



## BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – February 8, 2011



Brian Gorges, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA), called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Kathleen Tischler, Bruce Thompson, Bill Wolf, Scott DiGiorno, Matt Scott, Matt Yee, Joe Reichard, Pete Huston, Maria Minshall and Rich Eckert.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Bruce Thompson and second made by Joe Reichard to approve the minutes & post to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Steve Donovan was not present. A financial report will be forthcoming with no significant changes expected.
- Brian Gorges stated the PFC check for \$420 has been received.

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

- Brian Gorges stated BPSA focus will be to the upcoming travel deadlines of 2/11/11 with a determination on teams to be made contingent upon final registration numbers.
- Following registration will be organization of uniforms and purchase of nets.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- As of today, 163 travel team players have registered and the u10 girl's team will be looking to recruit additional players.

#### **Communications -**

- No report

#### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler reminded the board all coaches submitting clearances for travel team registration are at done by PA West in batches & will need to allow two weeks for processing.

- The list of referees who are 18 years or older will now need clearances through KidSafe was requested from Matt Scott.
- Travel coaches will need to replenish their first aid kits and purchases will be made prior to travel.
- Bruce Thompson to advise what quantity of ice bags is needed for flights and purchase will be made for flights and travel coaches.

#### **Referees –**

- Matt Scott stated the check was mailed to Peggy Neason at PA West for the in-house referee program. Once the date is confirmed, Brian Gorges indicated he would send the information to Vicki Flotta for inclusion in her emails.
- The message that was sent to coaches pertaining to interest in becoming a ref did not yield significant results, as only one new ref candidate, 14 yrs. old, responded.
- Bruce Thompson suggested Larry speak with the girls on the high school team to possible generate additional candidates.

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

- PA West reversed its decision and will be allowing in person registration as opposed to solely on line registration for the spring season.

#### **PR/Fundraising –**

- Brian Gorges presented an option for three-color car magnets with BP soccer logos as a potential fundraiser. A motion was made by Matt Scott to purchase 250 magnets for \$1.75/each with a second by Bruce Thompson and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Flights –**

- Flight registration deadline of 3/3/11 is approaching with a current total of 349 players including 90 new.
- Upper St. Clair approached BPSA to place Flight 3 girl's teams with a possible option for other teams. Once registration closes, Bruce Thompson will be following up with the commissioners.
- Code of conduct signatures will be obtained.

## **Fields –**

- Field Coalition meeting will take place next week and Brian Gorges will be attending.
- August will be difficult with junior football and cheerleading requiring fields.
- We will be looking at the possibility of Simmons Park under lights as an opportunity for fall.
- Brian is currently working on March time on Sunday and possibly Saturday at the high school field.

## **Equipment:**

- No report

## **Community Liaison –**

- No report.

## **Coaching Development –**

- Kelly Mehalko followed up on the u10-u12 coaching course and has been attempting contact with Chuck Stover regarding gym space availability at which to hold the course. Chuck is expected to be out of the office until next week and once Kelly obtains the date will advise for forwarding to coaches.
- MLS/NASC is now Youth Elite Soccer (YES) and run by the same personnel. We will be utilizing them for three nights a week and as well as Saturday.
- David Henderson will be returning this spring along with the same two coaches from the fall. Same rates as last year with an anticipated spend of \$7200 for the fall season and \$7200 for the spring season. Brian Gorges made a motion to sign a contract not to exceed \$14,400 for 2011 with a second by Bruce Thompson and the motion passed unanimously.
- Larry Shaw will be returning this spring with a contract for \$5000 for 2011. Larry will be paid as an independent contractor at the rate of \$36/hr for five nights a week. His contract includes a 30 day cancellation notice clause. Time to be submitted via time sheet with over time requiring approval. Brian Gorges made a motion to renew Larry Shaw's contract with a second by Scott DiGiorno. The motion passed unanimously.

- Bob Straw will remain under his current contract until this summer at which time his contract is up for renewal and for the upcoming spring season his availability will be limited.

### **Player Development –**

- Pitt Shoot to Score will be 7/17 at Village Green.
- Riverhounds want to come back and do another clinic and conduct it in an evening.
- Kelly Mehalko is currently revising the flight manual for flight 1, 2, and 3.

### **Old Business –**

- Joe Reichard reported in with the status of the selection of web hosting provider. Previously it was voted upon to move forward with Count Me In and after further investigation that decision has been rescinded based on the results of findings during reference checks for the provider. Discussion regarding options brought the board back to revisit Blue Sombrero and establishment of our own merchant account enabling us to access our account and its funds. Blue Sombrero costs without the merchant account are \$3300/year (including \$500 set up fee) and \$2800 per year thereafter with month-month or longer terms. Establishment of the merchant account would be \$645/y4 (\$150/yr set up fee, \$75/yr annual fee and \$35/mo). We are charged for each transaction, i.e., 2.3% plus \$.15/item. Joe Reichard made a motion, with a second from Brian Gorges, to utilize Blue Sombrero for 24 months as our web hosting site along with establishment of our merchant account, replacing our existing site based on a fee structure of \$500 one-time fee plus \$3.50 per transaction. Joe will be approaching Blue Sombrero to negotiate and obtain best pricing and value-added services along with researching a manual override to our account for check payment. Joe will be checking with a club currently utilizing their services for feedback. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business –**

- Maria Minshall inquired as to the time frame designated for planning purposes on fundraising opportunities. Discussion ensued and it was decided the best time frame was while we are in season rather than off season. Goals mentioned included suggestions such as a lock up at Millennium as well as a snack trailer. It was recommended that board members send Maria Minshall their suggestions, as multiple ideas yield feasible options.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Flight deadline: March 3, 2011.
- Board meeting March 8, 2011.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Gorges & a second was made by Joe Reichard. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8 59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary