



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – October 12, 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, Scott DiGiorno, Joe Reichard, Steve Donovan, Matt Scott, Rich Eckert, George Toomey, Kelly Mehalko.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Bill Wolf and second made by Kathleen Tischler to approve the amended 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 9/30/10 was \$60,429.25.
- The fall payment from the Rec Department of approximately \$33,000 was received.
- Some sponsor checks are still outstanding. Payment to Larry Shaw is still outstanding and upcoming expenses include an NASC installment payment.
- Payment for paint supplies was made this month.
- Payment received from Redford Photography for approximately \$800 as part of the fall picture process.
- Flight 3 ref fees will be returned.
- Brian Gorges to rent a storage unit for trophies, corner flags, various apparel items to consolidate items in one location.

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf stated issues have arisen in regard to flight games having very lopsided final scores and parents have provided negative feedback in regarding to formulation of teams.
- Concerns in regard to adequate referee staffing.

Committees:

Registration -

- Brian Gorges provided an update from Bruce Thompson in Bruce's absence. The registration form was submitted to The Chronicle & will appear in the December edition.

- In person registration date will be January 19 in Council Chambers and travel fees will remain the same, although there will be an earlier cut off date for registration.
- Board is challenged to better communicate to the u9s that they are able to play travel, as the Chronicle registration form will not reflect u9 option.
- Consideration will be given to on-line registration for fall season.

Communications -

- Brian Gorges said information is updated and will be posted by JJ Zekany.
- More calendar events will be added.
- Matt Scott questioned the feasibility of doing email blasts and will follow up with BP Football to see how they set theirs up. The board discussed the matter & determined once the website is revised to be more user manageable, email blasts will be more feasible than they currently are.
- Website needs to be redesigned and option of on line registration was discussed. Steve Donovan will work with Joe Reichard on the numbers.

Risk Management –

- Invoice for payment of Franklin cameras was provided to Steve Donovan for payment of \$1250.

Referees –

- Matt Scott is working with PA West to set up Grade 8 ref certification course and Grade 8 course.
- An in-house ref course is needed due to a shortage of refs. Fee will not be passed onto parents.
- Elimination of Grade 9 ref will be an issue for review.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- Travel pictures have been distributed to all teams.

PR/Fundraising –

- Brian Gorges advised the board we will be hosting a charity fundraiser for ROPARD at Ben Franklin on 11/13/10 although there will be no fiducial responsibility on the part of the association. Motion was made by Rich Eckert and a second by Scott DiGiorno for BPSA to sanction this event. The motion passed unanimously.

- Kathleen Tischler will follow up with PA West to determine what forms are required in relation to event.
- Sponsor placques are now available from Bruce Thompson for delivery by the board member who signed up the organization.

Flights –

- In Bruce Thompson's absence, the following updates were provided. Last week of flights is coming up after a great season. No major issues and some small issues were handled by commissioners and coordinator.
- Pictures were distributed to all flights last week and a few minor issues that arose are being directly addressed by Redford.
- Shortage of one ref per field a couple times this fall although Justin is working hard to fill the slots. Coaches or trainers have filled in on these occasions.
- NASC reps have been on the field and working with the various flights. Good comments and feedback has been forthcoming from coaches and parents.
- Board discussed the formulation of teams and the need to have a balance with player ability. Teams need to be rebalanced and BPSA diligent to ensure it occurs and reorganization is completed. Preventative measures are needed and will be implemented going forward to avoid lopsided games.
- Point will be made to balance to best of our ability, although current teams were not intentionally selected to put numerous skilled players together on teams.
- Flight 3 players can be evaluated by coaches to better evaluate teams using a rating system. Option to do an evaluation period is also a viable option.

Fields –

- Park Avenue is now available to play under the lights.
- Lining on Millennium Field looks great and a thank you and job well done was passed on to all those helping with the lining, Rich Eckert, Scott DiGiorno, Bill Wolf, Brian Gorges, and Tony Bruno.

Equipment:

- Rich Eckert confirmed this past weekend things went well and there was an improvement over the previous week in relation to the return of equipment.
- Steve Donovan will be cutting a check to Tony Bruno to provide payment for shirts made, i.e., \$1 per shirt.

Community Liaison –

- No report.

Coaching Development –

- Kelly Mehalko when the last E license coaching course was held for BP coaches and since none were done in recent history, she will look into holding one.
- NASC has had positive feedback and Bill will be meeting with them soon and gain details of new contract.

Old Business –

- None

New Business –

- Discussion regarding the use of Millennium by PFC U11 girls cup team (coached by Kelly Mehalko) was raised by Brian Gorges. Expressed concern that this sets a bad precedent regarding allocation of field space to groups outside BPSA and BP in general. Under previous Rec Director, this type of usage was discouraged. Kelly countered that she sought permission from current Rec Director who indicated that BPSA had discretion to allocate use of field space as they saw fit, adding the PFC team had a large percentage of BP girls playing on the team. Bill Wolf interjected that in August the Board had discussed and saw no problem allowing PFC to use the field with the caveat that if BP Rec disapproved of their use, they would have to discontinue. Bill Wolf also noted he had talked to Kelly prior to start of season and worked out an agreement that PFC would compensate BPSA for use of field (in September compensation was determined to be \$60/game per team). In the future any arrangements regarding the granting of permission to rent field space to outside parties would be done on a more formal basis during a Board meeting.
- Coaches Appreciation event options were discussed and date of 2/25 was decided upon. More details forthcoming.

Upcoming Dates:

- Next board meeting will be November 9.

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 9 25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary