

## DAYAA Soccer – May 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

### Attendees – Roll Call

Chris Vought President <u>X</u>	Carrie Beauchamp Vice President <u>X</u>	Michelle French Secretary <u>X</u>	Alison Relick Treasurer <u>X</u>
Jeremy Brammell <u>X</u>	Wendy Brammell <u>X</u>	Frank Denara <u>X</u>	
	Cheyenne Thompson	Paul Wible <u>X</u>	Jordan Willochell

**GUESTS: NONE**

### Objectives: Discussion of season

1. Call to order May 18, 2024 @ 11:19 am Soccer Pavilion

### New Business

2. Picture Day follow up

**We received some complaints about picture day and the time leading up to it. There were questions being asked that we couldn't answer. We (the board) were never told about the online ordering process. Wendy was unreachable for a significant amount of time. Michelle and Jordan eventually had to step in to reach out to the photographer just a few days before pictures to get everything straightened out.**

**Some parents were upset because they were not permitted to be in the gymnasium while pictures were being taken. Some parents were upset because players hair, clothing, etc. was "fixed" by a board member without asking for permission from either the player or the parent – OR asking the player/parent to do it.**

**As a board, this is not our responsibility to do – the parents and/or player should be tucking in their own shirts and fixing their own hair, unless we have explicit permission from a parent/player to do so.**

**Wendy apologized for the lack of communication. She was not aware of the complaints. She did not feel she did anything inappropriate and doesn't recall tucking in anyone's shirt or fixing anyone's hair with the exception of 1 child.**

3. u9 games are mostly competitive and players are starting to figure out how to play together. Have personally observed (in one instance intervened) and been spoken to on several occasions regarding parents being critical of coaching, players, etc. Considering speaking with all parents from u9 during practice today.

**Parents have complained about coaching styles, playing time. There have been specific complaints received from parents about coaching methods or lack thereof and their general attitude towards parents and players.**

**Coaches have complained about parents on sidelines talking/making comments about the coaches, the team, specific players, etc. Many coaches have mentioned they may not coach again because of this.**

**This is something, as a Board, we should be keeping an eye on and addressing as needed.**

**Wendy added she had concerns about coaches complaining about her child to Chris rather than bringing it to her or Jeremy directly.**

**4. U18 Practice concern**

**At a recent U18 practice, Jeremy utilized a pocket knife to demonstrate formation to the players in her group. Jeremy did tell Chris about this immediately following the practice.**

**It was reported by a player that Jeremy then yelled at the kids and threw the knife into the ground.**

**Carrie expressed concerns over this because her child was present at this practice when this happened. She indicated her child, as well as another child, no longer feel safe at practice and are hesitant to return.**

**Jeremy admitted he did take his knife out at a recent practice. However, this was not done in a menacing way. He did not even open the knife completely, indicating he was showing the players how they should be in a "V" formation. He denied having thrown the knife into the ground while yelling at the players. He stated the players that were being yelled at, were yelled at because they were walking away and not listening to him. He indicated he was putting his knife back into his pocket when this occurred.**

**Michelle mentioned that she spoke with her child, who was also present at this practice, and he did not witness any of it and his story is more in line with Jeremy's.**

**Jeremy noted he is aware this was a bad judgment call on his part and he should not have utilized a pocket knife as a teaching tool. Jeremy did apologize to Carrie for causing any undue stress on her or her child. He also offered to apologize to her child as well.**

- 5. Thank you cards and gifts for coaches. Done in seasons prior to 2021**
- a. Thoughts on restarting these small tokens of appreciation.**
  - b. 27 coaches minus 2 board members = 25**
  - c. Gift cards for local restaurants or businesses. Amount? \$25 = \$625**

**Motion: Frank; 2nd: Paul**

**Open Discussion**

**6.**

**Wendy submitted her resignation, by email, prior to the start of this meeting.**

**We received a request from an outside group to use our fields when we are not using them.**

**Overall, we are ok with anyone using the fields as long as they are used respectfully. Our concerns are damage that is being done to the field,**

**specifically, when the field is muddy. Moving benches and nets and not putting them back. Leaving garbage on the fields.**

**Chris will contact Don Kepple (Twp Supervisor) about this.**

**Chris will also suggest the Twp put up a sign with contact information on it to use/rent the field and pavilion**

Next meeting scheduled for **June 13<sup>th</sup>** to be held at Field Pavilion @ 7pm

Adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_am    **Motion:**                            ; **2nd:**