



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – September 9, 2008



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 8:14 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were Jim Rhoades, Scott Bradley, Matt Scott, Tom Vater, Tony Bruno, Kathleen Tischler, Larry Shaw, Brian Gorges, and Ron Kotkiewicz.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Jim Rhoades gave a balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$17,249.61.
- Still awaiting borough check due in first part of October.
- Ref money was distributed.
- Outstanding invoices were presented for payment.

President's Report:

- Appreciation was expressed to Tony Bruno for outstanding effort in production of the uniforms for the upcoming season.
- Feedback on travel and flight shirts was positive.
- Initial day of flights went well with the exception of notification of players to assigned teams needs improvement.
- Next upcoming event is Community Day with Flights 1 – 3 at the high school with Flights 4 & 5 remaining unchanged. Matt to send follow up email to commissioners.

Committees:

Registration -

- 472 players registered for flights (Flight 1 = 117/Flight 2 = 93/Flight 3 = 79/Flight 4 = 66/Flight 5 Boys 35/Flight 5 Girls 82)
- Travel players registered – number needs to be validated

Communications -

- All ideas or material for website should be provided to Brian Gorges or JJ Zekany.
- Century Academy Tykes program is \$90 vs. \$360.

- PFC Academy has started.
- Flights web page updated prior to start of season.
- Travel, Refs, Links pages are approaching completion.
- Waivers are needed for publication of pictures on site.

Risk Management –

- Outstanding flight forms still needed – Matt Scott to follow up.
- Kathleen Tischler to maintain documents.

Referees –

- Feedback regarding Justin Fleischmann, who volunteered to be our new ref assignor, was positive thus far.
- Any ref issues contact Bill Wolf, Justin Fleischmann and Larry Shaw to advise.
- Ref recertification course will be hosted by Peters Twp and Bill Wolf to provide date.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- Bill Wolfe, Kelly Mehalko, and Matt Yee have officially registered all of the teams.
- Favorable showing for BP team in first week of play.

PR/Fundraising –

- 50/50 Raffle Total for past weekend = \$316 ((Flight 1 = 65/Flight 2 = 84/Flight 3 = 62/Flight 4 = 50/Flight 5 Boys -/Flight 5 Girls 55)
- Participation in 50/50 raffle is encouraged at all flights.
- 50/50 raffle dollars collection is as follows: Led by Larry Shaw for Flights 1,2,3,5. Flight 5 is collected by Brian Gorges & provided to Larry at Flight 1 & Flight 4 is collected by Matt Yee and provided to Larry at Flight 2. Funds are then given to Jim Rhoades for deposit.
- At current run rate proceeds will be approximately \$2400 to recapitalize program.
- Last spring's funds yielded new goals, goal bags, and upgraded uniform shirts.
- Options to be discussed regarding this year's recapitalization including additional goals at Millennium, storage options at various fields, and u11/u12 travel goals.
- Coaching kits were provided by Dick's Sporting Goods as PR and well received.
- Sponsorships included 44 of the 50 flight teams totaling \$3970.
- Parent, Jim Coffield was recognized by Tony Bruno for bringing in two sponsors.
- Alan Duda was recognized for the donation through Sherwin Williams of paint for the fields.

- Recognition provided to Tony Bruno for his efforts in completion of the team shirts and he in turn recognized those who assisted him including Larry Shaw, Steve Hagyard, Ron Kotkiewicz, Matt Yee, Bill Wolf, Brian Gorges, and Bob Monte.

Player/Coach Development –

- MLS camp 8/18 – 8/22 hosted approx 60 kids, raised \$1360 and received good feedback on program.
- Coaching clinic hosted by Larry Shaw had approx 35 coaches. Coaches received information on MLS access to site to print drills, flyer with information, and pertinent info for flights along with field set up & goal assembly.
- Larry Shaw is training with the Caragein, Conely, and Eckert teams which are newer, while Steve Hagyard is working with Pandolpho's team.
- Issue raised regarding the use of tobacco products being used on school grounds. PA School Act of 2000 prohibits the use. Policy to be determined and draft to be done.

Flights –

- Restroom keys needed for Millennium.
- Parents expressed interest in one practice night and game on Saturday for Flight 1 and Matt Yee is piloting this program this season with a determination to be made.

Fields –

- Both summer & fall schedules were published separately. Timing of fall schedule is difficult for coaches as they must wait until cup practice schedules have been finalized to choose travel practice nights.
- Web site will be updated with field schedules.
- Millennium has been relined to allow regrowth of goal area with one field currently lined and another to follow.
- Full field needs lined for usage by other teams vs. current small field.
- Payment for lining of the fields to be made through Larry Shaw & will be submitted based on number of times fields are lined.

Equipment –

- Tony Bruno reported feedback on shirts was very good.
- Travel Uniforms: Socks will be arriving shortly and will be distributed.
- Nets will be ordered for Ben Franklin through MLS to meet our commitment.

Community Liaison –

- Jim Rhoades reported that there is still a need for volunteers for pm shifts.
- Board members are volunteering to cover open shifts.
- Arrangements made to transport goals to/from field.

Old Business –

- None

New Business –

- Discussion regarding process of registration, team assignments & delays in getting final list of teams & notification of parents took place & decision made to table until next meeting.
- Discussion regarding difficulty of maintaining database of names for email purposes.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges and Tom Vater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Upcoming Dates –

- Community Day September 13, 2008.

Next Board meeting will be October 14, 2008, at 8:00 pm in Caucus Room.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler on behalf of
Dave Conely, Secretary