



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – March 9, 2010



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA) called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the meeting room of the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Matt Scott, Kathleen Tischler, Bruce Thompson, Rich Eckert, Scott DiGiorno, Kelly Mehalko, Steve Donovan, and Dave Conely. Also present were: Jodi Galietta, Bob Monte, and Shelly Dunn.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Steve Donovan 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 2/28/10 was \$37,058.91.
- This past month a banner was purchased along with numerous miscellaneous equipment items were purchased.
- Expenditures projected for coming month include travel registration with PA West for approximately \$700 - \$800.
- Motion was made to make a memorial donation in memory of Larry Shaw's father-in-law on behalf of BPSA. Motion made by Dave Conely and second by Matt Scott.

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf reported that registration will take place at PA West this week.
- Bill became aware that several travel players would not be returning in the spring season to play on a u11 girls team. After speaking with parents regarding their experience with their BPSA team in the fall and concerns regarding coaching, Bill Wolf has placed the players on his team in the upcoming spring session. Discussion ensued regarding use of MLS and various levels of coaching abilities within the organization along with improvement opportunities.

Committees:

Registration -

- Jodi Galietta has collected and inputted the spring registrations. As of 3/9/10 the following registrations were received

- 510 registered in spring vs. 417 registered in fall
 - Flight numbers: 223 Boys 257 Girls Total 480
 - Flight 1: 42 Boys 40 Girls Total 82
 - Flight 2: 47 Boys 46 Girls Total 93
 - Flight 3: 44 Boys 55 Girls Total 99
 - Flight 4: 58 Boys 74 Girls Total 132
 - Flight 5: 32 Boys 42 Girls Total 74

- Jodi Galietta will finalize all registrations by Monday after deadline. Shirt sizes will be indicated when available and those in need of shirts will be duly noted on spreadsheet along with code of conduct signatures required.

Communications -

- No report

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler stated we did not meet the first team registration date due to 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 took place in March and resulted in 5 new grade 9 refs.
- Matt Scott completed the ref assignor course in anticipation of backfilling the assignor role for Bob Monte & assuming responsibilities after this season.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- Due to the Rec Dept deadline of March 4 & the team declaration date for PA West of March 1, there is an alignment conflict requiring consideration when establishing future registration deadlines.
- There are 15 travel teams slated to compete for BPSA in the spring season.
- Very late notification occurred on unanticipated establishment of u15 team.

- Additional u14 players were signed up for the upcoming season and team formation is still outstanding.
- Scott DiGiorno will begin to assume travel registrar duties in the future.
- This Sunday from 2 – 4 pm PA West will conduct the scheduling meeting for any non Division 1 team. Bill Wolf to provide details.
- Fall registration form to come out in April/May needs updated and provided to Mary Ann at the Rec Department by March 15. Jodi Galietta offered to finalize the form and provide for review.

PR/Fundraising –

- 50/50 process for the upcoming season will be communicated by Bruce Thompson to all of the flight commissioners. Steve Donovan to receive notification each week of 50/50 amounts by flight for accounting purposes.
- We received another check from Uniroyal in the amount of \$150, which is the second check in the last six months.

Flights –

- Commissioners and coaches have already been designated and contacted.
- Registration reminder to be sent to coaches to email previous season's players re: upcoming flight registration deadline.

Fields –

- Brian Gorges, unable to attend this month's board meeting, provided the following details as an update:
- It is unlikely that we will be able to utilize the field the first two weeks of April without tearing them up and all teams must wait for the "green light" which we will receive from the municipality and the school district.
- Version one of the practice field assignments will be published next week. If anyone has any questions regarding fields for practice or game times, contact Brian Gorges directly.
- At the field coalition meeting it was announced that the rec board will begin to do a field audit to see who is actually utilizing their designated field space. If requested space is not being utilized, a warning will be issued and result in a possible loss of field time.
- At the same meeting we found that BPSA will be getting help from the Rec board and the school district to fix the drainage issues currently existing at Ben Franklin. As soon as the snow melts, we will walk the field with officials from both and hopefully over summer issues will be fixed.
- BPSA gave time to lacrosse in the spring and BP Jr football in the fall at Park and Neil fields resulting in still maintaining enough fields space for the number of

teams we have this spring and anticipated in the fall although flexibility will be required over the next three years.

- BPSA asked again if BP Jr. Football would let us close Millenium August 2 – 20 to allow us to deep aerate and over-seed. Request has been made but determination is still pending.
- Reusing the lights from the high school at Millenium is unlikely, as the School District intends to run most of the lights toward the “pony” field.
- A request was made for more Sunday time in April at the BPHS stadium to attempt to move more games to that field while the fields dry out and determination is still pending.
- We have an opportunity to use the BP Jr. Football snack trailer at Millenium and we would need to focus on those Sundays when we have three or more games on a Sunday. It appears we could run it or enlist members of the National Honor Society to assist. Further discussion required before April.
- Lock-up building at Millenium is a possibility and we need to submit specifications to the Rec Board and they will assist us in obtaining authorization.
- In general the field coalition meeting was very collaborative.

Equipment:

- New game balls will be distributed to travel head coaches within the next two weeks.
- Purchased 150 cones for flight usage.
- Purchased a new set of all surface corner flags which will be given to JJ Zekany next week.
- Rick Eckert initiated a discussion of potential purchase of five team benches for \$104/each.
- Possibility of job box addition at Millenium was discussed for storage purposes.

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 1 – 2 pm at rental rate of \$55. Bill Wolf to email travel coaches.
- Kelly Mehalko elected to add to the current flight material building on the established curriculum rather than introducing an entirely new flights training manual for the upcoming spring season. Kelly will finalize and provide to Bruce Thompson.

Old Business –

- MLS contact is now Mark Bailey.
- We will be putting the coaches/sponsors appreciation dinner on hiatus for the year and divert the funds to a 2010 World Cup event possibly during the first or second game the USA plays in June. Plans and venue should be finalized in April.

New Business –

- Steve Donovan reminded the board that if we intend to initiate a tryout process for the upcoming season, we will need to establish the parameters in the near future. A committee will be formed to establish strategy, objective and execution. Alan Duda had offered to assist BPSA with this process.
- Jodi Galietta made a suggestion that toward the mid-late season it would be helpful to host a informational introductory travel meeting for parents. Perhaps having a board member present, younger players dressed in their uniforms and offering a Q&A session to further expand on the opportunity.

Upcoming Dates:

- First week for flights will be April 10, 2010.
- First week for travel games will be April 11, 2010.
- Next board meeting will be April 13, 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Wolf & a second was made by Kelly Mehalko. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary