



## **BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – March 10, 2009**



**Bill Wolf**, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were board members: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Tony Bruno, Bob Monte, Kelly Mehalko, Jodi Galietta, Ron Kotkiewicz, Michelle Friday, Scott Bradley, and Steve Donovan as well as Mark Vescovi, Carl Parise, and Matt Scott.

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$43,078.00.

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

- Mark Vescovi was present on behalf of the BP Soccer Boosters to provide information on the tournament for u8 – u14 to be held August 15 & 16. Brian Gorges will post on the website & Boosters meeting will be held on March 16 at 7 pm at the Municipal Building for anyone wishing to attend. Anyone wishing to join can email Mark Vescovi to join the email distribution list.
- Bill Wolf introduced Carl Parise who spoke on behalf of Matt Scott regarding the recent u10 issue followed by Matt Scott who spoke at length to the board regarding his involvement with the recent u10 issue and current suspension. Board discussion ensued followed by a determination that the matter was not up for debate since the suspension was ultimately handed down by BP Rec.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- Bill Wolf reported 508 registered for flights with 50 of those players residing in Upper St. Clair.
- An additional Flight 1 may be required.
- Data entry process for registration is being analyzed during spring sign up and Jodi Galietta will be working with JJ Zekany to streamline the process for fall.

- Registration form is being updated. Flight 1 girls will now be determined by age not gender as in the past which will eliminate two seasons in Flight 1.
- Additional discussion will take place regarding separate boys & girls flights in upper flights.
- The availability and benefits of a current database of email addresses to send broadcast email distributions was discussed.

### **Communications -**

- Brian Gorges reported the travel page will be updated.
- Forward all website updates to Brian Gorges.

### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler reported Michelle Friday and Jodi Galietta have disclosure forms for flights and will obtain signatures from all coaches & assistants regardless of Kid Safe completion.
- First Aid kits and ice bags will be ordered.
- Incident forms as required by BP Recreation will be distributed for flights and travel. Forms to be returned to Kathleen Tischler to report in the event any injury occurs.
- Code of conduct forms need completed for all flight & travel teams with coach, parent and player signatures asap.

### **Referees –**

- Bob Monte reported Bethel Park currently lists 56 refs with approximately half of those consisting of Grade 8 refs and the remainder of them as Grade 9, which is down from 72 from last year.
- Other local assignors have been contacted and we are able to utilize their club refs as needed & we will utilize two refs on games for the younger teams if necessary when a center and two linesmen are not available.
- There is no recertification after calendar year end thus refs need to take a full course at a higher cost to recertify.
- Bob Monte will schedule a recertification course in Bethel for refs prior to year end.

### **Travel Commissioner & Registrar –**

- Bill Wolf reported all 16 travel teams were registered successfully at cost of \$650.

### **PR/Fundraising –**

- No report

## **Player/Coach Development –**

- Kelly Mehalko reported the Penn State Women are having a clinic at Hempfield for players on April 11.
- Kelly Mehalko will host a flight coaches' clinic at Village Green on March 29 at 5pm. Michelle Friday will notify commissioners to contact their coaches.

## **Flights –**

- Jodi Galletta 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 –**

- Travel coaches need to provide schedules to Ron Kotkiewicz for game scheduling.
- Ron Kotkiewicz reported that fields remain closed and coaches will be notified via email when they open.
- Millenium Field is currently under repair prior to the start of the season & field conditions at the beginning of the season will be noted. Water availability as an option to improve surfaces is being considered to reduce impact.
- The discussion of the field usage ending with the decision to possibly charge outside teams. However, after consultation, it was decided that if any outside groups should come to BPSA to request field time, they would be instructed to direct their request to BP rec. BPSA Board only has the authority to assign fields to teams under the auspices of the BPSA.

## **Equipment –**

- Inventory to be done on what is still needed.
- Purchases will include corner flag bags, four new portable goal bags, Velcro for Village Green & two new nets for Ben Franklin.
- Speed ladders and agility posts were recommended for u10 to u12 use.
- Nets at Millenium may need replaced.
- Wheels for Millenium goals, enabling wider field use and more efficient utilization of current goals, will be purchased for \$938.
- A job box will be purchased for Millenium allowing for on-site storage of equipment.
- Follow up will be done with Sherwin Williams to once again donate the paint for the spring season as they had for the fall season.
- Uniforms: requests to Tony Bruno asap including flights.

## **Community Liaison –**

- No report

## **Old Business –**

- No additional information to report

## **New Business –**

- Information was provided that St. Thomas More is starting a diocesan soccer program and is performing renovations to their current fields.
- A motion was made by Bill Wolf with a second by Brian Gorges and passed unanimously to increase ref fees as follows:  
Up to U12: Ref \$25      Assistant \$15  
U13 – U16: Ref \$30      Assistant \$20  
U17- Older Ref \$35      Assistant \$25  
Flights:      Ref \$10      Assistant N/A
- MLS Contract & Larry Shaw Coaching:
  - Coaching will include Larry Shaw for 1.5 hours 5 days a week.
  - Housing is needed for MLS coach for 9 weeks and information on what this obligation entails was provided for discussion.
  - MLS Coaching will include 3 days a week.
  - MLS Coaching for Saturdays will include 3 coaches at flights with a possible goalie coach which will be accessible to flights 3, 4, and 5.
  - Pre-travel academy to be scheduled for 4 Sundays from 4/26 – 5/17 for players about to enter travel next fall. Details to be finalized.
  - Exchange program is an option this year.
  - Costs:      \$ 7,560 MLS  
                  \$ 2,940 Larry Shaw  
                  \$10,400
- Motion to accept MLS contract at \$7560 and Larry Shaw at \$2,940 was made by Bill Wolf, second by Brian Gorges and passed unanimously.

## **Upcoming Dates –**

- March 29 - Travel games begin.
- April 4 - Flights begin
- April 14 – BPSA Board Meeting in Caucus Room

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 9:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary

