

BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC SOCCER LEAGUE

Board Meeting

Tuesday May 4, 2004

Members present: Paul Radike, John Siggins, Linda Kemppainen, Greg Feldmann (Roanoke Star), Brad Kennedy (Valley AFC), Bill Quillian (LUS), Dugan Maddux (Danville), Joe Gallo (Botetourt United), Jurgen Gerlach (Radford), David James, Joan Schumann

Guest – Bob Colley from the Monticello United Soccer Club

I. Call to order:

II. Minutes of 3/2/04. Minutes of the March meeting will be available at the June meeting.

III. Introduction of Guest: Bob Colley from the Monticello United Soccer Club made a presentation to have Monticello United join the BRCL. Bob gave an overview of how the club came into existence. He felt the mission statement of the Monticello club very consistent with that of the BRCL. Bob handed out packets with the club's by-laws, list of officers, field information and other pertinent information. Monticello United has the following teams:

- 1 U18 Boy's team
- 3 U18 Girl's teams
- 1 U17 Girl's team
- 1 U16 Girl's team
- 1 U14 Girl's team

Bob felt that many of the teams would be interested in the creation of a "Northern Division" to cut down on excessive travel for all clubs. BRCL reps can contact Bob by e-mail with any additional questions. Reps asked to take the information presented and inquire their club's position on including Monticello United in the BRCL.

IV. Officer Reports:

1. **Vice President of Competition** – John Siggins feels that BRCL needs to set guidelines for field dimensions especially for the U9 and U10 age groups. Since the league is embracing the small sided concept, fields dimensions should be consistent as well. John will be working on suggested field dimension guidelines for the participating clubs. John also would like to propose a rule change for U10 games – no punting or throwing the ball past the half line by the keeper. A suggestion was made to make the goalie box consistent with the appropriate field dimension sizes.

2. Treasurer – Report on file.

Operating Account – Ending balance of \$9,559.40
Registrar's Account – Ending balance of 604.00
Total Ending balance as of 5/3/04 \$10,163.40

3. Registrar's report- Linda reported that there are 1784 total players in BRCL. Linda also announced the following mandates from the State that will be implemented in the fall 2004 season:

- New numbering system to be implemented. The number will have the league number, followed by the club abbreviation, the birth year, the gender designation and a number indicating if the team is the 1st team in the age group or if the team is the second in the age group.

- All passes will be required to be laminated. Linda requested that the league purchase laminators for all of the BRCL registrars. Linda suggested that the cost be spread across the board to all participating clubs. Individual clubs will purchase the pouches. Proposal will be put up for a vote at the June meeting.

- Linda announced that 2 BRCL registrars were stepping down- Chuck Taylor from New River, and Sue McCoy from Roanoke. (Sue will handle the VCCL only) New registrars will be Lee Cooper for New River and Dennis Peltier for Valley AFC and Botetourt United,

4. Administrator- David James mentioned that the spring season was going well and that all was quiet. David had to deal with only 8 re-scheduled games (2 for State Cup, @ for tournament play, 2 for field closures, 1 game was rained out and 1 school function). League has had to deal with a few referee disputes. David has been looking into various scheduling programs to possibly assist with scheduling inter-divisional play. Current software just does not address this function. David is working with the League Organizer people to address this issue.

5. President's report – on file. The highlights from Paul's hand out include the following:

- Fall 2004 configuration – U10 6 V 6, U11-U12 8 V 8, U13 and up 11 V 11.

- Participation Form will change. Two traditional tournaments dates will be blocked out in the spring and in the fall. All teams will have only 2 dates to choose for block out dates.

Teams must plan ahead to choose the dates.

- Too many irresponsible ratings given to adults in the younger age groups – this behavior must be curbed.

- BRCL needs leaders and volunteers. Paul appointed Linda Kemppainen to chair the nominating committee. Linda also asked for volunteers to sit on the committee. Clubs are encouraged to submit names for positions on the Executive Board. Names may be given to the Administrator or to Linda K.

- Any changes to BRCL rules and procedures to be presented at the June meeting.

- Reps should take info back to clubs to include Monticello United. Vote will take place in June.

- BRCL proposed an amendment to the VYSA to make the Boy's West Travel Commissioner the West Travel Commissioner, inclusive of Boys and Girls.

V. Announcements – BRCL General Meeting to be held on June 1st.

VI. Adjourn