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To: Parents of the Malabar Soccer Club

From: Barry Wirsch and Diana Douty

Subject: Volunteer Time

The Malabar Soccer Club continues to grow and as we grow we need more support with the younger teams (U6, U8, U10 and U12). All of the soccer clubs in the BYSL requires that the parents volunteer 4 hours of their time. This can be done in a number of ways. You may elect to coach, line fields, clean up after your game, be a team Mom or team Dad or lend your talents to the various jobs the Board of Directors is required to do to successfully maintain the club. The other clubs in BYSL allow you not to volunteer time by paying an additional fee. As we are all aware, the economy is hitting us hard and fast. I believe that no family would really want to pay the extra fees when they can do volunteer work and avoid these fees.

I would like you to consider the following ways you can help the club.

Team Mom or Team Dad:

This is not a hard job to do after the first week the team is put together. You simply put together a list of the players' names, phone numbers, cell numbers and email addresses. This list is provided to the coach and this allows him to know how to contact all of his players. As a team Mom or Dad, if practice is called off because of weather or any other reason, this person can call the players to let them know what is going on about practices or games.

Line fields:

This is just a matter of being at the field and lining it if you are the first team playing that morning. We have a Director of Fields who will show you how to do this. You will also be responsible for putting out the flags if you are the first team playing and to put them away if you are the last to play at the field.

Clean Up:

This is really easy. Make sure when you leave the field that all of the area trash is taken to the garbage cans. We need to have the field cleaned for the next team playing.

Coaching:

This can seem awfully scary. It isn't. We have training coaches that will teach you to coach the players and drills you can do with your age group. We will have a coach's meetings to help you as well. You will **"NEVER"** be left alone without someone's support to show you what to do. It is advisable that you get someone to help you in case you have a commitment.

I will tell you what is scary. That is, falling in love with the game and the players around you. I have been coaching for ten (10) years and I have not regretted one minute of it. I have had the pleasure of watching my U8 players grow into U16 and U18 comp teams. I have watched them grow from little boys and girls into young adults. I will be extremely sad when I am done coaching. My life has been truly rewarded by coaching and being involved with soccer clubs. I am currently coaching both of my boys and the bonding time has been incredible. Do not be afraid of being involved. Your child's life will fly by and they will become young adults and off to college before you know it. Don't miss this opportunity to share something special with them.

On 1 May 2008, I was elected to be the new President of the Malabar Soccer Club. The new Vice-President is Diana Douty. Our term starts on 1 June 2008. Diana has been my team Mom for years. Diana will be more than happy to help you by telling you what needs to be done if you are stuck. The Director of Fields is Tom Grand he will help show you what is involved in the lining of fields. Our goal is to make the future of the club to be as strong as possible. Our children need to have a safe place to play and a club of parents that are there for them. Please consider these requests as they are for our children and they are important.

The new Board of Directors would like all parents to take note of this website. Please use it as you can find out all you need to know about youth soccer in our area.

www.bysl.net

Log on to this website and on the left hand side is all of the soccer clubs in the area. Click on the Malabar Club and all information about the club and upcoming events will be listed. You will also find all contact phone numbers and email addresses for board members. We will be using this website often. Please make sure you monitor our club's website for the most up to date information.