



## BETHEL PARK SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – January 18, 2011



Brian Gorges, President of the Bethel Park Soccer Association (BPSA), called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Caucus Room of the Bethel Park Municipal Building. Board members present were: Kathleen Tischler, Bruce Thompson, Bill Wolf, Scott DiGiorno, Steve Donovan, Matt Scott, Matt Yee, Joe Reichard, Kelly Mehalko, Maria Minshall, and Jeff Marzina.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were distributed & reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made by Bill Wolf and second made by Bruce Thompson 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 1/18/11 was \$56,751.43.
- Expenses paid this month included payment of \$667 to Tony Bruno for shirts along with a Flight 5 player refund.
- All sponsor checks turned in were cashed.
- Steve Donovan presented and reviewed the P&L with the board showing net income of 11,783.79 for 7/10 – 1/11.

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

- Brian Gorges stated BPSA will have a focus in the coming year on coach & player development, website design, and fundraising initiatives. Among open issues are the upcoming spring travel team tryouts, encouraging participation in PA West Open and the referee changes with u14 referees.

### **Committees:**

#### **Registration -**

- PA West's has now made it mandatory to use their new on-line registration system for spring. Scott DiGiorno stated BPSA is in compliance he completed the required training course.
- BPSA registration for travel ends 2/11/11 with a 3/1/11 PA West deadline to declare teams providing ample time for processing.
- Open registration will take place on Wednesday, January 19 from 7 pm – 9 pm in Council Chambers.

- As of today, 78 travel team players have registered and 200 flight registrations have been received in comparison to 400 flight players for fall.
- A registration reminder will be sent by Bruce Thompson to teams.
- Some interest has been shown in additional players coming to play in the spring who did not play in the fall. Team formation will be dictated by registration numbers for each age bracket & we will do our best to accommodate all registered players. Once all registrations are received, team formation can be evaluated at the next board meeting.
- Matt Scott suggested we add our registration criteria for team formation to the web site.

### **Communications -**

- Brian Gorges indicated email communication reminder will be coming out in the Vicki Flotta school district email regarding a reminder to tomorrow's registration.
- Maria Minshall mentioned we should keep the private schools in the loop as well in communications regarding our program.

### **Risk Management –**

- Kathleen Tischler reminded new board members who are not currently holding KidSafe clearances to complete them.
- Referees who are 18 years or older will also need clearances through KidSafe beginning this season. A list of referees who have completed their clearances can be provided to Steve Donovan for reimbursement.

### **Referees –**

- Grade 8 is now the only applicable grade with the elimination of Grade 9. Matt Scott asked for assistance on the part of the coaches to solicit additional players to act as referees with time to certify them prior to the spring season.
- A message can be sent to coaches as well to suggest to them they take a ref course to offer the opportunity to learn the game better from a different perspective.
- Adding additional adult referees would provide more stability & quality to our program as we lose younger refs going off to college.
- Brian Gorges will send a message to Vicki Flotta announce referee opportunities on her emails.

- A replacement will be needed for Justin Fleischmann in fall 2011 and Liam Wolf will be shadowing him for the for spring season in preparation to take on this role.

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

- Details under Registration subheading.

### **PR/Fundraising –**

- No report.

### **Flights –**

- Flight registration deadline of 3/3/11 with the first week of flights to begin April 2 for 8 weeks.

### **Fields –**

- No report.

### **Equipment:**

- Climate control storage unit will be rented this week after being on the wait list.

### **Community Liaison –**

- No report.

### **Coaching Development –**

- Kelly Mehalko followed up on the u10-u12 coaching course and we need a minimum of 12-15 participants in order to conduct in the course. She will contact Chuck Stover regarding gym space availability at which to hold the course.
- Kelly attended the NASC convention and among the content was a discussion centering around position-specific training and possible means to integrate it into the associations.
- The coaching manual will be revised to make it more age-specific for designated flights this spring.

## **Old Business –**

- Joe Reichard answered questions from the December board meeting pertaining to the web site options. The association is able to keep bpsoccer.org and it would be a redirect and transparent to the user. There is no min or max on the number of registrations, and if all registrants pay by check, there will be no fee to the organization. Joe is still soliciting the feedback from current users. Brian Gorges stated that once we agree on a product, a meeting with Chuck Stover should take place at which time the specifics can be provided and the flow of information and format from the rec department can be determined. The new website benefits include the option of multiple users which would enable BPSA to more productively manage the information on the site. Joe Reichard made a motion to tentatively select Count Me In as our web provider based on the information received to date and Kelly Mehalko was the second. The board unanimously approved the motion.
- Coaching issues pending from last meeting included the travel team coaching situation for Girls u12 team for which a board member spoke with the coach regarding the current situation and a new coaching staff will be in place for the team for the spring season. A board member will connect with the Boys u13 team coach and discuss the complaint in question and report back to the board. No further action pending at the present time.

## **New Business –**

- Matt Scott stated that u14 referees are now considered in house referees and once they complete a three hour course, they are designated to be able to do rec games. BPSA would send a registration fee of \$200 to PA West and then they schedule the course. Matt recommended a uniform of a printed tee shirt be provided to the referees. A discussion ensued regarding who will bear the cost of the course. A motion was made by Matt Scott with a second by Brian Gorges to pay PA West \$200 to conduct an entry level ref class for our club. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

- Board meeting February 8, 2011.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Marzina & a second was made by Matt Scott. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8 25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen Tischler, BPSA Secretary