

# BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC LEAGUE LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2003

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

## ATTENDANCE

### BRCL REPS

Joe Bear  
Butch Johnson  
Rhonda Potter  
Joan Shuman

Bill Carstensen  
Linda Kemppainen  
Paul Radike

### CLUB REPS

Mark Anderson	NRVUSA	Nicki Bunn	BRCL
Duke Cochran	VAFC	Juergen Gerlach	Radford
Mark Ingvaldsen	RVSOA	Don Mey	Danville Soccer Club
Mark Nichols	VAFC	Bill Quillian	Lynchburg United
Jennifer Renner	NRVSOA	Jim Sanborn	FCYS
John Siggins	Freedom Soccer	Andrew Smith	NRUSA
Lisa Walker	AHUSC	Mark Walsh	VYSA

## INTRODUCTION ON GUESTS

Mark Walsh represents Southwest Virginia for the VYSA  
Small-sided games will not be changed by the state of Virginia until the National Board mandates it. It could be one to four years.  
The state workshop will be held February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott in Richmond.  
There will be great clinics for coaches and several administrative meetings.  
Make sure clubs are in compliance with the Kids Safe program  
All four state soccer teams made the NCAA playoffs, VCU, ODU, TECH and UVA  
Mark's contact information is on the website.  
The VYSA meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.  
He would also like to thank Joe and Cathy Bear for their years of service with the BRCL.

## VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Bill Carstensen  
The response on the sportsmanship cards was 61%. (313 out of 512).  
Some cards were returned with nothing but the score. Final response will probably be around 65%.  
There were some questions regarding what the responses meant. ie., irresponsible behavior. The sportsmanship cards are not for punishment reasons. There were also questions asked about the reason refs would rank a team 2. Some refs just give a 2 across the board.  
One suggestion, add definition to irresponsible. Mark Ingvaldsen said that some refs will define irresponsible as yelling out a bad call.  
Juergen received 800 game cards; he is having a hard time reading some of the cards.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS**

Butch Johnson

### **Competition**

The competition committee met on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and developed 14 boys and 9 girls divisions. Some adjustments were made.

The committee is proposing six team divisions with 10 games per team  
Looking to move away from mostly friendly schedules.

The question was also asked, how much time should be given for teams to look at divisions and voice objections? Butch suggested five days. This will be voted on in January.

### **Conduct**

The committee members:

Nicki Bunn, Guy Rhodes, John Siggins, Lisa Walker

Butch would like to thank the committee for all of the travel and time they have contributed during the fall 2003 season. The following are conduct problems that have been handled.

- 9/7 Two red cards for fighting
- 9/9 A weapon brandished at a Valley game – court date December 5<sup>th</sup>
- 9/14 Unsportsmanlike – Spectators. Paul met with coaches
- 9/21 Unsportsmanlike – parents and players – Butch talked to the club
- 9/27 Rough Game – Roanoke Star vs. Botetourt United  
The Botetourt coach, Tony Lapore, was sent off for referee abuse. Continued to send instructions by someone else.  
He received a two-year suspension (Until Fall/05) He was also sited for failure to release his roster and sideline passes to the registrar. He then withdrew his team from the league. Botetourt is in the process of handling this. The Roanoke Star team, coaches and parents did an excellent job.
- 10/5 Unsportsmanlike on individual players
- 11/2 Unsportsmanlike on individual players & officiating problems – failure to maintain control
- 11/9 Same as above
- 11/19 Two yellow cards in one game – one game suspension  
Butch has talked with the club regarding all the above-mentioned problems.

Comments have also been made regarding refs favoring home teams.

The club also needs to address problems with players cussing

Mark stated that it is a mandatory yellow card for older players that cuss. If the club makes it mandatory, the refs will enforce it.

The coaches should be dealing with language and retaliation

Each rep should go back to the club level and get opinions

## **TREASURER**

Joan Shuman

Financial Report was finished on October 31, 2003

Joan is in the process of opening new checking accounts.

The checking account started with \$23,507.26

Balance 7,257.08

## **REGISTRAR**

Linda Kemppainen

1,695 players are registered for the fall season,

There are 113 teams

75 players have been added since Sept. 03

All adults involved with the VYSA, including the BRCL, is required to have a background check done to be in compliance with the Kids Safe program. They want all to be in compliance. There are six clubs under the umbrella of the BRCL. Paul asked Linda to follow up on these clubs. All six clubs have sent a copy of their rap sheets to Linda. Kid Safe reports are good for one year. The rap sheet form should be stapled to the Kid Safe form.

## **SECRETARY**

Rhonda Potter

Minutes to the September 2, 2003 League meeting were submitted for approval Mark Anderson the motion to accept with the following changes, Don Mey seconded, all approved

Old Business – Instead of top team awards it will be Divisional Awards

Registrar – 113 teams

## **PRESIDENT**

Paul Radike

- Joe Bear has tendered his resignation, effective November 30, 2003; due to his teaching commitments and his job at Home Depot.
- The schedule for the fall season was not done well.
- A lot of decisions regarding scheduling will be made early next year.
- The web site is looking better and better, Paul meets with Bruce Harper once a month to go over changes. They are working on a section for parents. There are 250 hits per day on the site. All league standings done by Juergen are being posted. 554 games, 8 forfeits, 97 games he only received one card, 1091 goals scored, 89 yellow cards – only in older age groups
- The time line will be our the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December, check the web site
- Bill Carstensen is receiving all of the referee cards.
- The BRCL is starting the search for the new Administrator  
The following people are on the committee to search for the replacement: June Dawes, Scott McCoy, John Shuman, and Andrew Smith. The committee will recommend two top candidates and the e-board will decide between the two.
- There will be changes made to the participation forms in an effort to get more information, with an area to approve friendly games to be scheduled
- The conduct committee will be taken off Butch. There will be a voting position made on the e-board for this person.
- Rules and Procedures changes – Everyone should go over the changes and make comments.
- Proposed by law changes are listed on the sheet added to the minutes. These changes would also affect the Rules and Procedures Manual.
- During the upcoming year the league will be working on financial guidelines
- We are working on a tie breaker for Sportsmanship awards
- All league contact info will be on the website soon
- The Championship patches are ready and the colors will change for each season.
- There will be a summit scheduled in January for Assignors and others.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Radford parents didn't know how to voice a complaint. They were directed to the website for contacts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed bylaw changes were presented regarding the conduct committee. Butch made the motion, Mark Anderson seconded, all approved.

Duke Cochran discussed short-sided games. A print out of frequently asked question was passed out. He strongly suggests that the BRCL go to 8v8 for U12. Several comments questions were raised regarding the effect this would have on teams going to full side tournaments. If the club would go to short-sided U12 games only one ref would be needed. Duke made the motion to vote on this during the January meeting.

David Burch is the new Director of Coaching for New River.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm