



NEVADA SOCCER CLUB

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To: All Soccer Club Members, Players, Parents, Fans, Coaches and Sponsors

After the last board meeting it was decided that we need to inform you of and explain a few things.

First we want to thank all past and present Volunteers, Coaches, Board Members, Parents, Players, Fans, and Sponsors for making the Nevada Soccer Club a success over the many years of its existence. As a volunteer organization we could not do without all of your help and support!!

There is a lot to be excited about regarding Nevada Soccer. Many of our teams at the club level are competing extremely well in the leagues they play which include many of the Des Moines area teams and larger Soccer Clubs. The success that both the Girls and Boys High School Varsity Soccer teams have had over the last several years is awesome and both programs futures continue to look bright with our great youth soccer program. We hope to continue to involve the High School Coaches in our league activities as much as possible to further educate and train our Club Coaches and Players. We also are striving to use Nevada based businesses for all our products if possible thereby staying local and proving to our community that we are indeed the **NEVADA** Soccer Club.

Ten years ago I knew very little about soccer having never played soccer. Like many of you, I was thrown into the soccer world when my first child decided to play. Soon I was an avid fan, began coaching a little, and before I knew it, soccer seemed to consume my thoughts more and more, not to mention my weekends and evenings. Now with three girls in soccer, I think it may be the greatest sport I have experienced. I decided to be a board member to see if I could help out in other ways and after three years, I have learned and experienced even more passion and at times frustration with soccer.

For this Club to continue on in a positive and energetic way as well as improving as we go, first of all we need more volunteers. Whether you volunteer as a Coach, help with fundraising, or want to serve as a Board Member, your help is greatly appreciated. We currently have needs to fill Board Member

positions and are looking for coaches and assistant coaches each and every season. Please feel free to find any of our current Board Members contact information on our website and contact any of us for any information.

We do receive some assistance from Nevada Parks and Recreation in the use of City Parks as field space for practice and games and in grounds keeping help. But the Nevada Soccer Club is still responsible for costs, shared and direct, with this relationship. The Club just recently purchased an automatic portable sprinkler to further improve and maintain our fields. Other expenses include soccer balls and equipment for our coaches: goals, nets, paint and grounds keeping fees for our fields: fees to participate in the Greater Des Moines Soccer Clubs for our older teams: payment for all referees at all games: office supplies; internet service; postage, insurance, as well as other smaller items.

After our next meeting in December we will present a financial picture so you can better understand what your registration fees are used for. Nevada Soccer Club fees are **very** inexpensive compared to many of the clubs (not so far away) that have paid coaches and/or administrators to run their Clubs and we hope to keep it that way. After our December meeting we also will present our 2010 and beyond objectives based on our budget expectations and past history.

In the past, the Club would provide for at least one jersey per participant but increased expenses to improve our Club prohibited this continued practice. Communication regarding the reason for this change was less than adequate and could have been better. We apologize for any miscommunication this past fall regarding the uniforms/jerseys and will make the process much clearer this coming Spring season... beginning with this letter.

All teams U5 through U10 will need to purchase their uniforms at Ben Franklin here in Nevada (if you have not already done so this past fall). The uniform will consist of purple socks, purple shorts and purple/white reversible jerseys. On your registration form there will be a space for you to record the size of shorts and jersey for each of your children. This allows Ben Franklin a more accurate count to order the appropriate size for your soccer player(s). The Club has limited the new uniform requirement to U10 and below because a number of the older teams recently purchased uniforms of their own and asking them to repeat that while the uniforms they currently use are still in good shape isn't appropriate. We would expect the older teams, as they "grow out of" their current uniform to follow suit with the Purple and White theme of uniform. We will communicate this important reminder via email, at our coaches meeting and in our newsletter as much as possible before spring registration is completed.

Beth Kruschwitz, board member and Soccer Mom organized a shoe exchange last year which was a great success and she hopes of expanding this exchange the next two seasons to include shin guards, jerseys and other equipment.

The "Soccer Goals" Club Newsletter will be renewed and we plan to have the newsletter come out around the beginning and ending of each season. Feel free to email pictures, results, or comments/suggestions to the board for inclusion into the newsletter as we are excited to include everyone in Nevada Soccer news throughout our community. We also plan to email the Nevada Soccer

Club Board meeting minutes to all Club members with email as well as posting them on our website each month to help keep those interested more up to date.

Fundraising is a huge help to help keep costs affordable to all and help support other plans and activities that the Nevada Soccer Club hopes to do in the future to enhance the soccer program in Nevada. These plans and activities include future field development, hosting a Nevada Tournament, continued hosting of British Soccer Camps and Local Coach Camps and Clinics. Unfortunately for Nevada Soccer, we are not the only organization in town with fundraising needs, so new and fresh fundraising ideas are vital. Please send us your ideas on fundraising and help by getting involved in those activities.

We welcome any of your ideas now and in the future to help us represent all of you the best way possible. We also encourage any of you who are interested in serving on the Nevada Soccer Club in any capacity to let us know.

Again, thank you for all your support!

The Nevada Soccer Club