



BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – September 14, 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, Matt Scott, Rich Eckert, Kelly Mehalko, Bruce Thompson, Matt Yee along with guest, Frank Kalogeris.

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:

- In Steve Donovan's absence Bill Wolf reported the balance in the checking, savings & money market accounts as of 9/10/10 was \$36,290.98.
- This amount includes payment of approximately \$6000 for flight and travel uniforms as well as approximately \$1200 in ref fees paid out.
- The fall payment from the Rec Department of approximately \$30,000 is still pending.
- Year-over-year comparison from 2008-09 and 2009-10 as of June was \$4080 vs. \$12,400. This amount is reflective of sponsorships, fundraising, and minimizing expenses. Goals need to be established as to which projects to allocate funds.

President's Report:

- Bill Wolf stated things are running smoothly at this point in the flight and travel seasons and expressed thanks and appreciation for Bruce Thompson and Tony Bruno taking care of the equipment transport for the Community Day activities.
- Bill expressed appreciation to Matt Yee for all his efforts in coordinating a successful Community Day event this year.

Committees:

Registration -

- Bruce Thompson will review the registration form in readiness for submission prior to the The Chronicle deadline.

- Consideration will be given to on-line registration. Feasibility of elimination of multi-child and early bird discounts or alternatives in order to use the on-line system to be explored.

Communications -

- Per Brian Gorges the website has been updated.
- An email blast to all registered players and coaches consisting of a thank you to sponsors was discussed.

Risk Management –

- Camera installation at Ben Franklin is fully complete with appropriate signage in place now. The invoice for payment will be provided to Steve Donovan for payment of \$1250.
- First aid kits were distributed to those teams in need and additional ice packs were distributed to all team. All teams were asked to check kits to ensure they had sufficient supplies and to advise if items needed replenished.
- Code of conduct team signature pages are still outstanding for several travel teams at this time.
- Bruce Thompson is collecting the flight volunteer disclosure forms and code of conducts and will maintain them.

Referees –

- Matt Scott received information from Bob Monte indicating it was time to set up the Bethel class for ref recertification and a class for new referees.
- Matt Scott indicated a desire to move the timeline forward on schedule finalization for refs from late week to a goal of mid-week to minimize the last minute scrambling and emails to secure refs. Matt will be working with Justin Fleischman on this process.
- We have experienced a shortage of flight refs.

Travel Commissioner & Registrar –

- There is an opportunity for improvement in regard to the communication to parents during flights of potential u9 players that we can form a team of these players to play up in u10 instead of waiting an additional year. Although some communication was thought to have taken place, we have an opportunity to do a more effective job at it reaching all potential players.

PR/Fundraising –

- The BPSA golf outing was cancelled due to a lack of support and consideration will be given to hosting an outing in the summer taking advantage of better timing and communication for flights and travel.
- Sponsorship of teams now totals 50 and all teams were sponsored. We will be looking for ways to recognize sponsors including placques.
- Bruce Brothers certificates were handed out to flights.
- Interest was expressed for a potential winter fundraiser and discussion included a mini tournament, similar to a Turkey Bowl event.
- Matt Yee posed a question regarding sponsorship of a travel team. Recommendation was made to utilize a second shirt with sponsor logo as a uniform shirt if a sponsorship is obtained, which is similar to how two current travel teams utilized the sponsorship. Any sponsorship remains with the team.

Flights –

- We are three weeks into the flight schedule and flights are running well.
- Picture day is this Saturday for flights. Scott DiGiorno indicated that travel teams times are still a work in progress and we will try to accommodate all teams with a two week schedule due to game schedules. Quality of the team photos was discussed as a concern.
- 50/50s from flights have averaged \$300-325 each week.
- Incident reports from flights will be forwarded to Kathleen Tischler
- Additional support may be necessary from Bob Straw for Flight 5 as the number of players to train at once is a large group. Discussion of a change in training format from one large group to two smaller groups at alternating times is a consideration for more effective training.
- Feedback for NASC coaches has gone well in most cases while some of the drills with the Flight 1 teams have not been active enough in groups.

Fields –

- Jim Gastgeb is looking into using Simmons and days can be determined. At Simmons, we would make arrangements to use the rebounders.
- Ben and Millennium are lined with one field each this week and next week Millenium will have two fields lined. Hillcrest Christian is using Ben Franklin 3 – 5 days a week.
- Brian Gorges indicated field assignment scheduling is complete. With darkness falling earlier as we progress into fall, Park Avenue with lights will be available on Wednesday and Fridays and he will be sending an email to travel coaches for usage.

Equipment:

- Speed ladders are in the Millenium job box. Game balls have been purchased and distributed.
- Dick's Sporting Goods bags and coupons will not be provided this year due to a discontinuation on the part of Dick's Sporting Goods.
- Matt Scott raised his dissatisfaction regarding 3 of his travel team players not receiving their requested uniform numbers. He requested a refund or compensation, which after board discussion of options, neither was granted due to precedent. Communication to travel coaches regarding number availability was cited.
- Additionally Matt Scott noted that numbers on the uniform shirts for his family were not holding and beginning to peel. Matt noted it did not occur with all the shirts & was directed to return these shirts & they will be pressed once again to resolve the issue.

Community Liaison –

- Matt Yee recognized all the volunteers for their assistance and a job well done on hosting a successful Community Day.
- Approximately \$400 was made on food.

Coaching Development –

- No update

Old Business –

- Travel uniforms are almost all paid totaling approximately \$600.

New Business –

- No report

Upcoming Dates:

- Next board meeting will be October 12, 2010.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges & a second was made by Scott DiGiorno. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9 30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary

