

Boyertown Soccer Club
General Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2012

Meeting Start Time – 7:05 PM

Attendance

- Jason Fox
- Jarrett McGinniss
- Steve Riviello
- Stew Sherk
- Brad Wenger

Absent

- Mark DeCocinis
- Michael Ward

Guests

- Craig Birtwistle
- Suzie Fox (arrived later in meeting)

Executive Portion

- An executive session was held from 7:05-7:30 pm. Executive minutes distributed to board members.

Opening Remarks

- BSC Annual General Meeting (first meeting of new year)
 - Officers for 2012
 - President – Steve Riviello; 2 year term; expires December, 2013
 - VP – Director of Intramural – Mark DeCocinis; 2 year term; expires 12/2013
 - VP – Director of Travel – Brad Wenger; 2 year term; expires 12/2013
 - Treasurer – Jason Fox; 1 year remaining on term; expires 12/2012
 - Secretary – Open Position - 2 year term; expires December, 2013
 - Committees – Travel Committee
 - Annual Treasurer report will be posted online shortly

Guest Presentation

- TOPSoccer, Kevin Reilly
 - TOPSoccer received a check from Berks Ajax for \$780
 - Saturdays, starting March 24 through May 19; No session April 7 due to Easter
 - A brochure will be handed out and will be posted on our BSC website

- The club will pass along information to our older travel teams to become part of the buddy program
- Advertisements will be placed on the BSC website for adult volunteers, as well

Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the December 13, 2011, public meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jarrett and seconded by Stew. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Report and Bills - Report by Jason Fox, Treasurer

- Jason submitted the financial report.
 - All 2011 accounts are current and all bills have been paid.
 - Some checks were received including:
 - \$300 from Aetna as a donation to the club
 - \$2,000 from Eden Charitable Foundation for TOPSoccer
 - \$100 from Steve Riviello toward scholarship fund
- A motion to approve the financial report and to pay the monthly bills was made by Brad and seconded by Jarrett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Intramural

- Spring Dates
 - The game schedule for the spring will begin on Saturday, April 14 and end on June 2. The beginning date needed to be moved from April 7 due to Easter.
 - Intramural Photo Day will be April 21, 2012 at Washington Elementary School.
 - Micro Soccer
 - Stew and Craig will work together to start Micro Soccer for fall of 2012.
 - U5 age group
 - Sessions about an hour long, occurring on weekly on Saturdays.
 - First Touch Program
 - For U6 and U7 players, separate from the intramural teams.
 - Friday nights, 90 minutes each
 - Players would rotate between four technical stations, and then play small sided games at the end.
 - The DOC will run the sessions, along with high school players or volunteers.
 - Further details will be discussed later.

Travel - Report by Brad Wenger, Vice President-Director of Travel

- Spring League Registration Fees

- A motion to pay \$895 to register travel teams for spring leagues was made by Jarrett and seconded by Jason. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Licensing Courses
 - There are a handful of current travel coaches who are still unlicensed
 - Brad would like for the club to host licensing courses in the near future
 - NSCAA, USSF “E”, and USSF “D”
 - Goalkeeper licensing course
 - USSF “E” course for girls only, inviting our players 14 years or older to participate
 - Craig will look into our club hosting an EPYSA course
- Travel Uniforms
 - The Score contract is up soon
 - Brad suggested that long sleeve uniforms be part of the uniform kit options
- Travel Fees for 2012-2013
 - A discussion took place regarding the cost of the travel program and the registration fee the club charges for a travel season.
 - Jason will be compiling numbers to find out the amount of money each travel child costs the club vs. the amount they are paying in registration fees.
 - The club will need to consider raising the travel registration fees for the 2012-2013 travel season. This decision will be made at the February Executive Board Meeting.
- Travel Committee
 - A travel committee meeting is scheduled for January 22. The topic of discussion will include the travel policies, tryouts, information letter, and the informational brochure.
- Philadelphia Fury/Philadelphia Flash – Club Alliance
 - Steve and Brad attended a meeting hosted by Atlantic Soccer Factory owner Matt Driver
 - The Club Alliance would be a summer select program, allowing our better players to train and compete with the better players from surrounding clubs during the summer.
 - The players would remain with their home clubs for the fall and spring seasons.
 - Our club needs to decide whether we want to pursue this alliance.
 - The board gave approval to continue exploring this option.
- RBJSJL General Meeting – January 11, 2012
 - Brad attended the general meeting
 - Troy Snyder announced some coaching courses that are being held at Body Zone in Reading on January 20, 21, and 22, as well as the summer.
 - Teams registering for the spring RBJSJL season need to pay for the fees at relegation on Monday.

- Discussion was held regarding 8v8 vs. 11v11 for the fall. RBJSL is leaning toward having 8v8 next fall since surrounding leagues will be doing that, as well. Clubs are to discuss and inform delegates so that they can make a decision at the next meeting.
- RBJSL Relegation Meeting
 - 4 teams are playing in the spring RBJSL season and all were relegated as they requested:
 - U10 Angels – U10GT1
 - U10 Black Cobras – U10GT3
 - U11 Red Fire – U11GT2
 - U11 Black Diamonds – U11GT2

Land and Fields - Report by Steve Riviello

- Jarrett will begin to take over the responsibilities of land and fields
- Steve attended a meeting with officials from Washington Township:
 - We will start being charged \$400 annually for the portable toilet at Victoria Park.
 - We will possibly have to pay for mowing when the township mows
 - The shed at Barto needs to be replaced (it is not ours, but we have items in it)
 - The club will look into the cost to purchase its own shed and place it at the new sewer authority field. The club will also look for a shed to be placed at the Middle Creek fields
 - New field at the sewer authority can be a full sided field and can have lights.
 - There were 6 responses to a message asking for help to excavate the field
 - A grant will be applied for to build the field
 - A general timeline suggests that the field can be ready to go by the spring of 2013, but a lot needs to be done prior.

Training – Report by Craig Birtwistle, Director of Coaching

- Craig presented an account of his tasks during December and the beginning of January.
- Craig has started working with teams during indoor training sessions and will continue throughout the indoor season.
- Craig made a proposal to create a developmental program for U8, U9, and U10. This will be discussed further prior to the next public meeting.
- As discussed in the intramural portion, Craig will help implement the First Touch Program and the Micro Soccer Program in the fall.
- Summer Camps
 - Craig will be running team camps for BSC. The dates and times will be posted on the club website sometime in the near future.
 - Craig will look into an intramural camp either through contacts or Challenger. He will also look into EPL camps.

- We need to post an advertisement on the club website for coaches who are interested in coaching a travel team in the 2012-2013 travel season.
- Craig would like for the club to purchase a club laptop for his use as DOC. The board will discuss this at the February Executive Board Meeting.

Website

- No Report

Registrar – Report by Mel Recke, Registrar

- Brad shared the registrar’s report on Mel’s behalf.
- 4 coaches registered their own teams for RBJSL
- Mel registered 4 teams who will be playing in the spring Delco league.

Old Business

- 2012 Referee Course is filled, and has many Boyertown people enrolled

New Business

- The licensing reimbursement policy is a few years old and needs to be updated.
- Philadelphia Union Partnership was presented. The club will not be pursuing a partnership at this time.
- Ed DiPietro was interested in holding a tournament to benefit a non-profit organization. The tournament would be planned by staff at an indoor facility (YSC or USTC). Ed wanted to know if the club would lend its name to the tournament and allow him to pursue the details. The board asked that Ed do some research and attend the February public meeting to present is rationale and logistical solutions to holding a tournament.
- Travel training jersey – Steve asked that the club look into providing ‘training jerseys’ to each of the travel players so that they look more presentable during training sessions. 2 colors with sponsors listed on the back to cover the costs. The club will be looking into it.
- Suzie Fox expressed interest in joining the board as secretary. The board will discuss this at the February executive meeting.

Meeting End Time – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:15 PM by Jason and seconded by Jarrett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Boyertown Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Wenger