



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – February 10, 2009



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Tony Bruno, Bob Monte, Kelly Mehalko, Jodi Galietta, Ron Kotkiewicz, Dave Conely, JJ Zekany, Michelle Friday, Matt Yee and Gary Lafever.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$42,795.00.
- Coaches' appreciation event invoices are still outstanding.
- Signing authority on bank accounts has been finalized for JJ Zekany, Brian Gorges & Bill Wolf.
- 12 month CD was opened in the amount of \$5000 with 1.21 annual percentage yield.

President's Report: In his state of the Association report, Bill Wolf stated:

- U-10 Issue - Extensive discussion took place regarding the team placement of u10 travel players. Circumstances surrounding an incident in which an act of aggression against a fellow team player took place during the fall season, resulting in disciplinary action, & future guidelines for behavior were discussed in preparation for 2/11/09 meeting with parents and select board members. Gary Lafever provided input on behalf of the BP Recreation in regard to meeting attendees, details contained in email from Matt Scott regarding the situation and the process and documentation required to document all player incidents and resulting actions.
- Travel registration has now closed. See committee information.
- On line registration as promoted at USSF event was utilized by several clubs and funds were not received and is not recommended at this time.

Committees:

Registration -

- Bill Wolf reported 183 travel players registered as of 2/4/08.
- February 12 is final day for travel sign up.
- All travel teams must be registered by February 19. All documentation, including player cards, is due to Bill Wolf immediately.

Communications -

- Brian Gorges reported board positions, position descriptions, and calendar have been updated on the website.

Risk Management –

- Risk management clearances need to be complete for coaches & assistants to register teams with no exceptions.
- New board members need to complete Kid Safe clearance as well.
- Forms for flight coaches and assistants need to be complete and Kathleen Tischler suggested holding team uniforms until forms are received.

Referees –

- Bob Monte attending ref assignor course 2/12.
- Website will have games and ref assignments posted with Justin Fleischmann to do follow up.
- After PA West scheduling meeting takes place, meeting will be held to review schedule and cover rules and expectations.
- Ref assessor, Ted Bentley, will be invited to evaluate our games.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- No additional information to report

PR/Fundraising –

- Lotto ticket fundraiser opportunity was declined and they will contact us again in the future.

Player/Coach Development –

- Kelly Mehalko will schedule a coaching clinic for all flight coaches on 3/29 at 5 pm and notify all coaches. Ron Kotzkiewicz will schedule the field & Brian Gorges to post to website.
- Addendum to December 08 minutes: It was noted at the December board meeting Jodi Galietta presented information from US Soccer regarding player development.

Flights –

- Jodi Galietta is working with Don Snyder during the registration process for the spring season and will meet with JJ Zekany and Michelle Friday with detailed information going forward.

Fields –

- Nets still remain on goals at the fields.
- Brian Gorges attended the field coalition meeting. He reported that the fields will not be open until April 1. He reported that BPSA will have the same usage in spring as we had in the fall with the exception of Wednesdays at Park Avenue which will be coordinated with lacrosse.
- Millenium will be lined accordingly to accommodate 11 v 11.
- Brian presented the field-by-field improvement list to Jim Gastgeb and Gary Lafever. Documentation is now on file.
- Brian discussed usage of Millenium Field by BP Jr. Football with Jim Gastgeb and per email response they will continue to use this field & declining the Village Green option; however, possibility of additional watering is being considered to reduce impact.

Equipment –

- Still seeking equipment lists for future purchase to be presented to Bill Wolf.

Community Liaison –

- No additional information to report

Old Business –

- Steve Donovan reviewed the MLS agreement and forwarded notes to Bill Wolf.
- Possible academies to be held in BP yet to be decided.

New Business –

- Fall BP soccer tournament tentative dates are August 22/23 with back up dates of August 15/16. Additional information to be forthcoming.
- Smoking ban, as attached to minutes, was reviewed. A motion was made by Brian Gorges to adopt the policy and was seconded by Dave Conely. Motion passed unanimously.
- Michelle Friday presented for future discussion reform options for travel teams to allow better development for players. Method of player evaluation and team formation need to be discussed and finalized.

Upcoming Dates –

- February 12 - Travel registration deadline
- March 5 - Flight registration deadline
- March 10 - BPSA Board meeting in Caucus Room
- March 29 - Travel games begin.
- April 4 - Flights begin.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tony Bruno. Kelly Mehalko seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary

BPSA Ban on Smoking/Tobacco use at all BPSA Games and Practices

Motion: Ban all smoking and tobacco usage at BPSA events, games, and practices.

Village, Millennium and Park Ave fields are municipal fields and have no official ban in place. We, as a board, can vote to ban smoking and tobacco usage at any BPSA games and practices.

The municipality strongly encourages this action.

Neil, Ben, the High School and all other school fields are covered by:

PA School Code Act 128 of 2000 prohibits the use or possession of tobacco by students or any other persons in school buildings, on buses, or any other property under the control of a school district.

Note: Alcohol is already banned at all school and municipal property, exception are permits acquired for events.