



## **BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – February 20, 2008**



**Bill Wolf** President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the meeting room of Panera in Bethel Park. Also present were Dave Conely, Matt Scott, Bob Monte, Tony Bruno, Matt Yee, Jeff Hulbert, Kathleen Tischler, Brian Gorges, Larry Shaw, Ron Kotkiewicz, Don Snyder, Anna Guerrero and Ray Conway.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes will be posted on the website and distributed at the next monthly meeting on March 11.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

### **President's Report:**

- Bill Wolf stated a Field Coalition meeting was held on 2/19, which he attended along with Tom Vater and Tony Bruno. Bill explained the process of designating fields, and the impact at Park Ave Field, which will host 30 lacrosse games this season. Once a schedule is received a floating practice schedule can be designated to accommodate field availability.
- Tom Boss will allocate fields. Coaches should submit practice time requests to him.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- Don Snyder indicated 390 were registered as of one week ago including flights and travel with a deadline of March 6.
- Matt Scott agreed to obtain a list of registered players and provide to commissioners. Commissioners can provide to coaches to make calls to unregistered players regarding registration deadline to increase participation.

#### **Communications –**

- Discussion took place on possible date options for tournament and further info is required for final decision.
- Possibility of utilizing Millennium for Player Appreciation on Memorial Day for Flight 5 was discussed.
- Dave Conely will do a checklist of items for needed for Player Appreciation to facilitate organization of this year's event.

## **Referees –**

- Ref Clinic held two weeks ago was successful.

## **Travel Commissioner & Registrar –**

- Some movement among travel teams has taken place to achieve team balance.

## **PR/Fundraising –**

- Tony Bruno made a motion to initiate a 50/50 raffle at flights on Saturdays. Bill Wolf seconded the motion. Process for conducting the raffle to be determined.

## **Player/Coach Development –**

- Larry Shaw stated a need exists for a progressive guide for coaches to assist them with each week's practice session to facilitate player development.
- Benefits and need for a coaching session prior to the start of the season were discussed.
- Goalie clinic to be held at BPHS on 2/24 has 27 participants registered spanning ages 8 – 14.
- Bill Wolf suggested a take-away guide for participants including drills and requested Larry Shaw email guide to coaches for info purposes.

## **Flights –**

- Matt Scott encouraged player sign up to increase numbers for upcoming season.

## **Fields –**

- Partially discussed under President's report.
- Jeff Hulbert brought up poor field conditions and possibility of meeting to discuss the issue. Discussion of various field issues took place.

## **Equipment –**

- Tony Bruno brought up the possibility that an additional charge could be added to travel registration one time per year to cover a full uniform consisting of shirt, shorts, socks.
- Further discussion will take place regarding uniform choice, when to order and keeping it affordable.
- Next meeting Tony will provide mock up, cost and implementation date.
- Possibility of purchasing new flight shirts was discussed. Actual soccer shirts and socks vs. current tee shirts. Cost to be covered by additional sponsorships.

## **Community Liaison –**

- No report

## **Website -**

- Website redesign update was provided by Brian Gorges.
- Suggestions made for new home page design and mock-ups of pages received by Board.
- Priority will be purging outdated info and updating links for travel and flight info.

- Timeline will be updates by March meeting and final clean up by April meeting.
- Kathleen Tischler questioned how responses to the website inquiries were handled. Bill Wolf and Don Snyder confirmed difficulties with receipt of the emails and access to sender addresses from the emails generated. Resolution to be determined.

#### **Old Business –**

- Matt Yee brought up program possibilities to utilize for on line registration. Discussion of on-line registration and Bethel Recreation Dept.'s role in the process and financial implications was discussed.

#### **New Business –**

- Bill Wolf updated the current situation with MLS indicating MLS meeting took place, proposal provided, components were explained.
- Recommendation includes utilizing both MLS and Larry Shaw for the upcoming season. Discussion took place regarding best role for each and utilizing each for maximum impact within budgetary constraints & Association's best interests.
- Bill Wolf suggested we utilize Larry Shaw as Director of Coaching for flights. He will direct MLS rep for each Saturday's focus.
- As part of MLS agreement, equipment costs may be bid upon but Bethel is not held to designated costs.

Bill Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ray Conway seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

#### **Upcoming Dates -**

- Next Board Meeting will be April 8, 2008 at 7PM.
- April 5, 2008 First Travel Games
- April 5, 2008 First Flight Games
- May 26, 2008 Player Appreciation

**Next Board meeting will be March 11, 2008, at 7:00PM in Caucus Room.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Dave Conely, Secretary