



DAVIS LEGACY SOCCER CLUB

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

7:00 P.M. (via ZOOM)

1. PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETING: On November 17, 2020, First Vice President Jeff Geisler and Treasurer Phil Wyels, in accordance with Section 7(c) of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Club, requested an urgent Special Meeting of the Board, at the date and time above, for the purpose of assessing and potentially improving current training protocols in light of sharply increasing COVID-19 infection rates and Yolo County's move to the more restrictive Tier 1 (Purple/Widespread).

2. URGENCY DETERMINATION: The Directors present were polled to determine whether the review and potential revision of the Club's current training protocols is too urgent to wait to be heard at the next Regular Meeting scheduled for December 17, 2020. This poll also served as the roll call taken:

Executive Board:

Josh Lutzker (President);
Jeff Geisler (Vice President);
Victor Briscoe (2nd Vice President);
Mark Carroll (3rd Vice President);
Jessica Duarte (4th Vice President);
Phil Wyels (Treasurer);
Rob Hofmann (Secretary).

Team Representatives:

Pam Amundsen (U13-U15 Girls);
John Fitzpatrick (U16-U18/19 Girls)(joined ~7:20 p.m.);
Karen Rodriguez (U13-U15 Boys);
Colin Anderson (U16-U18/19 Boys).

Non-Voting Directors:

David Robertson (Executive Director of Coaching)
Justyn Howard (Director of Administration and Finance).

URGENCY DETERMINATION UNANIMOUS AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED.

3. SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M. (Josh)
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO CURRENT TRAINING PROTOCOLS:
 - David conveyed documents compiled by Technical Director Nate Boyden for Board members to review (attached).
 - COVID-19 information email is being well utilized (as many as 15 to 20 emails a day), including communications from members of other clubs seeking information.
 - There are players quarantining due to potential exposures, although there is nothing to indicate any exposure resulted from participating in activities at the complex.
 - Communications regarding potential exposures have been constructive and the teams of potentially exposed players were notified of a potential exposure.
 - With teams beginning to travel it may be possible to track communicated exposures and from that information evaluate whether travel potentially presents an increased exposure risk.
 - With current spike, it is important to re-double efforts at fields to ensure proper distancing (e.g., water breaks and arriving/leaving practices, etc.). Increased feedback received from parents about observed complacency/increasingly lacking adherence to distancing protocols.
 - Significant scientific support that mask usage is beneficial against COVID exposure. Usage can be encouraged or mandated within specified parameters, with use exceptions as applicable.
 - Potential distancing with masks protocol differs from a 'masks when contact' protocol.
 - Is current spike sufficiently different to justify a 'masks during training' mandate when it was not imposed during previous spikes/Purple Tier status.
 - Number trajectory significantly worse and there is currently no indicators that it will improve any time soon; potential vaccines have not been tested on teenagers/children and it may be significantly longer before a vaccine might be available for them.
 - Directors very concerned about player development plateau and potential regression; need to try and find ways to keep the players engaged and ideally closer simulate game conditions even if it is without contact. Consensus that there is more potential exposure concern from standing in training lines than from players sporadically coming closer than six feet for only a second or two in drills that more closely simulate, without contact, game-like conditions.
 - Studies that indicate soccer may not be a primary exposure driver were conducted when the exposure number outlook was very different.
 - Potential mask mandate versus strongly encouraging usage with goal of making mask usage during practices more socially acceptable.

- Host events are seeking feedback regarding reported exposures to conduct their own tracing and evaluations.
- Is evaluation of potential mandated mask use during trainings warranted in light of the spike in cases and County regression to more restrictive tier?
- Ensure messaging regarding importance of distancing as first priority is continually communicated to players, with masks as a supportive safety/mitigation measure.
- Ensure COVID resource information is re-circulated to Club Membership.
- Mandatory mask use in Oregon during close proximity trainings and contact play has become second nature to the players and is universally implemented.
- Is contact with masks an option or are we looking to keep game-like simulations with no contact (e.g., no throw-ins, etc.)?
- Potential two-prong approach with emphasis on ensuring proper distancing during less active components of training (mask not required) and mask required when engaging in more active/closer to game simulation drills/activities with “pressure” (e.g., Rondos).
- Use of bibs may be a good bright line = if bibs in use, masks are required.
- Concern over player distancing and contact relaxing/complacency.
- Support for coupling activities using bibs with requiring a mask.
- Best to provide definitive/illustrative examples of when mask usage would be required (e.g., masks required during a Rondo).
- Clarification sought whether affirmatively allowing activities at less than six feet or acknowledging the realities and attempting to account for instances where six feet distancing is not always being maintained.
- Key is ‘pressure’, which generally requires a bib, should require use of a mask.
- Potential ‘win-win’ that increases player protection while providing more development and game-like situational training options.
- Proposal for Mark, Justyn, and David to develop proposed revisions to current protocols.
- Request for upcoming approved team travel numbers.
- Mark will provide Board with a copy of ‘best sports masks.’

5. MOTION: Mark, Justyn, and David to collaboratively prepare draft revised protocols that enhance player safety by requiring mask usage when there is the potential for players to come within less than six feet of each other during training activities, inclusive of illustrative examples. (Moved by Josh; Seconded by Mark.)

- Phil: aye.
- Jessica: no.
- Colin: aye.
- Rob: yes.
- Mark: aye.
- Victor: aye.

- Karen: aye.
- Jeff: yes.
- John: yes.
- Pam: yes.
- Josh: yes.

MOTION TO IMPLEMENT PROTOCOLS PASSES 10-1.

Next meeting scheduled for December 17, 2020, which will focus on the budget.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:18 P.M.

This Report of Actions Taken by the Board at the Special Meeting held by teleconference on November 18, 2020, is hereby respectfully submitted.

Rob Hofmann, Secretary