

# BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC LEAGUE

## Board Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2005

**Officers present:** Paul Radike, Bill Carstensen, Linda Kemppainen, David James, Joan Schumann. **Other Attendees and Board Members:** Danny Beamer (RVYSC), Sandy Paterson (RVYSC), Wade Forte, (RVYSC), Juergen Gerlach (Radford), Lee Boehling (Radford), Joel Coman (Botetourt United), Joe Gallo (Botetourt United), Lisa Walker (Alleghany) Mark Anderson (NRUSA), Pat McHugh (VAFC), Mike Wilkerson (PASA), Harry Lance (PYSL), Frank Burdick. (Staunton Steam),

Guests - Jeff Moore and Rick Suyes - Woodrow Wilson Soccer Club

### I. Call to order: 6:35 PM

**II. Minutes** of 1/05- Corrections to the minutes: John Siggins should be listed as an officer and Nikki Bunn should be listed as a member of the conduct committee. Minutes approved as amended.

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Lee Boehling, Executive Director from the Radford Club and Danny Beamer from Roanoke Star will speak about their respective spring tournaments. Jeff Moore and Rick Suyes will present Woodrow Wilson Soccer Club's request to join the BRCL.

### IV. Officer Reports:

**1. Vice President of Competition** - John Siggins was unable to attend. Paul mentioned that the competition meeting went well. Good preparation contributed to the meeting running smoothly and successfully.

**2. Sportsmanship** - Bill Carstensen- Bill explained how he compiles the information. The premise of the sportsmanship entries are to head off potential problems with behavior on sidelines by players, parents and coaches. Information is sent to the clubs on a weekly basis, will also be posted on the web-site.

### 3. Treasurer - Report on file.

Operating Account - Ending balance of \$23,653.99

Registrar's Account - Ending balance of 1,154.00

Total Ending balance as of 3/15/05 - \$24,807.99

Joan reported that we had league income of \$8,161.50 which was from

spring fees. Expenses included \$2000.00 to David, \$1500 in Petty Cash which pays for the league bills, telephone, internet, postage, etc. We also purchased a combination printer, scanner, fax machine for the BRCL Office. \$547.51 was reimbursement primarily for the VYSA conference. \$25.00 was the State Corporation fee.

**3. Registrar's report-** Linda reported that we added 49 new players in January. BRCL has a total of 158 teams and a total number of players stand at 2,335. Linda reported that the e-mail vote on field standards was 124-10. Linda mentioned that the VYSA Board meeting was held and that there are many changes coming as far as registration is concerned. Linda mentioned that all teams that plan to compete in State Cup competition will need to let their registrars know by August 1<sup>st</sup> when their paperwork is due. The VYSA Board did decide that there will be no multiple rostering.

**4. Administrator-** David James mentioned that the BRCL phone is his cell phone which he carries all the time. David mentioned that spring teams had an 8 - 10 game schedule. David mentioned he was able to generate the schedule easier due to the inclusion of the no-play dates. David also mentioned that he received a \$50.00 rebate for the new printer and those funds were added to the Petty Cash.

**5. President's report** - Paul mentioned that the E-Board was recommending changes to Rules & Procedures. One item to be discussed will be the visiting team contacting the home team (presently it is the reverse) since the visiting team is the one traveling and will need directions, etc. Team Manager's Handbook is being put together which will have key information for managers. All info will be related to the league. Paul mentioned the large and growing amount of "hits" to the BRCL web-site and citing that many people are utilizing the site because of all the information available. Paul also mentioned that league is looking for a referee liaison committee head. Paul also cautioned clubs to be flexible when there is inclement weather. The home team may have clear weather but teams that are traveling any distance may not be able to get to the field if there is bad weather. Paul cautioned that no one should risk lives for a soccer game. Paul strongly emphasized that complying with the KidSafe program and doing the background checks is NOT an optional activity. Linda mentioned that all clubs must be affiliates in the VYSA directory so they can handle their own background checks.

**6. Member Club Tournament Info: Lee Bohling** - Radford is hosting their first tournament on May 21 & 22. Lee cited that it was the only tournament in VA on that weekend. Tournament accepting teams from U9-U15 for Boys & Girls. Registration forms available on the club web-site: [www.radfordsoccer.com](http://www.radfordsoccer.com) Tournament is being held in conjunction with Radford University and games will be held on the University practice fields. Anticipating 50-75 teams. Trophy awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. place teams and medals for 3<sup>rd</sup>. place.

**Danny Beamer -RVYSC-** Roanoke holds 4 tournaments per year. Tournaments have huge impact on Roanoke Valley economy and helps club defray many expenses. Danny explained how the seeding of teams is handled. Applications and fees on the Roanoke web-site at [www.rvysc.org](http://www.rvysc.org)

**Advance Auto Parts Spring Invitational - April 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>. U9-U19 (Boys & Girls teams)**  
**Freedom First Invitational- May 28 & 29 U9-U19 (Boys and Girls teams)**

**7. Club Application - Woodrow Wilson Soccer Club Presentation -**

Jeff Moore presented the application and background regarding their club. Travel-only club that hopes to field U12 and U14 teams with the desire to have the U14 be the feeder system to the Middle School team in Fisherville.

Linda Kemppainen questioned how the club would recruit players as they have no recreation teams to pull from. Jeff Moore said they already have commitments from parents and they are willing to travel to all the clubs in the BRCL. Staunton Steam raised concerns that the inclusion of this club would weaken their teams. The Steam were already talking to Waynesboro to merge some of their teams. Waynesboro sent a letter echoing Staunton's concerns that there was just not enough players in the area and that it would negatively impact their club. Much discussion followed

A motion was made to accept Woodrow Wilson Soccer Club admission to the BRCL with the condition that they will have a minimum of 2 teams that are ready to be rostered by 7/19/05 and that the club provides a minimum of 3 newly certified USSF referees. Motion was seconded and passed.

**8. Board Evaluation of Administrator - report on file.** Paul outlined the E-Board assessment of David. David has exceeded the E-Board's expectations and as a result it was proposed to give David an increase in pay as follows:

Monthly stipend to increase from \$500 to \$600

Scheduling fees to increase from \$500 in spring to \$750.00

And from \$1000 in fall to \$1250.00

Motion was made to approve the increases as outlined above. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

**9. Nominating Committee -** Paul asked Lee Boehling to chair the nominating committee. Sandy Paterson, Harry Lance and Linda Kemppainen will assist on the committee. Paul encouraged any other people that are interested to come forward.

**10. Scheduling Software -**David James has done a lot of research concerning scheduling software. He has determined that Demosphere would be a good fit for the BRCL. League would have to sign a 1 year commitment at a cost of \$7.50 per team and \$500 start up fee.

Cost to league about \$2800 a year. Motion was made to accept the scheduling software from Demosphere. Motion seconded and carried. The costs of this scheduling software will be paid by available League Funds and the League does not expect an increase in League fees as a result of this decision.

**11. Monitor** - David asked that the league purchase a larger 19 inch monitor for the office which will make web site work much easier since more data will show on the screen. Motion made to approve this purchase. Seconded and approved.

**12. Inter-league play** - Paul mentioned that U13 & U14 participants will have scheduling info by late week. Paul also mentioned that the League is looking into increasing the amount of block out dates to 4 per team and that the only no play dates for BRCL will be the Memorial Day and Columbus Day weekends. This would give teams more flexibility to play tournaments, etc. Paul also mentioned that club reps be on the look out for the proposed rules & procedure changes.

**V. Announcements** - Next BRCL Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

**VI. Adjourn**