



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – May 11, 2010



Bill Wolf, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA), called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Brian Gorges, Kathleen Tischler, Rich Eckert, Matt Scott, Bruce Thompson, Scott DiGiorno, George Toomey, Matt Yee, Steve Donovan, Joe Reichard, Kelly Mehalko, and Dave Conely.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Steve Donovan and second made by Kelly Mehalko 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 5/11/10 was \$29, 360.02.
- This amount includes 15% reimbursement payment of \$1600 from Redford Photography.
- Uniform payments are still forthcoming. Steve Donovan requested all remaining checks to be turned into him.
- 50/50 averages \$277 per week.

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf stated the season is progressing well and from feedback received, the training in the flight portion is viewed in a positive light.
- MLS training for travel is of concern as we did not get the full complement of coaches agreed upon and they were not of the caliber to which BPSA is accustomed from past experience.
- Succession planning from a coaching standpoint is an additional concern.

Committees:

Registration -

- Registration database is in Bruce Thompson's hands at this time.
- Thursday, May 20 in Council Chambers will be the in person registration date. Matt Scott suggested having uniforms for travel and flights available at the registration for sizing purposes. Bruce Thompson will be bringing them.
- Joe Reichard indicated also having sponsor forms there would be helpful.

Communications -

- JJ Zekany is updating the website and the virus issue has been resolved.

Risk Management –

- Kathleen Tischler stated incident/injury forms continue to be received for injuries & are coming in a timely manner.
- A reminder was given that coaches need to receive doctor's clearance for players that desire to return to play after an injury when the form indicates a doctor has been visited.
- The board discussed that it will be at our coaches' discretion to determine if a release will be required prior to returning to play if serious injury has occurred outside of BPSA play. Within BPSA play, a release is always required along with the injury/incident reporting form.
- Kathleen Tischler reminded coaches to keep first aid kit supplies restocked and advised if items need reordered, i.e., ice packs, etc.

Referees –

- Refs have done a commendable job on flights.
- Justin Fleischmann has been short on refs at Flight 5 and Larry Shaw has been stepping in. Several flights have had too many refs and correspondence with Matt Scott in rectifying has taken place.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- Regarding the new PA West rule allowing clubs to have a younger or same level player play in the same club on multiple teams without the need to dual roster, Bill Wolf stated that players must be playing for the primary team first then a secondary team if needed. He clarified the procedure should be if a coach needs additional players, the primary coach should be approached to see if it presents any conflict. Allowing players to play on multiple teams eliminates the need for cancellation due to too few players; however, it should not be at the detriment of the primary team.

PR/Fundraising –

- Brian Gorges will be sending the renewal letter to board members to begin work on resigning current sponsors.
- Dave Conely suggested a golf outing benefitting BPSA with various levels of sponsorship to raise funds. A positive response was received and Dave will investigate and present options with the goal to raise \$60K for the Park Avenue turf field.

- Steve Donovan offered an opportunity to have half the commissions earned donated back to the organization if a Silpada event was held. Emails could be sent as blind emails protecting recipients' privacy.

Flights –

- All volunteer disclosures & code of conduct missing signatures are in.
- A motion was made by Bill Wolf with a second from Dave Conely to purchase trophies for Flights 1, 2, and 3 and bag tags for Flights 4 & 5.
- Positive feedback was received on MLS coaching at Flight 2.

Fields –

- As a result of the on-site tour with Bob Cygrimus, Brian Gorges reported back that Bob Cygrimus felt the fields were in sufficient condition and was not in agreement with the BPSA's suggestion that the field was in need of aeration or repair of the existing ruts.
- A suggestion was made that the u11-u12 field setup for practice on Millennium use the shorter field to avoid wear & tear on the same places on the field.

Equipment:

- The potential purchase of team benches for Millennium, possibly aluminum, were further discussed but not decided upon.

Community Liaison –

- Matt Yee is in receipt of the Community Day letter and the event will be occurring even with high school construction although a date has not yet been determined.

Coaching Development –

- Kelly Mehalko questioned whether we are missing out on potential travel players & discussion ensued regarding how we can better obtain coaches' feedback.
- PFC offered to assist with coaching BPSA players and are willing to come in and work with our teams as a goodwill gesture.

Old Business –

- Bruce Thompson will research pricing and item options for this year's sponsor plaques.

- Additional discussion took place regarding the team formation and possible travel tryout policy options for the upcoming travel season. It was determined that the u11 boys and girls would try out in June with the u10 rostered players being divided up among teams with coaches to be determined. Individuals such as MLS, Alan Duda, and George Toomey were recommended to conduct the evaluations. The timeframe discussed was mid June.

New Business –

- Kathleen Tischler brought a proposal from Ben Franklin PTO to the board regarding purchase of security cameras to be installed at Ben Franklin field in conjunction with the PTO. Multiple vandalism incidents recently there along with dangerous circumstances on the field precipitated the proposal. The PTO and BPSA would each pay \$1250 for the camera system with infrared technology visible at the police station with the PTO to pay installation and the school district to provide ongoing maintenance. To ensure the safety of our players & in the best interest of the program, Bill Wolf made a motion to pay \$1250 for the camera system and Kathleen Tischler seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the board.

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 will be July 12 to August 4.
- Next board meeting will be July 13, 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill Wolf & a second was made by Steve Donovan. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary