

Chris Stricker called the meeting to order and introduced the coaches.

- Use the website at www.chssoccer.org to get the most up to date schedules, as changes do occur.
- If you have contact info for any girls soccer alumni that would like to participate in the Alumni game on January 2nd, please invite them to come out. The current Varsity girls who have tournaments over the holidays are excused from this game. Let the coaches know.
- Pay to Play must be taken care of before the Christmas break.
- All parents need to complete the steroid survey by going to www.psaas.org (Parent Substance Abuse Awareness Survey). You will need to register and complete the free course. The school district is automatically notified of all completions.
- Team photos in uniform will be taken on January 10th.

President Terri Erickson introduced the Board members present and Team Representatives. The minutes and financial report hand outs were noted. No questions were asked about either. The Soccer poster from Bob Freeman is close to completion. The soccer girls will put those up in local storefronts.

Secretary Sharon Kirby briefly discussed the raffle process. We have 3 great prizes. Tickets are \$10. All girls must sell 10 tickets. If they sell an extra 10 tickets they get to take a day off of their choosing. The stubs and money are due back in the provided sealed white envelope on January 5, 2008. The drawing will be held February 15, 2008 at the Varsity Double Header.

Charlie Fuller, gave a great summary of the college and soccer search process. Here are a few notes: **Freshmen** should start looking at colleges and decide if they want to go to a cold weather or hot weather climate area. What school size do they like: huge, medium, or small? Find the college for academics first, then evaluate the soccer program. Division I has 14 full scholarships each year. Ivy League has zero. Div. II has 9 scholarships. Div III has 0 scholarships. NAIA is unlimited. What is the past success of the program, how long has the coach been there, what are the ages of the players? If heavy on Freshmen, you might want to ask why upper classmen don't stay. Look at the Conference the school plays in and how much travel will occur, which will impact school work.

Sophomores should select 25 schools to hand write a letter to the coach and send a resume. Make sure uniform number is visible on all correspondence. Email tournament schedules and game schedules as they come available. Summer after this year, start taking college trips to refine your college likes/dislikes list. Make sure that your curriculum in High School meets college requirements and NCAA minimums.

Juniors need to pay and register with the NCAA Clearinghouse on July 1st. Study and take SAT's and ACT's. Send scores to colleges and NCAA Clearinghouse. Send letters to the coaches again and keep playing schedules up to date through emails. Sept. 1 – official literature starts coming. Oct 1 – You can receive offers. Schedule official visits to offering colleges. Player needs to have 10 or 12 questions that she will ask the coach herself. Ask your daughter: Would you go to this school if you were not playing soccer? When offers are first given, all the \$\$ is available. The longer you wait to decide, the more other players are taking available funds. Less than 1% receive full rides. Get all offers in writing.

Seniors maintain your grades. Apply to colleges through regular admissions process and within all of their deadlines. Keep dialog going with the coaches that you are genuinely interested in. Talk to all coaches that you are not planning to attend without burning any bridges. **January 1** you must complete the FAFSA application. Submit the final transcript from CHS to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Summer do the conditioning that your coach requests. Scholarships are 1 year renewable. If you come to school out of shape and don't make any impact, you can lose your scholarship.