

Boyertown Soccer Club  
General Board Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2011

**Meeting Start Time** – 7:15 PM

**Attendance**

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

**Absent**

- Jason Pratt

**Guests**

- Craig Birtwistle – Director of Coaching candidate
- Kevin Morris
- Jarrett McGinniss
- Mel Recke

**Opening Remarks** - None

**Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the September 20, 2011, public meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stew and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Report and Bills - Report by Jason Fox, Treasurer**

- Bills have come in from Potty Queen and By the Yard.
- A large payment was submitted to Score for the fall uniforms.
- The fees for the rented lights at Barto were placed on the club credit card.
- Payment will be made to Positive Coaching Alliance for the coaches' workshop.
- A payment will be made to Mel Recke for registrar fees.
- Checks were written and distributed to travel coaches for the referee fees for the second half of the season.
- Checks from some late registrations were received by the club.
- A check was received from Pittman for the money raised from photo day and for their team sponsorship.

- A motion to approve the financial report and to pay the monthly bills was made by Stew and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Intramural - Report by Mark DeCocinis, Vice President for Intramural**

- A U18 player received a red card in a recent game for dissent and cursing at an official. The player was suspended for two games.
- The U10 rules were discussed in relation to the parent/player sidelines. The teams at U10 need to abide by the written rules as presented at the beginning of each season.
- Micro soccer will be tabled until Fall of 2012 after a discussion with the Director of Coaching.
- Spring registration dates and fees are as follows:

	Early Bird Discount (\$10 discount)	Regular Price	Late Fee Applied (\$10 added)
	October 31, 2011 to December 31, 2011	January 1, 2012 to January 31, 2012	Any time after January 31, 2012
U6-U10	\$65	\$75	\$85
U12 and up	\$75	\$85	\$95

- A motion to approve the spring intramural registration dates and fees was made by Jason F. and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The spring season games will begin on April 7, 2012 and will end on Saturday, June 2, 2012. June 9, 2012 will be used for makeup games.

**Travel - Report by Pat Recke, Vice President for Travel**

- Teams are trying to get all of their games in with all of the rain.
- Team meetings were held recently with two travel teams and all seems well.
- Many teams participated in tournaments over Columbus Day weekend.
- The light schedule at Barto Park is going well. The lights will stay at Barto through Thanksgiving weekend.
- PAGS information
  - Steve attended the recent PAGS meeting.
  - The meeting lasted 3.5 hours and many items were discussed.
  - The league was late with getting out the fall schedules due to Got Soccer registration. This coming year, they will come out much earlier.
  - Some clubs are thinking of petitioning the league to keep U12 at 11v11, instead of going to 8v8.
  - Some teams were concerned about the area of accepted teams in PAGS. There are teams from New York, Baltimore, and areas out past Harrisburg all playing in the same league.

### **Land and Fields - Report by Steve Riviello**

- The rain has been tough on the fields.
- New Hanover Township tried to clear a trench behind the Middle Creek fields to alleviate the rain runoff coming onto the fields from the softball fields. The fields are too wet now to do the necessary work, but they will try to do the work in the winter.
- Estimates for dirt to be brought in for the full sided field will be compiled.
- Washington Township granted the club access to the open field next to the sewer authority. The township will clear the space, but the club will need to put a lot of work into the area to make it a useable field.
- Douglass Park is not in good shape and should not be used.
- There is plenty of paint in the job boxes.
- Repairs need to be made on some nets. The nets are in the job boxes, but just need to be put up. All of the nets on the intramural fields will be replaced in the spring.

### **Training**

- No Report

### **Website**

- The club needs to decide whether to continue with Blue Sombrero or go to Got Soccer.
- Right now, the club will use Blue Sombrero for the spring season registration and then we will look at an alternative after that.
- Blue Sombrero has not been user friendly from an administrative standpoint.

### **Registrar – Report by Mel Recke, Registrar**

- There will be a registrar meeting on October 25, 2011 in King of Prussia regarding Got Soccer. Mel would like to attend the meeting.
- From a registration standpoint, the Got Soccer experience was not very good.
- Mel complimented Jason Fox for his help and expertise. He was a tremendous asset throughout the whole registration process.

### **Old Business**

- Director of Coaching
  - Craig Birtwistle attended the meeting and expressed an interest in the Director of Coaching position. He fielded questions from the board and shared his coaching philosophy and goals.
  - There were a total of 4 candidates who expressed interest in the position.
  - A discussion was held regarding all of the candidates and their pros/cons.

- A motion to move forward in nominating Craig Birtwistle for the Director of Coaching position was made by Brad and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- The next step will be to contact Craig and the club lawyer to discuss the contract,
- Discount Cards
  - The discount cards were distributed. All extra cards that were sold are due to the club ASAP and will be distributed shortly thereafter.
- Picture Day
  - Picture day refund check was received.
  - The pictures were delivered and were distributed to all teams.
  - Sponsors plaques were delivered and need to be distributed to the businesses.
    - A suggestion was made to invite the sponsors to the travel banquet.
  - Brad contacted the Boyertown Times to get the pictures in the newspaper, but has not received a reply.

### **New Business**

- Travel Banquet
  - A discussion was held regarding how to handle the travel banquet registration process, whether to set it up online or do a paper registration. The board decided that the paper registration was best.
- Nominations for Board Members
  - A motion to nominate Brad Wenger to continue as a BSC board member was made by Mark and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - A motion to nominate Mark DeCocinis to continue as a BSC board member was made by Jason F. and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - A motion to nominate Stew Sherk to continue as a BSC board member was made by Pat and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - A motion to nominate Jason Pratt to continue as a BSC board member was made by Stew and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - A motion to nominate Stew Riviello to continue as a BSC board member was made by Jason F. and seconded by Mike. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - A motion to nominate Michael Ward to continue as a BSC board member was made by Jason F. and seconded by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed.
  - Pat Recke stated that he will no longer be the VP of Travel when his term expires.

**Meeting End Time** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:20 PM by Mark and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Next Scheduled Meeting** – General Public Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Boyertown Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Wenger