



# BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting

### January 8, 2008



**Bill Wolf** President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were Dave Conely, Jim Rhoades, Matt Scott, Bob Monte, Tony Bruno, Tom Vater, Matt Yee, Jeff Holbert, Bill Boehner, Kathleen Tischler, Brian Gorges, Larry Shaw, Ron Kotkiewicz, Don Snyder, Scott Bradley, Michelle Friday, Anna Guerrero and Ray Conway.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes will be posted on the website and distributed at the Next monthly meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Rhoades gave a balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$35,486.64. Jim Rhoades stated that all bills had been paid and that this was our balance moving forward. Additional discussion followed regarding the fact that we had additional monies due in part to our sponsorship and the raising of the registration fees. Tom Vader added that we would need to have \$20,000.00 balance after spring bills are paid for ongoing operations in the fall of 2008.

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

Bill Wolf welcomed the newest members to the board and thanked everyone for attending this kickoff meeting.

Bill Wolf also mentioned that there would be a referee course Feb 2,3 and the Recreation dept meeting regarding field use would be Feb 18,19. Additionally, the scheduling travel teams would be at Cal U. Bill Wolf also mentioned that he would be putting together a reference guide with all of the important dates as well as various contact information

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Registration -**

Registration kickoff @ Municipal building Weds Jan 16.

84 Players for Travel and 170 Players for Flights are paid for the whole year.

Don Snyder agreed to continue heading up registration.

##### **Communications – No Report**

##### **Referees**

- Tom Vater agreed to supervise Referee program for upcoming season.
- An entry-level referee course will be held at the High School on Feb. 2/3, 2008. Course is open to anyone interested in becoming a new ref. Typically, players 11 years or older are eligible. Adults are also invited. Tom sent an email to potential candidates.

##### **Travel Commissioner & Registrar –**

- Ray Conway agreed to handle the travel registration again.
- PA West original deadline was Feb. 4, but we requested an extension to fit our schedule. New date is Feb 21.

##### **PR/Fundraising –**

- Matt Scott reported that he is currently working on a date for our fall pictures.
- Dave Conely, Anna Guerrero, and Tony Bruno agreed to be on the fundraising committee.
- A fall tournament was discussed. The intention is to have a multi-team competition held, inviting other local clubs. Ron K and Michele Friday agreed to work with Anna G on developing a format and investigating logistics.

### **Player/Coach Development –**

- Matt Scott was waiting to hear back from Paul Halfer regarding holding an E license course in Bethel Park or another location near Bethel.
- **VERY IMPORTANT** – Background checks for all travel coaches must be in hand when registering travel teams this fall. Process is not difficult, but involves some lead time. At this time only 6 coaches have completed the check. Tom Vater has emailed details to all coaches. Effort from all coaches and assistant coaches is requested to get this done ASAP. Fees will be refunded to each coach.
- Some discussion regarding supposed new rule that prevented a player from being dual rostered (i.e., can't play in Classic division and Travel in same season). NOTE – This proved to be a misunderstanding. No such rule exists.

### **Flights –**

- Flt commissioners were discussed

### **Fields –**

- Tom Boss has agreed to help out this year, but a new replacement will be needed next year.
- The field coalition meeting has yet to be scheduled. Someone from the board should plan to attend.

**Equipment –** Nothing to report

### **Community Liaison –**

- Nothing to report. Jim Rhoades to continue working on this.

### **Website -**

- Matt Yee, Don Snyder and Brian Gorges agreed to be the website committee.
- A potential alternative to BP's existing website is a "club specific" site designed by "d@t@ blueprints", a local web designer. This group has done several sites for local clubs including Canon Mac and Baldwin. The web page offers an online registration feature which appears easy to implement. The web sub committee was asked to investigate the details regarding the site for the February meeting.

### **Old Business –**

- Tony Bruno/Bill Wolf mentioned that we should look into doing our registration online. This could potentially save money over having it done through the recreation dept.

### **New Business –**

- Bill Wolf laid out the various scenarios in which we would be able to utilize Larry Shaw for both coaches and players development.
- Bill Wolf discussed how this may or may not impact our relationship with MLS.
- Bill also discussed the feasibility of such an arrangement
- Bill Wolf appointed a committee of Dave Conely, Tom Vater, Bill Boehner and Bill Wolf to explore and create a program that might best benefit the BPSA in both the short and long term and presents it to the board during the Feb meeting.
- Matt Scott asked that the kindergarten clause be removed from the soccer registration. Will be corrected for next registration.
- New Risk Manager is needed. Kathleen Tischler agreed to undertake. Scott Bradley also will assist.

Bill Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Boehner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

### **Upcoming Dates -**

- Next Board Meeting will be Feb 12, 2008 at 7PM.
- January 16, 2008 In person Registration 7-830PM Council Chambers
- February 14, 200 Final Travel Registration
- March 6, 2008 Final Flights Registration
- March 30, 2008 First Travel Games
- April 5, 2008 First Flight Games

**Next Board meeting will be February 12, 2008, at 7:00PM in Caucus Room.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Dave Conely, Secretary