



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – August 11, 2009



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were board members: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Tony Bruno, Bob Monte, Matt Yee, JJ Zekany, Jodi Galietta, Don Snyder, Ron Kotkiewicz, Kelly Mehalko.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Kathleen Tischler and seconded by Bill Wolfe to approve the minutes & post to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$17,502.36.
- Payment for uniforms and socks has been made.
- First payment to MLS has been made.
- Invoices to be paid yet include: Goal parts, Frames for sponsor photo/shirts

President's Report:

- Summer training went well.
- Team formation is now complete and Bill expressed his thanks to all for their teamwork.
- Teamwork is essential for progression of BPSA.
- Travel season starts September 13.

Committees:

Registration -

- Number of flight registrations received: 493
 - F1 = 82 (43 boys, 39 girls)
 - F2 = 103 (57 boys, 46 girls)
 - F3 = 88 (47 boys, 41 boys)
 - F4 Girls (72 with 9 travel players)
 - F4 Boys (69 with 13 travel players)
 - F5 = 79 (33 boys with 21 travel, 46 girls with 31 travel)
- Registration completed 8/3 with rosters to commissioners 8/5 and coaches to be notify players by 8/8. Exception with Flight 4 boys due to lack of coaches notified by 8/10 & Flight 5 boys notified by 8/9 due to lack of coaches. 8/12 is deadline for player notification.

- Jodi Galietta received the insurance form from Don Snyder & is awaiting response on format of submission regarding their form and should be taken care of by end of the week. Jodi to notify JJ for check amount.
- In house registrations insured through US Club Soccer directly rather than through PA West who then submits to US Club Soccer for cost savings of \$2-\$3/player or approximately \$800/year.

Communications -

- Flights and event pages were updated on the website.
- Sponsorship documents will also be added to the website.

Risk Management –

- Code of conduct forms need to be signed before travel games begin or referee reimbursement will be withheld until such time form is complete. No reimbursement to coaches for ref fees before completed form submission.
- Once forms are complete JJ Zekany will provide the reimbursement check the travel coach.
- Code of Conduct signature forms were provided via flight coordinators to all flight teams and to travel teams in folders at spring meeting.
- Incident forms need to be completed for any behavioral or injury incidents and flight coordinators provided to all flight teams and travel teams received in folders at the spring meeting.
- Volunteer disclosures to be completed by flight volunteers will be handled by flight coordinators and signed at coaching clinics and first two weeks of flights.

Referees –

- 53-56 is the current number of referees.
- Bob Monte will attempt to increase the number of referees by conducting certification here in Bethel and an entry level class in January with possible Sept recertification.
- Ref reimbursement for spring was completed and Bob Monte expressed his thanks to JJ Zekany for timely processing.
- A list of refs will be distributed to facilitate communications.
- Schedule of games needs to be forwarded to Bob and Justin to begin scheduling asap.
- Justin will call refs if flights are cancelled.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- August 6 BPSA completed registration for 11 of 14 teams. There are a few issues yet that will be resolved enabling the 3 remaining teams to be registered.

- A new travel registrar will be needed for next year.
- All travel teams need to contact Ron Kotkiewicz as soon as possible for field scheduling.

PR/Fundraising –

- Matt Yee is coordinating Community Day.
- Food in the booth will be the same as previous year.
- Booth volunteers are needed.
- Stadium games will take place from 8 – 2 with flights to participate to be determined.
- Fundraising options include: country shirts, sling bags, extra shirts can be printed
- Matt Yee will provide location information for the day as soon as available.
- Brian Gorges will provide orange BPSA for those who haven't received them as the uniform of the day for those staffing the booth.

Flights –

- Flight manual is almost complete and content mirrors flight proposal passed in June meeting with expanded detail. Content includes contributions by Laura Hoffman (goalkeeping), Larry Shaw (nutrition/fitness) and Kelly Mehalko (training). With one additional component it will be complete, and the intent is to email the board the full version on Thursday.
- Coaches' clinics are taking place this week:
Monday, 8/10 for Flight 2/3
Wednesday, 8/12 for Flight 4/5
Thursday, 8/13 for Flight 1
- Coaches' folders for each flight will be ready by Thursday 8/26 and permission was given to Jodi to purchase file folders and submit for reimbursement. They will include a prepared team Code of Conduct form, Accident/Injury Incident forms with instructions and additional volunteer disclosure forms along with Bruce Brothers Uniroyal ball promo forms.
- Volunteer disclosure forms are already being submitted with 7 of 26 volunteers for flight 2 and 10 of 20 flight 3 volunteers.
- Flight team distribution is:
Flight 1=10
Flight 2=12
Flight 3=10
Flight 4 Boys=6
Flight 4 Girls=6
Flight 5 Boys=3
Flight 5 Girls=4
- Michael Galletta has offered to train all the Flight 5 teams together for the first half of the season with the exception of 9/26 when coaches will train. October 10 he will be there for training only. Players will be turned over to the respective coaches for their matches.

- For Flight 5 there will be 2 girls' matches and 1 boys' match. A third boys' team will do a small-sided game at NAMS.
- MLS will be used and a determination will be made later as to how to best utilize them at each flight.
- Dick's Sporting Good coupons should be available in advance and we will attempt to provide to coaches before the start of the season through commissioners. Tony will check on if we can post on the website.
- New coaches will be receiving cones and pinneys this year rather than bags but extra bags will be forwarded to Jodi to piece together items for new coaches.
- Redford Photography will have photo items/samples available the week or two prior to pictures.

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Fields –

- BPSA is not pleased with the existing field maintenance situation.
- Orange paint needs to be ordered.
- Tony Bruno will coordinate field lining.
- Kelly Mehalko suggested marking Village Green for ease of field set up for flight coaches to avoid variations in field size and location week to week.

Equipment –

- Brian Gorges will change the existing 6x12 goal order to 7x21 if possible.
- Tony Bruno has goalkeeper gloves donated from Dick's Sporting Goods for u10 and u11 teams.
- Rebounder bags were received.
- Team uniforms were received and are ready to print.
- Tony Bruno stated additional sponsors are needed for the coming year as well as renewals of last year's sponsors. Division of existing sponsor list among board members was completed and board members were asked to follow upon the assigned sponsors.
- Weather cancellations are called by commissioners.

Community Liaison –

- No report

Coaching Development –

- Coaching clinics for flights started this week and are being held at Village Green.
- Details from coaching clinic will be posted on the website.
- MLS is returning this season as part of our existing agreement.
- Larry Shaw is also returning.

Old Business –

- Reimbursement to the Bauer family will be made.
- Reimbursement to take place for players from Keystone Oaks who will not be playing.

New Business –

- Each year the Association continues to have challenges with formation of travel teams. Brian Gorges presented a proposal to initiate a tryout system with the goal of avoiding unbalanced teams.
- Feedback on a number of existing and additional items was provided for added clarification.
- The proposal is subject to refinement on wording and clarification. The proposal was tabled at this time.
- Coaches' shirts are on order with delivery date of Ron Kotkiewicz's still to be determined.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, August 10th Village Green 6:30-8pm Flights 2 and 3 coaches
- Wednesday, August 12th Village Green 6:30-8pm Flights 4 and 5
- Thursday August 13th Village Green 6:30-8pm Flight 1
- Tuesday, Aug 11 - BPSA Board Meeting 7pm
- Saturday, Aug 15 - BP Blackhawk Boosters Soccer Tournament Aug 15th and 16th
- Saturday, August 29 - First Day of Flights
- Saturday, Sept 12 - BP Community Day
- Saturday, Sept 19 - Flight Team Picture Day
- Sunday, Sept 20 - Travel team pictures

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Wolf. Brian Gorges seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary