



EPIC SOCCER CLUB

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Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 21, 2007

Meeting location: 9th Grade Complex, Room C120

1. In attendance: As per sign-in sheet.

Jenny Hayes – President/Xplosion

Stephanie Shupe: EPIC Thunder

Dave Baker-- Quest & Comets

Domingo Rodriguez – Vice President/EPIC 94G

Margaret Henderson –95G Hammers

Hunter Barrat – Secretary/EPIC 96B/94G

Patrick Henderson – 95G Hammers

Chris Lowe – Treasurer/EPIC 96B

Jim Springer -- Renegades

Casimir Bruce – Dir. Of Coaching/EPIC 96B

Mike Cain – EPIC 95G Hammers

Jay Shupe—EPIC Thunder

Bill Mason – EPIC 94G Pride

Buddy Perry – EPIC 90G

Lisa Ausherman -- Renegades

Karen Gustavel – 92B Blast

Wendy DeLawder -- Registrar

2. Jenny made an initial statement to remind EPIC members that everyone should remember the purpose of the club is to have soccer teams for our kids, we all want all the kids and teams to succeed and be competitive, that everyone is doing his/her best and is working toward the success of the whole club, and if people want the club to do something better, all are welcome to help.
3. **Approval of July minutes:** Hunter e-mailed the July minutes before the meeting. It was moved that they be amended in the following way: under #4, everything after the word “discussion” (Bill Mason moved to table the discussion) be stricken from the official minutes. The motion was made to second this amendment and it was carried unanimously that the July minutes be thus amended.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** current balance, as of 9/5/07: \$10, 942.76. There are a few checks outstanding. Domingo moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Sherando field fee payments.** About two days before the fall season was to begin, Jenny learned that the Sherando field fees had not been paid since April 2006, and the season’s games for several teams were almost cancelled. The fees were paid just in time, and the games were able to go on. The discussion that followed covered a variety of issues related to this: (a.) It doesn’t matter why this happened. The club is moving on from here and wants to be able to plan for these fees and other expenses by setting up a budget with specific line items for specific areas so expenses don’t fall through the cracks and the club can project future spending in various areas. Lisa Ausherman moved to set up a budget committee, with interested people to meet at the end of the meeting to discuss it. This was seconded and passed unanimously. (b.) Once a budget is set up, it may be necessary to raise the amount of EPIC fees that each player pays per season to cover rising costs for insurance, field fees, etc. These fees will be broken down so that teams and parents know what they cover.(c.) Teams will not be back billed for these field fees, but they may need to pay something for the spring season’s fees.(d.) Because different fields have different fees, depending on their size and turf quality, the teams will have to pay different amounts.
6. **Fundraising Coordinator.** Stephanie Shupe, team manager for the U-13 boys EPIC Thunder, volunteered to be the club fundraiser. She already has several ideas, including the following:

(a). The Tortilla Factory, in the new Ranson-area shopping center with the Home Depot and Weiss, has a program where the group doing the fundraiser picks a day and establishes a secret phrase. Whenever a customer utters this phrase, the Tortilla Factory will donate 20% of that sale to EPIC. The group told Stephanie to select a day that is agreeable to the Tortilla Factory and to let the rest of EPIC know so teams can spread the word to all and sundry and patronize the Tortilla Factory on that day.

(b). Team photos. Since there is currently no established club photographer, Stephanie contacted Nylec Photography (she revealed that the owner is a friend) about doing team photos. The photographer will donate back 10% of the total to EPIC. October 2 is the chosen date, and teams can sign up for 15-minute slots between 6:00 and 7:30. The high school aged teams that are not playing currently would not be able to participate because they are not officially teams at this point.

(c.) EPIC Fridays. This is not a fundraiser, but it is an attention-getter—almost as good! Players from every team should wear their EPIC jerseys to school every Friday to attract attention and raise awareness of the club.

7. **Team fundraisers.** Three teams are having fundraisers that they would like other teams to support. (a) **EPIC Thunder.** The Thunder is having 2 fundraisers. (1) Stephanie is designing team tee shirts that will have each team's logo on it (the logo will incorporate the official EPIC logo) that parents and players can buy for \$10 each. She has made tentative designs for each team, but she will consult with each team to come up with a design it likes. (2) The Thunder is selling tickets for a Breakfast Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's in Charles Town on Saturday, October 6 from 8am – 10am. Breakfast includes pancakes & sausage, coffee, tea or soda. Tickets are \$5 in advance and are available from Thunder team members. (b) **EPIC Pride (U-13 girls) and Xplosion (U-10 boys).** Dining for Dollars at Glory Days. Sundays—Thursdays, Oct. 1—March 31, between 11:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m at Maryland and WV locations. Glory Days will donate 10% of a customer's total food bill; the customer only needs to ask for the guest check (not credit card receipt) and mail it to Nancy Rodriguez: 754 Apple Cross Rd. Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

8. **Youth Soccer Night at JHS boys soccer game, Sept. 19.** Several EPIC teams attended, and many were recognized during half time. AYSO teams were also invited, but EPIC had the largest attendance, which is good advertising for the club.
9. **Registrar's Report.** Wendy reported that for the Fall 2007 season, there were seven teams registered with a total of 94 kids. Three of these were new teams: Xplosion (U-10 boys), Storm (U-11 girls), and Thunder (U-13 boys).
10. **Uniform change.** Lisa Ausherman made a motion to bring up previously tabled point of order to change EPIC's colors, so it may be formally voted down to allow Lisa Ausherman's new motion. Previously tabled uniform color change was then voted down. Lisa Ausherman then made a new motion to add (emphasis on "add") black shorts as an "elective" or "optional" uniform piece. Motion carried unanimously. Patrick Henderson suggested that WVSA be consulted first to make sure that this is acceptable, since EPIC's approved colors are royal blue and white. Jenny said she would contact WVSA about this.
11. **Scholarships.** The committee did not meet so there was no official report, but Domingo brought up the topic. There was some general discussion about how to determine what players should have scholarships, that teams should petition the board for scholarship funds, that Eurosport goal points could be used to help purchase uniforms. Most established teams tend to take care of their own players with fundraisers and parent contributions, but new teams don't have these resources to draw on.
12. **Placing ads in various media, including Child Guide.** A motion was made to table this discussion until the budget committee has made its report about available funds for advertising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. **Bill Mason moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn.**