



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – April 14, 2010



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Matt Scott, Bruce Thompson, Scott DiGiorno, George Toomey, Matt Yee, Steve Donovan, and Joe Reichard.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance in the checking, savings & money market accounts as of 4/9/10 was \$34,920.18.
- This amount includes all payments for ref fees for travel and flights, PA West insurance, equipment and uniform shirts as well as coaching invoices for MLS and Larry Shaw.
- Income included PA West refund along with uniform payments.
- Outstanding invoices for expenditures for coming month include first aid invoice from Spartan Pharmacy for \$68.12.
- 50/50 from first week of flights last week amounted to \$336.00

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf expressed his appreciation for the volunteer effort in completing the shirts needed for the spring season.

Committees:

Registration -

- Fall registration forms were completed, printed, & submitted for distribution. They are now coming home and with students through BP schools although forms still need to be distributed to the private schools.
- Thursday, May 20 in Council Chambers will be the in person registration date. Bruce Thompson, Scott DiGiorno, and tentatively Matt Scott to work registration.
- Joe Reichard mentioned on line registration and will be investigating possible options.

Communications -

- No report

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler will order first aid kits for new teams & several as replacements. Ice packs will be ordered as well and can be left at Millenium for travel coach pick up if needed.
- Bruce Thompson is following up on flight volunteer disclosure forms and code of conducts to ensure each team has them signed and will coordinate collection of all.
- Additional adds for KidSafe clearances for late entry teams have all been processed and cleared.
- Kathleen Tischler stated a few incident/injury forms received for injuries and were received in a timely manner & submitted.

Referees –

- All indications were that the first week went well.
- Matt Scott is now on board & backing up Bob Monte for ref assignor responsibilities after this season.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- All travel teams were registered and the teams were adding a few players to the rosters.
- Travel tryout policy discussion took place regarding several options on the process to be implemented with further documentation to be forthcoming for review.
- Bill Wolf stated that new PA West rules allows clubs to have a younger or same level player play in the same club on multiple teams without the need to dual roster. This then eliminates the excuse of not playing a game due to too few players.

PR/Fundraising –

- The 50/50 collection process is being executed with Bruce Thompson as the collection point and delivery to Steve Donovan. Receipts are being received each week for 50/50 amounts for audit purposes.
- Additional tickets will be available at Village and Millenium and seven extra rolls will be purchased.
- Sponsor letter needed for resigning current sponsors.
- Additional sponsors are needed with a goal of obtaining 50 sponsors. Matt Scott suggested a handout at flights with a solicitation for sponsors.

- Multiple team sponsorships available for larger companies & guidelines were discussed.
- Possibility of printing sponsorships on travel uniforms & subsequent approval required from PA West was discussed.
- We have some items remaining from various events, such as Community Day, that could be sold, i.e., sling bags, tee shirts, socks, etc. Brian Gorges is looking for volunteers to help sell the merchandise at Village Green during flights.

Flights –

- All players notified within two weeks & only three calls made to BP Rec regarding notification. A combined effort worked very well this season.
- Larry Shaw is training all Flight 5 together with boys & girls separate for games.

Fields –

- Brian Gorges reported all fields are open and available for use. Ben Franklin is dry with the exception of the usual area that is continually wet due to spring issues.
- Brian Gorges thanked everyone for their patience in remaining off of the fields until they were opened. Making the high school available helped in that effort and additional time has now been made available on Saturdays at the high school field.
- Brian Gorges met with Vince Gastgeb and Jim Mascaro. Surveyor said that Ben Franklin needs a new crown (topsoil, seeding, etc.) and the decision lies with the school district. If it were approved, unfortunately this would not occur until fall 2011.
- A significant amount of clean up took place at Ben Franklin recently and what can be done will be done on the field.
- Bob Cygrimus will be meeting with Brian Gorges on Friday at Millenium regarding field maintenance required or allowing BPSA to provide dollars to handle the maintenance.

Equipment:

- Confirmation received the additional cones were purchased, arrived and are in use.
- Follow up with Rick Eckert needed for potential purchase of team benches.

Community Liaison –

- No report

Coaching Development –

- Kelly Mehalko held the flight coaches clinic and reviewed concepts, drills and curriculum with coaches and commissioners present. Flights training manual for the season has been distributed, including some additional drills.

Old Business –

- Flight player giveaway item for spring to be determined.
- Coaches/sponsors appreciation dinner/World Cup event details yet to be determined.
- No volunteers came forward to run the snack stand/cart at Millenium.

New Business –

- MLS contract was signed for three nights a week for a designated MLS coach and we were notified that they are unable to come and as a result Monday evenings are an issue and may go uncovered. MLS has had a name change and is now known as North American Soccer Camps.
- Matt Yee spoke with the MLS coach for his team asking him to attend their match and then to attend practice every other Thursday to initiate drills which would be effective to work on game skills.

Upcoming Dates:

- Open registration will take place on May 20.
- Riverhounds camp at Village Green will be June 14 -17.
- PA West Open tournament in Edinboro 6/18-20, see PA West site for age groups.
- PA West Open tournament in Edinboro 6/25-27, see PA West site for age groups.
- Travel registration deadline will be June 24.
- Flight registration deadline will be July 5.
- Shoot to Score camp at Village Green will be July 12 – 16.
- Sportsmanship tournament at California University of PA will be 7/31.
- Summer Skillz camp with Larry Shaw dates tbd.
- Next board meeting will be May 9, 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Wolf & a second was made by Kathleen Tischler. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary