



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – October 13, 2009



Brian Gorges, Vice President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) in President Bill Wolf's absence, called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Also present were board members: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Tony Bruno, Bob Monte, Dave Conely, Steve Donovan, Ron Kotzkiewicz, JJ Zekany, and Jodi Galietta.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Bob Monte and seconded by Steve Donovan to approve the minutes & post to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$13,487.44 as of 9/30/09.
- Reimbursement payment from the Rec Dept for approximately \$27,000 is in the pipeline at the present time.

President's Report:

- Meeting presided over by Brian Gorges in the absence of BPSA President, Bill Wolf.
- Next week will be the final week of flights. The last travel season games will be played on 11/8/09 for most teams.

Committees:

Registration -

- New format for Registration Form introduced – Jodi Galietta will rework it, get final approval and send on to Mary Anne Kelton in Rec Dept.
- A "Note of Understanding" for the Code of Conduct and place for signatures of parent/guardian, player, and date signed on new registration form will eliminate need for Code of Conduct Team Signature Pages.
- Deadline for registration information publication in Chronicles and BP Rec News ~ October 19, 2009
- Dates Spring 2010 season registration begins and ends & Spring 2010 Flights and Travel start ~ to be determined
- Date for Spring 2010 open registration at Municipal Building Caucus Room ~ Jodi Galietta to set up with Mary Anne Kelton in Rec Office dates ~ to be determined
- Check for US Club Soccer Flights player insurance cleared per JJ Zekany, BPSA Treasurer.

- Need for new Registrar for Spring 2010 season ~ Jodi Galletta offered to continue to input the registrations into the database and generate the player lists to the Commissioners and Coordinator of Flights.

Communications -

- Brian Gorges reported web site is up-to-date.

Risk Management –

- Code of conduct forms for travel teams were back for majority of all travel teams.
- Code of Conduct signature forms & volunteer disclosures were provided via flight coordinators & have now all been collected. Option to include Code of Conduct form with registration form would eliminate a significant amount of paperwork.
- First aid kits were provided for new coaches & existing that did not have them.
- After first of year, renewals for PA West Kid Safe will be forthcoming.

Referees –

- Bob Monte would like to remind parents and coaches that the refs at flights are relatively new and we want to encourage learning. It's helpful if we can eliminate parents & coaches yelling at the ref, specifically, announcing the call prior to the ref having the opportunity to make it on the field.
- Recertification for Grade 8 is set for November 11 from 6 pm – 10 pm has two more spots to be filled in order to conduct the course.
- Grade 9 recertification is set for November 16 6 pm to 9 pm and needs 9 more spots to be filled in order to conduct the course.
- Bridge course is set for November 14 from 9 am – 5 pm and needs 6 more spots to be filled in order to conduct the course.
- Bob Monte encouraged all to register asap to ensure spots in classes.
- A broadcast email to all referees will be sent covering concerns brought to attention from flight games.
- We attempt to have adult refs for as many older games as possible.
- Mark Mazzeo will be assessing our referees.
- Southpointe is conducting referee classes for those interested in doing games there this fall and winter season. Classes are 10/18 at 7:30 and 10/22 at 7:45. See Southpointe schedule for season games. Refs book games in advance.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- Congratulations were passed on to BPSA board member Bob Monte in recognition of his achievement as PA West Coach of the Year.

PR/Fundraising –

- Feedback regarding Community Day was positive.

Flights –

- Last day of Fall Flights 2009 ~ Saturday, October 17
- Pictures ~ Distributed to Flights on October 10. Received some complaints regarding photos and missing items from orders. Some Travel teams pictures looked tinted orange. A few people reported that they are requesting refunds from Redford Photography.
- Concerns brought to Coordinators' attention by parents/coaches ~ Communication to Commissioners, Coaches, Parents, and Officials via e-mail (Jodi Galietta and Bob Monte with input from Bill Wolf, BPSA President)
 - Coaching approach ~ Be positive!
 - Officiating ~ Whistle, inform kids of calls made, call/instruct in foul throw ins, be consistent, no slide tackling at any level of Flights, be 'present' during the match
- Flight 5 training
 - 14 BPHS varsity boys soccer players have volunteered a combined 68 hours over 5 weeks to assist with training thus far at Flight 5.
 - Positive feedback from players and coaches regarding this Fall's Flight 5 format.
- MLS Staggering
 - Majority of coaches love it.
 - Coaches' concern – first day of flights scheduled to play match first. Not knowing the kids and their abilities makes it tougher to field the first match.
- Coaches concern – “too much” MLS training & not getting to work with their own teams. Continue to recommend coaches work along WITH the MLS trainers during their teams' sessions.
- Need new Coordinator for Spring 2010 season
- Need new Commissioners for Spring 2010 season for Flights 4 Boys and 5 Boys. Possibility of Nick DeRose to assume responsibility.
- Flights Coordinator binder introduced – Compilation of all that was done at Flights Spring of 2009 and Fall of 2009
- Jodi Galietta respectfully submitted her resignation from the BPSA Board and all related positions effective 12/01/09, signed and dated 10/13/09.

Fields –

- BPSA is not pleased with the existing field maintenance situation.
- Park Avenue playing surface is extremely poor.
- Millenium is poorly maintained and on Ben Franklin the old sprinkler system appears to be leaking and causing a bog in one portion of the field.

Equipment –

- All uniforms have now been received.
- Purchased bag for artificial surface bases.

Community Liaison –

- No report

Coaching Development –

- Brian Gorges asked that all opportunities for winter training be posted to the website in order to provide a source for parents seeking options once season ends.

Old Business –

- Proposal as presented by Brian Gorges to increase spring fees for non-resident registrations was reviewed. Motion to pass the fee increase was made by Bob Monte and second by Tony Bruno. The motion passed unanimously.
- Travel proposal will continue to be reviewed and discussed to work through issues and concerns and to fine tune details of the proposal.

New Business –

- Poll of board members was taken to determine interest in participate in coming year.
- Email will be sent to commissioners to pass to coaches and parents to solicit nominees for the BPSA board for the upcoming year.
- Brian Gorges brought up for discussion option of conducting a summer league for players.
- MLS contract for spring and alternatives for training were briefly discussed. Options for upcoming year will be discussed at future meetings.
- Possibility of Riverhounds coming to a future meeting was discussed.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, November 9 – Board meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges & Dave Conely seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary

OCTOBER 13 BPSA MEETING ADDENDUM A

SPRING 2010 Proposal

Proposal to raise non-resident fees only.

SPRING 2010 – Single Season new fees

FLIGHT:	Early Bird Fee	After June 4
1st child:	\$44 (non-res \$55)\$50 (non-res \$60)	
2nd child:	\$41 (non-res \$55)\$50 (non-res \$60)	
3rd child:	\$39 (non-res \$55)\$50 (non-res \$60)	
TRAVEL:	Early Bird Fee	After June 4
1st child:	\$60 (non-res \$65)	\$65 (non-res \$75)
2nd child:	\$57 (non-res \$65)	\$65 (non-res \$75)
3rd child:	\$57 (non-res \$65)	\$65 (non-res \$75)

OLD SINGLE SEASON Fees

FLIGHT:	Early Bird Fee	After June 4
1st child:	\$44 (non-res \$49)\$50 (non-res \$55)	
2nd child:	\$41 (non-res \$46)\$50 (non-res \$55)	
3rd child:	\$39 (non-res \$44)\$50 (non-res \$55)	
TRAVEL:	Early Bird Fee	After June 4
1st child:	\$60 (non-res \$65)	\$65 (non-res \$70)
2nd child:	\$57 (non-res \$62)	\$65 (non-res \$70)
3rd child:	\$57 (non-res \$62)	\$65 (non-res \$70)