



## BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – September 8, 2009



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

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

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

- Balance in the checking and savings accounts of \$15,276.31.
- Payment for MLS Camp, four travel teams' uniform fees, sponsorships & first week of flights in hand to be deposited.
- Flight ref fees paid out to commissioners.
- Recent expenses: uniform shirts and goals for Neil Armstrong.
- Still awaiting Rec Dept payment at this time.

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

- Meeting presided over by Brian Gorges in the absence of BPSA President, Bill Wolf.
- Travel season starts September 13.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- Jodi Galietta reported we completed an insurance application for 417 children submitted August 19 via e-mail.
- Contacted US Club Soccer rep, Lynda Jones, on September 3, re: insurance as we had not yet heard anything. Form had not been forwarded to her from the regional e-mail recipient. Resent to her on same day. Follow up to occur 9/9 when she returns.

#### **Communications -**

- Brian Gorges reported web site is up-to-date.
- Brian asked that coaches encourage parents to check the website for the most current information and details regarding BPSA events.

- High school & middle school links have been added to the site.
- Rec night has been set for September 19 with free admission for those wearing a team shirt.
- More information was requested to update ref section.

### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler reported code of conduct forms for travel teams are now due & expected back for all travel teams. We hope to have a better record of return than last spring with better follow up.
- Code of Conduct signature forms & volunteer disclosures were provided via flight coordinators & Jodi Galietta and Michelle Friday are currently following up with flight coaches' for completion at this time. We have a large number returned already thanks to their pre-work.
- Incident forms need to be completed for any behavioral or injury incidents and flight coordinators. First aid kits to be provided for new coaches.

### **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 & Grade 9 is set for November 16 6 pm to 9 pm. Bridge course is set for November 14 from 9 am – 5 pm and has a limit of 30. Entry level course to be scheduled in January. Location to be determined. Registration to take place on the PA West website.

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

- No report.

### **PR/Fundraising –**

- Matt Yee is scheduling volunteers for Community Day.
- Brian Gorges will provide historical information for planning.
- Items may also be sold at a table at the stadium as well as at the BPSA booth.
- Possibility of using flight volunteers next year at the booth.

### **Flights –**

- Flights got off to a great start on August 29. Michael Galietta running training sessions the first hour of Flight 5 which was well received by coaches/players/parents. BPHS boys' varsity players in attendance to assist with

individual teams & possibly BPHS girls in future. Coaches to train their own teams week of 9/26.

- A Flight 4 Boys player who, on the first week substituted Flight 5 for Flight 4 Boys. Per Bill's approval if he plays on his flight 4 team, for which he is registered and rostered, he can then train with Flight 5 team in addition. No match playing time is guaranteed. Board discussion on how to handle in the future took place.
- E-mail to Flight 5 commissioner/coaches regarding treatment of equipment at NAMS.
- E-mail from Bob Monte to Commissioners/Coaches/Parents (cc'd to Flights ref distribution list) regarding the role of and treatment of refs at flights matches.
- All coaches have been encouraged to use the Flights Training Manual as coaching tool.
- Flights Coaches Volunteer Disclosure Forms outstanding to be collected this week include 2 from Flight 3 and 1 form Flight 4 boys.
- Flights Code of Conduct Signature Pages outstanding to be collected once completed include Flight 3 (5), Flight 4 Boys (2), Flight 5 (3 girls' teams, 3 boys' teams)
- Community Day Schedule is as follows:
  - Flights 4 Boys, 4 Girls, and 5 at their regularly scheduled fields and times. F4 Boys and 4 Girls will each have two trainers at their sessions this week. Anthony Wilkinson was informed of the change via e-mail.
  - Flight 2 ~ BPHS Stadium, 9-10:30.
  - Flight 3 ~ BPHS Stadium, 11-12:30.
  - Flight 1 ~ BPHS Stadium, 12:30-2:00.
- Justin Fleischmann and Bob Monte informed of ref changes for Flight 3 via e-mail. Discussion took place and it was agreed we would pay Flight 3 refs 15.00 each this week as they will be there for 2 40-minute matches.
- Flights Picture Day September 19 Awaiting order forms from Redford. Plan is for coaches to pass out to parents at September 12 session. All will be informed that they can access an order form at [bpsoccer.org](http://bpsoccer.org).
- Michelle Friday & Jodi Galietta compiled a Flights Binder for the next Coordinator of Flights to use as a reference. Everything that was done for the Spring 2009 and Fall 2009 sessions is included.

## **Fields –**

- BPSA is not pleased with the existing field maintenance situation.
- Millenium is lined with Neil and Ben remaining to be lined.
- Problematic field set up at Neil with balls continually going into the weeds behind the goal. Discussion of field set up options took place & suggestion made to place parents in the end zone to block stray balls.
- Village Green now has hash marks & lines painted which can be utilized for consistent field set up.
- Message received from Hillcrest Christian regarding utilization of Millenium & it is not yet determined if they're utilization will conflict in use of the field.

## **Equipment –**

- 6x12 goals were installed at Neil.
- Rebounders for flights were set up.
- 515 flight shirts completed with only one omission.
- Travel shirts & socks have been received & half are completed at this time with remainder to be completed and distributed by Sunday.
- Tony Bruno stated number of sponsors were down from last year. A sponsor thank you letter is in order for those signing on for this year. Additional time is needed to obtain sponsors with February being noted as good starting point. A sponsorship committee was recommended to provide additional focus to this initiative.

## **Community Liaison –**

- No report

## **Coaching Development –**

- Coaching clinics for flights went well.
- Flight coaches' are not always following set curriculum & matter is being addressed & email will be sent as follow up.
- Possibility of a winter coaching clinic contingent upon space availability was discussed.
- Mentoring scenario discussed with older players being matched with younger players to keep interest in program going once season ends & over the winter.

## **Old Business –**

- Travel team proposal made by Brian Gorges briefly presented to be discussed at next month's meeting.

## **New Business –**

- Motion made by Brian Gorges & a second by Tony Bruno for Larry Shaw's contract offer for 13 hours a week maximum with any over time requiring written approval. As an independent contractor Larry Shaw would receive the rate of \$36/hour and with the contract retroactive to August 31. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
- Brian Gorges presented option to increase the non-resident fee due to the influx of players in the spring. Matter was tabled until next meeting.
- Tony Bruno raised the issue of dogs being resident at fields causing a number of issues including running onto fields during play, pets fighting, and being very close to field activity on touch lines. Posting of signs & difficulty of enforcement was discussed. An email will be sent encouraging owners not to bring pets to fields based on safety concerns.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Saturday, Sept 12 - BP Community Day
- Saturday, Sept 19 - Flight Team Picture Day
- Sunday, Sept 20 - Travel team pictures
- Tuesday, October 12 – Board meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges & Tony Bruno seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary