



## BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – May 12, 2009



**Bill Wolf**, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were board members: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Tony Bruno, Bob Monte, Jodi Galietta, Michelle Friday, Kelly Mehalko, Matt Yee, JJ Zekany, and Dave Conely.

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

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

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$22,262.91
- Expenses paid out include training fees as well as equipment purchases.
- Income received includes \$300 from Verizon for tent set up at Village Green and sponsor payment from Goddard School.
- Payment from the Rec Dept. to be forthcoming and there are no known outstanding invoices.

### **President's Report:**

- Bill Wolf welcomed Matt Scott and guests in attendance at the meeting and offered the floor to Matt Scott who expressed his desire to be reinstated at the conclusion of this season, the stated suspension period. Bill Wolf then offered the opportunity for guests to take the floor at which time several guests stated their support of Matt Scott as a coach and dissatisfaction with the current suspension scenario.
- A motion was made by Bill Wolf to reinstate Matt Scott in his coaching responsibilities at the conclusion of the spring season. The motion was seconded by Jodi Galietta and was passed by the board with Bill Wolf abstaining from the vote.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- Jodi Galietta will work with Don Snyder the week of 5/18 to work on the database for registration.

- Open registration is scheduled for May 20 in Council Chambers and Michelle Friday, Kelly Mehalko and possibly Brian Gorges will plan to attend.
- New age format as designated for girls to move through at the same rate as boys will be followed for all flights.
- Jodi Galietta will be picking up forms from Rec Dept periodically for travel and flight registrations.

### **Communications -**

- Brian Gorges reported the web site is up to date.
- Bethel Park Soccer Booster meeting will be held Thursday, May 14 in Building 1, Room 1100 at 7 pm for parents of middle school and high school players.

### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler reported Michelle Friday and Jodi Galietta submitted signed disclosure forms for all flight teams.
- First Aid kits and ice bags still need to be picked up by some teams.
- All code of conduct forms for flights have been submitted and we are still awaiting a number of code of conduct forms from travel teams.
- Incident forms as required by BP Recreation need to be turned in for all injuries or behavioral incidents for proper documentation.

### **Referees –**

- Coverage has been sufficient for games; however some difficulty was encountered with flight coverage.
- Bob Monte will follow up to obtain a ref course for new refs and a recertification course this fall.
- Consensus was that Justin Fleischmann is doing very well in his role for BPSA.
- Reimbursement for ref courses will take place for refs who did two or more games for BPSA.

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

- Some registrations are currently in and Jodi Galietta will be the collection point for BPSA.

### **PR/Fundraising –**

- 2009 Community planning meeting took place at the Community Center and Matt Yee attended. The first week of May formal notification will be forthcoming for this year's event. BPSA plans to participate again this year and the tentative plan is to have soccer as part of the events; however, the location for us is yet to be determined. IMS is currently being considered. In August the final details will be available.

- Brian Gorges stated that we will participate once again this fall in the Uniroyal free soccer ball program through Bruce Brothers.
- Verizon did come and set up a tent at Village Green on May 9 and seemed to be well received by spectators at flight games.

### **Flights –**

- Last day of flights will be May 30. Give away will be a sling bag for Flights 2-5 which will include a sponsor thank you, registration form, and Chick-Fil-A coupon. Flight 1 will receive medallions.
- Flights will be played on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend rather than Memorial Day itself.
- It was suggested by parent/coach, Kevin Conroy, we consider selling BP soccer apparel at flights and the idea had already been under advisement and details being discussed.
- 45 of 56 teams were sponsored this past year. Renewals and additional sponsors are needed for next year and all board members are requested to assist in this endeavor. An updated letter will be provided.

### **Fields –**

- Members of the board again expressed their dissatisfaction with the current state of the fields. Millenium grass is extremely high and field surface is very bumpy. In general, the fields are not being cut in a timely fashion resulting in overly high grass at multiple fields. Opposing coaches have also expressed dissatisfaction to BP coaches.
- Bill Wolfe expressed appreciation for Brian Gorges' efforts at Ben Franklin where he handled weighting of the goals ensuring the safety of our players and also for hanging the new nets.

### **Equipment –**

- New equipment purchased has been well received and is being utilized.
- Several shirts were returned from coaches from no-show players assigned to their teams.
- Brian Gorges compiled a listing of BPSA equipment assets which if replaced today would cost \$41,138. Most assets are soccer goals purchased by the BPSA.
- Keys were made for the Millenium jobox and distributed.

### **Community Liaison –**

- No report

### **Coaching Development –**

- Kelly Mehalko stated that she was approached by Scott Zemba & Doug Fink and they would like to possibly do an academy-type camp in Bethel. Player pricing options were discussed as well as possible available dates of July 20-24 & July 27-31.

### **Old Business –**

- No report

### **New Business –**

- John Reismeyer offered several suggestions regarding BPSA topics including having board members carry sponsor forms with them and approaching businesses that they frequent often to solicit their sponsor participation with our program. He suggested Matt Yee check on dates as they may have been determined already. Lastly, he suggested that better open communication with parents regarding Matt Scott's coaching situation could have alleviated numerous issues.
- A hearing has been scheduled by PA West for May 14 regarding Matt Scott's coaching suspension.
- A motion was made by Bill Wolf and seconded by Brian Gorges to incorporate the Code of Conduct into the BPSA bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- May 20 – Registration in Council Chambers
- May 30 – Last day of Flights
- June 4 – Early bird registration ends
- June 9 – BPSA Board Meeting in Caucus Room
- June 11 – Travel registration ends

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Wolf. JJ Zekany seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary