

BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC LEAGUE

League Meeting

Minutes

May 7, 2002

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

ATTENDANCE

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| Joe Bear | BRCL | Butch Johnson | BRCL |
| Linda Kempainen | BRCL | Paul Radike | BRCL |
| Betsy McMichael | BRCL | | |
| Carey Aliff | RVYSC | Adam Kendall | Valley AFC |
| Dave Cox | New River | Jim Sanborn | FCYSL |
| Alex Frazier | PASA | | |

GUESTS

Mark Walsh - VYSA Travel Commissioner Boys - West

Duke Cochran – Director of Coaching & Player Development SWSA/AFC

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not approved because a quorum was not present at the time. Minutes will be approved at the June 4, 2002 General Membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Officers Reports:

Vice President of Administration: No Report

Vice President of Operations: Butch has addressed some adjudication issues since the last meeting

Treasurer: \$2,300.00 in the checking account

Secretary: No Report

Registrar: A new Registrar's report was issued which indicated 88 Teams and 1372 Players in the BRCL. Linda again emphasized the importance of going to the VYSA Website and using the RosterPro demo for ALL clubs.

Administrator: Joe spoke of many miscellaneous issues including the upcoming General Membership meeting to be held on June 4, 2002. Joe also discussed Mercer County admission into the League for Fall 2002.

President: The BRCL Brochure is fully developed and we should have copies available at the June 4, 2002 meeting for each club. Also the Brochure will be available on the BRCL Web site in many different formats so that each club can reproduce them.

Paul indicated that he wished to recast the Timeline expectations that he laid out for the BRCL Projects and committees. They now are:

Referee Committee:

No implementation of referee measurements and awards for fall 2002. Spring 2003 will be used as a trial period to work out the bugs with full implementation planned for Fall 2003. Other enhancements and education related to referees can be implemented as they become available.

Standards of Competition and Conduct Committee:

No implementation of sportsmanship measurements and awards for fall 2002. Spring 2003 will be used as a trial period to work out the bugs with full implementation planned for Fall 2003.

The immediate focus now is to develop and amend workable Policies and Procedures for the BRCL for publication in the fall of 2002. Also an immediate focus (for fall 2002) is to develop the BRCL Standards of Competition and Conduct and the appropriate tie-in with adjudication for the BRCL, which will be integral to BRCL Policies and Procedures.

Incorporation and Non-Profit Status – This is still on our dashboard for 2002 and we hope to accomplish this.

Web Site – The evaluation, upgrade, and enhancement of the BRCL web site is job 1 and a critical focus for our league now. I appeal to anyone in the BRCL community who can help us with this We Site committee. Bruce Harper and I are the only ones now on this committee. Our future success hinges on the effectiveness of our Web Site.

Committee Reports:

Competition: No Report

Referee: No Report

Standards of Competition & Conduct: Dave has developed a committee and will meet soon.

Budget: Report submitted by Joe Bear

Rules and Procedures: Betsy McMichael and Cathy Bear plan to meet.

Pending Business: 7v7 for U-11 teams for Fall 2002

There was a spirited discussion regarding this issue with every BRCL club representative in attendance involved. Everyone made excellent points and everyone present agreed that it would help development of young players. The causes for concern were tournament formats at 11v11, field availability, the additional coaches, fields, and goals necessary, the lack of commitment to this format by the VYSA and the USYSA and their previous history of support-then non-support. The discussion lasted over an hour.

Linda K made a motion for 7v7 and the discussion continued so the motion was withdrawn since it was not seconded.

Carey A. made a motion to support 7v7 in the BRCL in fall of 2002, the motion was seconded and the vote was held.

The motion passed by a vote of 34 Yes and 21 No.

The BRCL will be moving to 7v7 for all U-11 Teams for Fall 2002 Season

Guest Report: Mark Walsh overviewed his responsibilities as the Travel Commissioner – Boys West and added a lot to the 7v7 discussion previously. We thank Mark for attending and adding to our understanding of the VYSA and its direction.

New Business: Carey Aliff brought up for discussion the ability to use players rostered on a younger team as guest players as necessary for competition. There was a short discussion and the subject was forwarded for discussion

ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at about 10:00 PM

Next Meeting June 4, 2002 7:00 pm