

Minutes for the RIWSL Meeting, Held 8 June 2020 at 7:00PM via Zoom

1. Call to Order: 7:04pm
2. Present for Meeting
 - a. Nicole A. (board), Kay (board and SC Storm), Niki M. (board and Strikers), Pat V. (board and Tequila Hot-Shots), Annee Smith (Fusion), Ashlyn (SC Strikers), Lauren (What's Kickin'), Anna (NE Lightning), Liz Parvo-Brown (Spinnakers), Jen (FCFC), Alicia (Halftime Heroes), Tacey (Guinness Girls).

Team	Missed Meetings 2019-2020 Season
Southcoast Strikers	1
NE Lightning	1
FCFC	0
What's Kickin	0
Halftime Heroes	1
South County Storm	0
RI Strikers	0
Newport Spinnakers	0
Guinness Girls	0
RI Fusion	0
Tequila Hot Shots	1
Southcoast Revs*	1
Sirens**	0
Panthers***	0

*Team did not play Fall 2019 but was coming back for Spring 2020. We need to determine if they are coming back for Spring 2020. They did not attend the meeting.

*Carlina attempted to attend the meeting as team rep for SC Revs. Note amended on date 4 August 2020 to update missed meetings to "1" for the 2019-2020 season.

**Team has dropped out of the league and will not be returning.

***Team did not have enough players for Spring 2020 and was decided to divide their players up to teams that needed players. Is this still the case for Fall 2020?

BOD Member	Missed Meetings 2019-2020 Season
Kay Howard Strobel	0
Linda Sheridan	2
Nikole Moutinho	0
Nicole Andrescavage	1
Pat Votolato	2

3. Nicole A. named note-taker.
4. Lauren Taylor named time-keeper.
5. Motion to suspend Robert's Rules by Kay, seconded by Tacey. Passed unanimously.
6. Motion to accept last meeting's minutes by Kay, seconded by Pat V. Passed unanimously.
7. President's Report
 - a. Niki worked with RISA to address the COVID-19 impacts on the league. We completed the fall 2019 session but did not have a full season as a result of losing spring 2020. The plan is now to do the following:
 - i. Combine fall 2019 with this coming fall 2020 session to complete the season, have playoffs at the end of fall 2020.
 - ii. Moving forward into 2021 from there, we will have one season made up of a spring session and a fall session so that the season is completed within the same calendar year (example: spring 2021+fall 2021, and fall 2021 playoffs).
 1. This puts us in sync with all of the other adult leagues in RI like RISA has been asking us to do. It may also help with player retention because one full season occurs over a shorter period of time.
8. Registrar's Report
 - a. Fall 2019 registrations are COVERED for the fall 2020 session as well.
 - b. Niki added that those who registered in spring 2020 were given the option to either: transfer that money over to remain registered for fall 2020 OR be given a refund.
 - c. Niki will send the list of those who elected to transfer their registration money to Pat so that she knows they remain registered for fall 2020.
 - d. Pat also mentioned that Kay and Niki will be added into USASA for the women's league so that the board has insurance, which has not been the case thus far. This will be done while coordinating with Cathy Souza.
 - e. Finally, Pat will need everyone to re-do waivers; the new language of the waiver ensures that insurance coverage is for injuries only and NOT illness (one who contracts COVID-19 as a result of future play or otherwise is NOT covered by the league's liability insurance.
9. VP Report
 - a. Skipped, Linda could not be present this evening.
10. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Niki relayed that we moved our bank account from Citizen's to Navigant because of the monthly fees we had to pay at Citizen's.
 - i. Opening Navigant balance as carried over from Citizen's: \$3,360.29.
 - ii. Spring 2020 registrations: \$1,557.55.
 - iii. Winter Warm-up Tournament: \$800.00.
 - iv. Donation from RISA: \$25.00.
 - v. Refunds to those who elected to have them from spring 2020: (\$1,170.00).
 - vi. Website costs: (\$50.07).

vii. Current bank account total: \$4,521.74.

11. Kay informed everyone that Sirens will no longer play; they had been frustrated with no summer league and refunds, etc.

12. Votes Taken

- a. Vote to decide that IF fall 2020 does not happen for whatever reason, the league moves forward by calling fall 2019 a wash and beginning spring 2021 by following the calendar year approach to seasons (we'll start again in spring 2021, which combines with fall 2021 for a full season and have fall playoffs).
 - i. Motion by Kay, seconded by Nicole A. Passed unanimously.
- b. Vote to make schedule without Sirens and keep A playing A and B playing B with no cross-over games. T-90 Bangers are normally a spring-only team, but we will ask them about playing this fall if they do not have a NCAA season.
 - i. Motion by Lauren, seconded by Kay. Passed unanimously.
- c. Vote to make the fall season start date 30 August, skipping Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends, last games on 1 November. Use holiday weekends as make-up weekends since the men's league isn't playing and referees will be available. Playoffs on 8 Nov. Top 4 from each division play in the playoffs.
 - i. Motion by Kay, seconded by Niki. Passed unanimously.
- d. Lauren proposed having a date for deciding whether we'll play or not, particularly to avoid having people register only for us to cancel the season. Niki added that by the end of July we'll know whether "Phase 3" of reopening will/has occurred, so we should plan to decide by then and open registration once we decide.
 - i. Vote to hold next meeting on 3 August and decide at that meeting whether we will play; opening registration post-meeting if we will play.
 1. Motion by Kay, seconded by Niki. Passed unanimously.

13. NEXT MEETING: 3 August at 7:00pm, most likely to occur by Zoom.

14. Motion to adjourn by Kay, seconded by Pat. Passed unanimously at 7:32pm.