

Boyertown Soccer Club
General Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2011

Meeting Start Time – 7:15 PM

Attendance

- Mark DeCocinis
- Jason Fox
- Jason Pratt
- Pat Recke
- Steve Riviello
- Stew Sherk
- Brad Wenger

Absent - None

Guests

- Michael Ward
- Jim Christian

Guest Presentation

- Jim Christian – RBJSJL registrar came to the board meeting to present information about the web registration company, Got Soccer.
 - EPYSA’s registration has been changed to Got Soccer.
 - Got soccer provides many features, especially for players who are preparing for college.
 - Various pros and cons of the Got Soccer web service were presented.
 - RBJSJL is keeping Demosphere as its website provider for now.

Opening Remarks – Steve Riviello, President

- EPYSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - Simplification of a registration fee was presented, but was not brought to a vote. Registration fees will be reworked by EPYSA.
 - The EPYSA bylaw changes were presented and were to be voted on. The proposal was to reduce the number of board members from 40, down to 12-14 members. Concerns were raised and the changes were not brought to a vote.
 - EPYSA wanted to take the state registrar off of the board of directors, but that was met with much resistance.

Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the February 15, 2011, general public meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Report and Bills - Report by Jason Fox, Treasurer

- Jason F. submitted the financial report.
 - All accounts are current.
 - Various bills have come in and will be paid/reconciled.
 - A motion to approve the financial report was made by Brad and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Un-cashed Checks
 - Jason F. raised a concern about un-cashed checks.
 - There are multiple checks outstanding and some go outstanding for quite some time. This causes inconsistencies in the financial books.
 - A discussion was held regarding voiding checks that are uncashed after 12 months.
 - A question was raised about what would happen to a check that is cashed after 12 months. Legally, we would need to pay those funds, but in most cases, those checks are not ever cashed.
 - A motion to render checks void after 12 months and place the unclaimed money into the scholarship fund was made by Jason F. and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Intramural - Report by Mark DeCocinis, Vice President for Intramural

- Teams, rosters, coaches, etc. are set for the spring season.
- Uniforms are ordered and are being shipped soon.
- Registrations and fees are all current.
- A discussion for when to open the fall intramural registration and the registration dates will be discussed at the executive meeting in April.

Land and Fields - Report by Steve Riviello

- Fields update and lining
 - Intramural fields were lined on March 19th with help from 9 individuals, including non-board members: Lizzie Fox, Doug Meder, and Joe Aston. Many thanks were given to those who were able to give their time to assist!
 - A suggestion was made to reward field lining volunteers with a gift from the club and a discussion took place.
 - U8 and U10 fields were pinned.
 - U10 nets need to be replaced.

- U7 net needs to be assembled.
- Meeting with Washington Township
 - Boyertown Midget Baseball League will be using Barto Park, but it should not interfere with our club's use of the fields.
 - Washing Township has land near the township building which could be a soccer field and there is space next to the sewer authority that could be turned into a soccer field, as well.
 - We will be losing Barto Park as a game field. BMBL will be erecting a fence. We will still be able to use the space as a practice field in the fall.
- 2011 Grass cutting and field maintenance
 - By the Yard gave a proposal to do the cutting for BSC again this year. By the Yard has provided these services for the club for the past 5 years or so.
 - The proposal was for \$110 per cut at Middle Creek and \$155 per cut at Douglass Park. There is a \$45 per hour charge for a double cut.
 - By the Yard will add a fuel surcharge if the cost of fuel goes above a certain amount.
 - A motion to approve By the Yard for field maintenance was made by Jason F. and seconded by Brad. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Field and lands budget
 - The fields and land budget will be presented at the April executive meeting.
- Lights
 - The club has been working to erect lights at its Middle Creek fields.
 - A meeting will be set with Met Ed to see how much it would cost for BSC to have electricity run into Middle Creek.
 - The project would happen in multiple phases. The club does not have the funds for all three phases.
 - A meeting will be held with Pottstown Health and Wellness about their grant money for use for our lights.
- Land
 - New Hanover Township has about 100 acres of land and the club will be inquiring about leasing about 20-30 acres of that land for fields. The project is in its preliminary stages.
 - Local community sports organizations may be asked to use fields other than the high school fields after this school year due to space and cost. This may impact BSC depending on the number of teams that will be using the fields we currently utilize.
- Valley Girls Soccer (an adult women's soccer team from the Upper Perk area)
 - The Valley Girls soccer team would like to use BSC fields for games on Sundays during the spring season.

- A discussion took place regarding a fee structure for this and where the money would be allocated.
- A motion to approve a \$100 per game fee for the Valley Girls Soccer team to use the Middle Creek or Victoria Park fields for the spring season was made by Mark. and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The allocation for the funds collected will be held at a later time.

Travel - Report by Pat Recke, Vice President for Travel

- BSC Travel Policies were approved by the travel committee. Highlighted changes included:
 - Opening the club to players outside of the Boyertown Area School District.
 - Allowing a coach to be the head coach of more than one travel team.
 - Allowing players to “play-up” only one age group up to U11 and two age groups or four years for teams U12 and up.
 - A motion to approve the travel policies was made by Pat and seconded by Brad. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Coaching assignments for the 2011-2012 season were recommended to the board by the travel committee.
 - A motion to approve Brad Wenger as the U8 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. 6 were in favor, 1 abstained. The motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Ernie Willson as the U9 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Brad Wenger as the U10 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. 6 were in favor, 1 abstained. The motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Mike Axman as the U11 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Ed DiPietro as the U12 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Ed DiPietro as the U13 Boys head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Pat Recke as the U14 Boys head coach was made by Jason P. and seconded by Mark. 6 were in favor, 1 abstained. The motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Frank Geiser as the U10 Girls head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Jason Fox as the U11 Girls head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. 6 were in favor, 1 abstained. The motion passed.
 - A motion to approve Suzie Fox as the U18 Girls head coach was made by Pat and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.
 - Currently, there are no coaches for the U9 Girls, U13 Girls, and U15 Girls teams.
- Tryout Dates

- Travel dates are set by each team running from April 18th – May 15th.
- The dates have been submitted to Pat and will be posted on the club website by the end of the week.
- Tryout Dates on Website and Newspaper
 - Jason F. created an advertisement for the local newspapers.
 - The lead time for the newspaper is 3 days.
 - The cost to run the advertisement is \$576 for 12 appearances.
 - A motion to approve the cost of running advertisements for the travel tryouts was made by Brad and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Travel Brochure and Information Flyer
 - Brad created a brochure highlighting the travel program as information literature to distribute to parents in the community. 300 brochures were printed.
 - Brad created an informational flyer for the travel program highlighting the program and advertising the dates for the travel meetings to be held on April 11th and April 14th. 3,500 flyers were printed and will be distributed in schools during the last week of March.
- Travel Parents Meeting
 - An informational parents meeting will be held on April 11th and April 14th for parents who would like to know more about the travel program.

Training – Report by Jason Pratt, Director of Training

- Agenda items for training will be tabled to the executive meeting in April.

Website

- No Report

Registrar

- No Report

Old Business

- Director of Coaching
 - The club will be advertising for the position of Director of Coaching. A job description was written by Jason P. and Pat and approved by the travel committee at its last meeting.
 - EPYSA will post the Director of Coaching position on its website and it will be posted on the club website.
 - A motion to approve the job description of the Director of Coaching position and posting it publicly was made by Stew and seconded by Brad. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Positive Coaching Alliance
 - There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of the Positive Coaching Alliance.
 - A decision was made to table a vote to the executive meeting in April.
- Website
 - Over the past few weeks, the board has heard presentations and webinars from Blue Sombrero and Demosphere. It has also gathered information about Got Soccer.
 - A “pros and cons” discussion took place regarding the most viable web registration service for our club. Issues of cost, ease of use, and customer service/support were discussed.
 - Jason F. will compile costs of the programs and will present to the board at the executive meeting in April.
 - A vote will be made regarding the website registration solution at the executive meeting in April.

New Business

- New Board Members
 - There are some individuals interested in joining the board and they will be visiting board meetings over the next few months.
 - Steve spoke to coaches at the intramural coaches meeting about the need for board members.
- Passback Program
 - A former BSC parent wants to start a passback program through the club. The program would collect used soccer equipment and give it to local kids within the community who cannot afford to purchase the equipment on their own.
 - The board agreed to review the program.

Meeting End Time – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:30 PM by Mark and seconded by Jason P. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Boyertown Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Wenger