



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – December 14, 2010



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA), called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Rich Eckert, Bruce Thompson, Scott DiGiorno, Steve Donovan, Matt Scott, George Toomey, Matt Yee, Joe Reichard and Kelly Mehalko along with new incoming board members Maria Minshall, Pete Huston, and Jeff Marzina.

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:

- Steve Donovan reported the balance in the checking, savings & money market accounts as of 12/13/10 was \$57,992.35.
- Expenses paid this month included payment of \$667 to Tony Bruno for shirts.
- PFC invoice will be generated & forwarded for payment.
- Bob Straw training invoice was received & payment will be issued.
- Steve Donovan stated the tax return was filed for last year.

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf stated he will be resigning his position as President for 2011 and spent some time recapping his three years spent as BPSA president. While in his role, Bill mentioned that he felt it was a privilege & he honor to work with the current board as well as those who have been on board in the past and recognized their hard work. He feels that the overall complexion of the club has improved dramatically due to the fact that the status quo wasn't acceptable but questioning old procedures vs. potential initiated some changes that resulted in things being done with more professionalism, style, and with the objective of improving the financial position of the club while enjoying things & having fun in the process. Bill took some time to reflect on some of the accomplishments of which he is most proud & those having an impact during his tenure which included formation of the team sponsorship program spearheaded by Tony Bruno allowing us to upgrade our uniforms, the 50/50 raffle funding our equipment expenses, reorientation of Millenium field, format change of flights with NASC trainers, adoption of new uniforms for travel due to the efforts of Tony Bruno & Brian Gorges, utilization of Larry Shaw & other coaches, updated web page, key equipment upgrades such as net wheels, pug nets, and lock up box. Bill indicated his objective was to focus on the development of the players and give them the best experience in soccer our community could afford and

while there are many things yet to be done, we have remained diligent and functional as & cohesive board to achieve our goals, in spite of sometimes losing sight of that objective. Bill closed his last President's message by adding a reminder to the board that as much personal sacrifice & effort we extend, we are only "caretakers" of the club to preserve its existence for the next volunteers. We should remember to take pride in our accomplishments leaving a positive, lasting mark on the club & build for the future.

- Action was taken on the 2011 ballot of board members. Brian Gorges made a motion to accept all ballot members as presented. Kathleen Tischler seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to amend the bylaws to remove the maximum of 15 board members and increase the size of the board for 2011 to 17 members by Matt Scott with a second by Scott DiGiorno and passed unanimously.
- Election of officers followed with the ballot presented, nominations made and results tabulated. Both Brian Gorges & Matt Scott were nominated for President & a vote was taken with results tabulated by Kathleen Tischler. Brian Gorges received 10 votes and Matt Scott received 4 resulting in Brian Gorges winning the role of President. Both Scott DiGiorno and Bruce Thompson were nominated for Vice President & a vote was taken with results tabulated by Kathleen Tischler. Scott DiGiorno received 5 votes and Bruce Thompson received 9 votes resulting in Bruce Thompson winning the role of Vice President. Kathleen Tischler was nominated for Secretary with a motion by Matt Scott and a second by Bruce Thompson and was approved unanimously. Steve Donovan was nominated for Treasurer with a motion by Scott DiGiorno and a second by Kelly Mehalko and was approved unanimously.
- Board term will begin be effective January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.
- The first board meeting will be followed by a planning meeting at which time the board members will volunteer for the positions to which they will contribute their efforts in the coming year.

Committees:

Registration -

- Information was presented on PA West's new on-line registration system, Affinity Sports.
- Registration began December 6 & email sent to travel coaches with status of team registrations for their teams.
- Open registration will take place on Wednesday, January 19 from 7 pm – 9 pm in Council Chambers. Board members Bruce Thompson, Scott DiGiorno, and Kelly Mehalko will be present to assist.

Communications -

- Brian Gorges indicated email communication regarding the the January 19 registration date was sent to Vicki Flotta for inclusion in the BP email as well as appearing the week before.
- Joe Reichard did extensive research on website options and a discussion ensued as to the positives/negatives of the options presented. Bill Wolf asked each board member to review & further discussion will take place at the next board meeting. Joe Reichard will touch base with current users and provide their feedback as well. After the selection process concludes, Joe offered to remain involved & will be engaged with the provider of our choosing.

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler reported we have 3 people who will need clearances coming into the spring season due to expirations, Steve Donovan, Bill Runco and Scott Hanes, in addition to new board members who are not currently holding KidSafe clearances.
- Ben Franklin cameras, which BPSA helped fund along with the PTO, have proved helpful & provided Bethel Park police with assistance. No further damage with our own equipment has been reported.

Referees –

- Grade 8 ref recertification took place successfully for approximately 20 refs on December 11 although we will be losing several refs due to other commitments.
- A replacement will be needed for Justin Fleischmann this coming fall and it would be helpful for a replacement to shadow him for the for spring season.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- No report.

PR/Fundraising –

- Jeff Marzina commented on how well the sponsor placques were received by the sponsors.
- Pipers Pub will be signing on again as a sponsor.

Flights –

- No update

Fields –

- Fields were aerated this fall and Village Green construction is underway.

Equipment:

- We are on a wait list for a storage unit.
- We will require new nets. In addition, bags for Village Green are falling apart but are covered under lifetime warranty. Brian Gorges will be sending them back.

Community Liaison –

- No report.

Coaching Development –

- Possible coaching courses were discussed and although none were currently scheduled for the South Hills. We should be able to get the minimum number of participants required in order to conduct in the course. It's recommended that we begin with the youth module and progress to the E license from there. More information will be forthcoming.
- A meeting took place with NASC in regard to feedback on the previous season, continuance of our program in the coming season & the possible return of Dave Henderson. There is no significant change in fees and the possibility of setting up a coaching academy & a group night training option were discussed. Matt Yee recommended we set up a date prior to the in person registration for the coaching portion so the date can be provided to coaches.

Old Business –

- N/A

New Business –

- Girls u12 and Boys u13 teams have coaching issues that will need to be addressed going into the spring season.

Upcoming Dates:

- Annual planning meeting will take place immediately following first 2011 board meeting on January 18, pending room availability.

- Next board meeting will be January 18 depending upon room availability.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges & a second was made by Kathleen Tischler. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9 05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary