



## BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – February 16, 2010



**Bill Wolf**, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM in the meeting room of the Bethel Park Community Center. Also present were board members: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Matt Yee, George Toomey, Bruce Thompson, Rich Eckert, Joe Reichard and Scott DiGiorno.

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

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

- Balance in the checking, savings & money market accounts as of 1/31/10 was \$38,882.12
- 50% of the MLS down payment was made this month.

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

- 160 travel registrations received thus far and number has been impacted by recent weather conditions.
- Bill Wolf attended the annual presidents' meeting for PA West and noted the following points from the meeting:
  - Previous district director has stepped down and new district director is now Walt Civala.
  - In a desire to generate more interest and team registrations for PA West Open tournament in Edinboro, any team will be able to play in the open division.
  - April 11 is the start date for the travel season, bypassing Easter weekend.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- 160 travel registrations received thus far and number has been impacted by recent weather conditions.

#### **Communications -**

- Upcoming dates have been added. New calendar dates and board members and assignments will be updated.
- JJ Zekany and Matt Yee are to meet in near future to review web posting procedures and pertinent information regarding BPSA website.
- Letters to sponsors for tax purposes has been drafted and will be finalized & forwarded to sponsors.

### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler stated we did not meet the first team registration date due to unprocessed clearances which were still outstanding. PA West indicated clubs should now allow 2-3 weeks for batch processing and we were allowing 2-3 days. Coaches should be cognizant for fall registrations and we will start the process earlier.
- Background checks have now been completed for all apps submitted and all have cleared. Additional teams formed will still have apps submitted and will have to wait for clearances.
- All coaches should have received their certificates from PA West via email once they cleared. These can be printed and carried with them.
- Code of conducts for new players must be signed for travel and Bruce Thompson will handle the flight signatures.
- Goal will be to have the disclosure forms for flight coaches and code of conduct forms submitted by the second week.

### **Referees –**

- The entry level Grade 9 course rescheduled date is now Friday, 2/26 6 to 10 pm and Saturday, 2/27 9:30 to 5:30 at the BP Community Center.
- Justin Fleishmann will once again be doing the ref scheduling.
- Bob Monte will be handling the spring session as referee assignor and Matt Scott will be taking the PA West course and assuming responsibilities after this season.

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

- 160 players signed up thus far with BPSA scheduled to register with PA West on February 25.
- Team formation is 80% complete with final determinations to be made on u11, u13-14 girls teams.

### **PR/Fundraising –**

- No report.

### **Flights –**

- Flights coordinator and Flight Registrar will be Bruce Thompson and Bruce will receive assistance from Jodi Galletta with data entry of player registration information for spring season. Process for fall to be determined based on need.
- Limited field space for certain flights will be a consideration if sizes of flights balloon for spring season.
- Flight 5 format and resources were discussed and to be determined based on registration numbers.

### **Fields –**

- Brian Gorges stated BP field coalition meeting was postponed. Preference will be to keep Millennium and Ben Franklin as top priorities as well as Park Ave for fall.
- Email was sent to coaches regarding practice needs for teams during upcoming season.
- Discussion took place regarding possible field alignment for games utilizing Millennium more & limiting use of Neil to avoid unnecessary field lining. Field condition and sustainability were discussed.

### **Equipment:**

- New game balls will be distributed to travel teams.
- 2 sets of agility ladders & 4 sets of poles are available for training purposes.
- Shirt inventory to be taken to determine order to be placed for spring season.
- System for printing and distributing to be determined.

### **Community Liaison –**

- No report

### **Coaching Development –**

- Kelly Mehalko will hold a coaches' clinic for BP travel coaches at Berean Fellowship Church on March 13 from 12 to 1 and for flight coaches on March 20 from 12 – 1:30.
- Kelly attended the US Youth Soccer convention and was able to gather a wide array of flights training options for consideration. She will be completing a new flights training manual for coaches to utilize during the upcoming spring season.

### **Old Business –**

- Anthony Wilkerson is no longer going to be our rep for MLS. The contract was signed and paid per discussions at our last meeting and will include a camp for travel players.
- MLS format will be the same as last year with the exception of the first and last weeks.
- Coaches' appreciation dinner details will be forthcoming.

## **New Business –**

- Consideration to be given for the spring player gifts, i.e., trophies, medallions, etc. Bruce Thompson to begin to compile options for further consideration.
- Board members are asked to submit suggestions in terms of equipment needs for discussion at March meeting. Additional cones for Village Green fields are needed among other items.
  
- Riverhounds camp will be held once again in Bethel Park. Ages 4-6 will be at 9 – 11 am for \$99; ages 7-9 from 9 – 12 for \$130; ages 10-13 from 9 – 12 for \$130. Early bird registrations by May 1 will be discounted \$10. Campers will receive ball, tee shirt, and two tickets to a Riverhounds game.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

- Travel registration closes March 4, 2010.
- Next board meeting will be March 9, 2010.
- Flight registration closes March 11, 2010.
- Travel coaches training session @ Berean Fellowship March 13.
- Flight coaches training session @ Berean Fellowship March 20.
- First week for flights will be April 10, 2010.
- First week for travel games will be April 11, 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kathleen Tischler & a second was made by Matt Yee. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary

