



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – May 13, 2008



Brian Gorges, in the absence of Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were Jim Rhoades, Matt Scott, Tom Vater, Tony Bruno, Kathleen Tischler, Ron Kotkiewicz, Matt Yee, Larry Shaw, and Bob Monte.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were posted on the website and distributed at the meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Tom Vater and seconded by Matt Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Rhoades gave a balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$21,705.33. Jim Rhoades stated that we had no outstanding bills. Brian Gorges inquired about receiving an income statement more frequently to keep updated as to the financial status of the organization. Jim will now provide.

President's Report:

- A number of parents of children in program have expressed concerns to the board members regarding direction of program. Note – Bill Wolf was meeting with some parents @ Millennium field that evening following practice to discuss their concerns.

Committees:

Registration -

- Registration is 5/21 7:00 – 8:30 in Council Chambers and Don Snyder will be attending.
- June 5 is early bird deadline & June 12 is travel deadline.
- Kathleen Tischler recommended that Matt Scott send the email blast to the commissioners to ask coaches to notify flight players.
- Matt Scott inquired whether Rec Dept can notify us BPSA when a parent is turned away from the Rec Dept for registration. Rec Dept notifies BPSA if player does not fit into program parameters and BPSA follows up.
- Suggestion was recommended that we discuss in the future the option of children younger than 5 participating. Tom Vater will check with guidelines within PA West for age limitations for insurance coverage.
- BPTV was discussed for advertising flight deadlines and Don Snyder will handle.

Communications:

- New website - there is difficulty viewing the website if your cache is not cleared because it directs you to the old website.
- Sections needing updated included referee section to be provided by Tom Vater.
- News sections yet to be developed include coaching, player development, and apparel.
- All ideas or material for website should be provided to Brian Gorges or JJ Zekany.
- Discussion took place regarding using previous email addresses to send registration info.
- New uniform charges to be posted on the site.

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler stated she needs to have all completed flight clearance forms forwarded to her. Matt Scott agreed to forward remainder.
- It was discussed and stated that Larry Shaw is not a carded coach on all teams.

Referees –

- Tom Vater stated all rescheduled game dates need to be given to Carol to ensure ref scheduling. Coaches should notify asap if a game is cancelled, as we pay refs if they arrive at the designated field.
- Confirmation made that no refs are needed Memorial Day.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- No Report.

PR/Fundraising –

- 50/50 raffles are going well and money raised will be used for flight-associated items.

Player/Coach Development –

- MLS Soccer Rep Review – Larry Shaw allocated time for Steve Hagyard and his time was spent with Matt Yee's, Tom Noll's and Tom Page's teams.
- Observation made by Larry Shaw on interaction with the u-12 girls on a regular basis and they are having a successful season with structured practices.
- Larry Shaw has been working with Mark Bauer's and Tom Noll's team.
- Feedback from the coaches is very positive.
- Larry Shaw stated that field allocation info is necessary in order to deploy resources.
- Upcoming camps were discussed & will be posted to website. Info to be provided to Brian Gorges & JJ Zekany to be posted.
- PFC Academy is going well & Victory is hosting a Speed & Agility clinic starting June 23.
- Suggestion by Matt Scott to notify camp directors what we would like them to focus on as part of their camps to address our player development needs.

- Considerable discussion of establishment of A & B Teams included:
 - Goal of program to develop players to best of ability playing with those equal in skill.
 - Bob Monte recommended setting BPSA policy for tryouts & Matt Yee stated need for clarification to prevent issues going forward and will provide info on material included in other association bylaws that may be used to formulate our own.
 - Bob Monte made a motion that coaches within the age group will coordinate tryouts and dividing teams for those that play division 1 or A. Tony Bruno seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Flights –**
 - Michelle Friday provided a proposal to handle Flight 5 next year.
 - A motion was made to accept Michelle Friday's proposal for Flight 5 changes by Larry Shaw and the motion was seconded by Matt Scott. All were in favor.
 - Tony Bruno inquired as to why Flight 4 and 5 boys were not combined and a discussion took place regarding compatibility of physical abilities, aggressiveness and the lack of players to support two separate flights.

Fields –

- Poor conditions of various fields making play dangerous was discussed as poor reflection on our community. Discussion centered around whom to bring the poor conditions of our fields to the attention of within the community.
- Previous attempts have been made through borough and school districts. Decision made to approach Bob Cygrymus in writing. Tom Vater recommended appearing before Rec Board to voice concern and budgeting for field maintenance.
- Meeting needs to be set up for Amy Williams to discuss conditions at Ben Franklin and Neil Armstrong.
- Status of turf field for Park Ave which would improve conditions took place.
- Ron Kotkiewicz recommends moving games to allow 11 aside to play. Movement within organization is needed to allow fields to be accessed.

Equipment –

- \$2000 in equipment needs to be purchased through Sporting Essentials as part of MLS commitment.
- Uniforms: reviewed 4 equipment proposals by Tony Bruno to post on website and have travel players vote on uniform for \$25 to include shirt, socks, shorts with name and number on back.

Community Liaison –

- No report

Old Business –

- Player Appreciation Day printed material to include website information on the reverse side of the sponsor promotion material.

- Additional PAD meeting needed prior to event to finalize plans.

New Business –

- MLS Rep, Steve Hagyard is in need of housing the last week of May.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Matt Scott and Tony Bruno seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:23PM.

Upcoming Dates -

- Early Bird flight deadline June 5, 2008.
- Travel registration deadline June 12, 2008.
- Flight registration deadline July 31, 2008.

Next Board meeting will be June 10, 2008, at 8:00 pm in Caucus Room.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler on behalf of
Dave Conely, Secretary