in there. As soon as it's ready, we will email out the link, along with instructions for using it to schedule practices. Mt. Kirk is being lined on Thursday so this field can be used too.

Clearances – All coaches, assistant coaches, and parent managers must have their clearances in order to be on the field with their players. Please send all clearances to Cathy Alexander at secretary@fcmontco.org.

Fall Academy Training – The travel sessions will continue in the current format for the next two weeks, with the first session running from 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm and the second session from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm. We will shift to a new training schedule on September 14th. All training will take place at Heebner. While we usually switch our fall training over to Redtail and play under the lights, we cannot do so this year because the field is too small for proper social distancing. As the schedule changes, we will email you. We are working on contingency plans that we hope to announce soon.

Parking Violations – It is against Worcester Township rules for any cars to park in the drop off loop, The township could pull our permit to use the fields if we keep breaking this rule. If it continues, we will use cones to block off the entire loop. **Please email all parents on your team and tell them not to park there.** Please encourage them to use the loop just for dropping off. Parents should park and walk to the loop to meet players coming off the fields, or wait for their players to walk back to the parking lot.

GotSport – Haven has sent an email to coaches about how to see which of their players have been registered. Make sure that parents are uploading pictures under the player logins and not the parent logins. Haven can pull up registrations to verify if players are registered but he cannot export this data.

Player Cards – We believe that everyone is going virtual and there will no longer be physical, laminated cards. EDP is going this route and we are confirming if the other leagues are doing the same.

Return to Play Protocol – Teams should check with opposing teams for their home field RTP protocol. If there are no protocols or areas where our protocol and the opposing teams differ, teams should follow the FC Montco protocol, such as one spectator per player. We are relying on the honor system for enforcement of this rule. Let's limit our fans even if the other club is not.



We appreciate everyone's efforts to enforce and follow the rules that have been established since we re-opened on June 29th. The following are important:

1. Players need to **wear masks** from the parking lot to the field and they may remove them once they have put their backpacks down. They also need to wear them when walking from the field back to the parking lot.
2. We need to allow for a **transition between practices** to keep cohorts of players separated. We don't want a cross over of players between practice sessions because this creates an exposure that we're trying to minimize. Please tell players not to mix with the prior teams coming off the fields.
3. Please remind all parents to **use the TeamSnap Health Check tool**. This needs to be filled out for each player before every session, game, and team practice to mitigate the risks to everyone else. Coaches should not be completing the health assessments for any players who are not their own children. Only parents will know if a child has had a fever in the last 24 hours.
4. All travel coaches will be emailed a **protocol document** to send to away team coaches when we are hosting games. This document includes our club protocol, such as one spectator per player.

Supporter Store – This is now open and has been announced through an email blast and on social media. We have partnered with Shirt & Ink, reinforcing our commitment to a local vendor in our community. Since we have rebranded our club, we want to get everyone outfitted in FC Montco attire. It is excellent marketing for our club when you wear FC Montco attire.

Coaches Shirts – We ordered more than 70 shirts and only 17 have arrived, due to supply chain issues.

Coaches Store – These items should all arrive by the end of September. If not, you may receive an email asking if you still want the items you ordered.

Travel Uniforms – These ship directly to players and are also still arriving, due to supply chain issues.

FC Montco Patches – These have also been slow and we are hoping to receive them next week.

Social Media – We need a steady stream of pictures and videos of practices, games, and tournaments so that we can flood social media. Please do not be shy about sending these in. We want IM as well as travel so that we keep our presence on social media fresh. Please send your pictures and videos to Michelle Bauer, our VP of Communications, at communications@fcmontco.org.

Photos for Website and Trophy Case – If your team has won any tournaments or awards, please let Kym O'Donnell, our Director of Web Development, know. She is building a trophy case on our club's website. Also, if you have any photos you would like on your travel team page or on the website's IM page, please send these to Kym at kym.odonnell@fcmontco.org.

