



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – June 10, 2008



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were Jim Rhoades, Matt Scott, Tom Vater, Don Snyder, Tony Bruno, Kathleen Tischler, Matt Yee, Larry Shaw, Michelle Friday, Brian Gorges, and Bob Monte.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Brian Gorges and seconded by Jim Rhoades to approve the amended minutes & post to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jim Rhoades gave a balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$36,842.08.
- At the July board meeting, Jim will provide a financial statement. Jack Kuhn will conduct an audit and file the taxes for BPSA the first week of July.
- Outstanding bills include the storage facility. Outstanding receipts include Player Appreciation Day expenses and outstanding deposits include 50/50 dollars.
- Deposit from Player Appreciation Day sales was \$471.71.
- MLS fee has been paid.

President's Report:

- Bill reported Bill Boehner is stepping down as Vice President.
- Preliminary list of currently registered list of travel players was given to the board by Bill with most recent data.
- BPSA's player selection process needs to be developed and defined similar to other local communities.
- Division of A/B teams should not compromise either team and teamwork between coaches within age group is essential.
- Bill requested coaches provide tryout dates for teams to Brian Gorges for posting to website.

Committees:

Registration -

- Registration conducted 5/21 7:00 – 8:30 in Council Chambers and Don Snyder attended.
- 251 players registered for flights and 130 players registered for travel.

Communications -

- All ideas or material for website should be provided to Brian Gorges or JJ Zekany.
- Flyers were distributed to NAMS and IMS to promote Flight 4 & 5 flight player registration. Flight 1, 2 and 3 are covered under a number of other distribution methods including school distribution, the Chronicle, etc.
- Brian Gorges to research the website fee expense and bill due date.

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler stated she still needs to have all completed flight clearance forms forwarded to her.

Referees –

- Teams are still scheduling make ups for season games.
- In a recent case of a game cancellation, it was determined that Matt Yee will not be held responsible for reimbursement of ref fees as a one-time exception.
- In the future, all cancellations must be forwarded to Ref Coordinator to avoid ref fee payment otherwise the travel coach will pay the fee.
- Player Appreciation Day refs were underpaid the additional amounts will be paid out to all refs.
- New recertifications for refs will occur in February and recertification for the ref assignor is July.
- Mention of significantly higher ref fees in other communities drawing our Bethel refs to their communities rather than our games.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- No Report from Ray Conway.

PR/Fundraising –

- Bill Wolf will follow up with Gary Lafever regarding BPSA participation in Community Day.
- Bill Wolf indicated BPSA has been approached to purchase a banner at Park Avenue. Bethel Park Soccer Boosters would like to split the two year cost of \$250 with us.
- 50/50 raffle dollars raised is approximately \$1800 with the remaining dollars to be submitted to Matt Scott and given to Jim Rhoades for deposit.
- Player Appreciation Day 50/50 was the most successful with the players selling the tickets doing an outstanding job. Discussion of recognition of the players took place but was not acted upon.
- Suggestion made to continue 50/50 at flights in the fall with the actual 50/50 process to be defined including collection, reporting, manner of deposit and responsible parties.

Player/Coach Development –

- Larry Shaw reported on upcoming events:
Riverhounds Camp – June 23 – 27
Shoot to Score Camp – July 7 – 11
Possible skills camp to be schedule as a response to parental request from flight parents to be conducted by Mike Galietta, Alan Duda, and Larry Shaw in July-Aug timeframe.
- Goalkeeper camp held by Canon Mac this week was very well received.
- No info from MLS regarding upcoming camp.
- Larry confirmed his support of A/B team formats for travel teams.
- Discussion took place regarding the need for new coaches to be supported and receive assistance for player development & in order to do so, info on field allocation information is essential.
- Coach and assistant coach vacancies were discussed.

Flights –

- Michelle Friday discussed options for Flight 5 which currently stands alone, for combining with Flight 5 girls or Flight 4 boys.
- For the upcoming season it was determined that if the numbers are not significant enough to support two different flights, the Flight 4 & 5 boys will combine for the upcoming season with intense on-field oversight to ensure player sportsmanship and safety.
- Current nets and preferences for next year for Flight 4 & 5 were discussed, including safety issues. Michelle Friday, Brian Gorges and Kathleen Tischler to report back on preference for these flights.

Fields –

- Bill Wolf accepted responsibility to draft a letter to Bob Cygrmus regarding BPSA's concern over field conditions and maintenance in Bethel.
- Bill will contact Gary Lafever to set up a meeting to discuss Ben Franklin and Neil Armstrong fields.
- Discussion took place regarding outside teams utilizing fields, the process by which they obtained permission and it was confirmed that they do pay fees for field usage.
- Lengthy discussion took place regarding the necessity for the master schedule of all field usage to specifically detail all usage times by internal teams and external clubs. It needs to be accessible through one designated individual and field assignments of general knowledge to ensure availability for teams or special events and avoid schedule conflicts.

Equipment –

- Tony Bruno reported we are approx \$300 short of our \$2000 purchase commitment through Sporting Essentials as part of MLS commitment.

- Uniforms: All travel teams will be purchasing new uniforms. Tony Bruno to send info to JJ Zekany to determine viability of travel players voting on uniform choice through the website.
- Flight uniforms will include upgraded flight uniform-type shirt and socks for approximately \$7.
- Tony Bruno stated additional sponsors are still needed.
- Discussion took place regarding options and/or elimination of country names on flight uniforms for fall season including cost, appearance, and preference. Motion was made and passed by majority to eliminate country names going forward.

Community Liaison –

- Jim Rhoades committed to attend the July meeting of the BP Rec Board.

Old Business –

- Brian Gorges noted Taylor Mannarino has yet to receive the refund from the Rec Board. Tom Vater will follow up with Jim Rhoades regarding refund.

New Business –

- A motion was made by Tom Vater to split the cost of the banner at Park Avenue field with BP Soccer for a cost to BPSA of \$125. The motion was seconded by Brian Gorges and the motion passed.
- A motion was made by Tony Bruno for Brian Gorges to assume the open office of Vice President for the remainder of the year with the resignation of Bill Boehner. The motion was seconded by Bob Monte and the motion passed.
- A motion was made by Matt Yee for Larry Shaw to be assigned in the role of Field Coordinator for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Tony Bruno and the motion passed.
- Planning meeting for all travel team coaches is set for June 26 to review registrations and finalize rosters. All travel coaches to attend or send a representative.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tony Bruno and Brian Gorges seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 PM.

Upcoming Dates –

- Travel registration deadline June 12, 2008.
- Flight registration deadline July 31, 2008.

Next Board meeting will be July 8, 2008, at 8:00 pm in Caucus Room.

Respectfully Submitted
 Kathleen Tischler on behalf of
 Dave Conely, Secretary