

# Blue Ridge Classic League

March 7, 2006 Minutes

(Approved)

## Attendees:

Board Members: Paul Radike (President), Linda Kemppainen (Registrar), David James (Administrator), Joan Schumann (Treasurer), Lee Boehling (Conduct Committee Chairmen)

**Club Reps:** Steve Gordon, Dan Ivory, Joe Milam, Brent Robertson, Sandy Patterson, Tommy Loflin, Patti Woodie, Philip Raintree

**Call to Order: 6:38 p.m.**

## Office and Committee Reports:

Vice President - Administration/ Bill Carstensen

- Unable to attend

Vice President - Operations - Joel Coman

- Unable to attend

Treasurer - Joan Schumann

- Account Balances

Player Registrations - \$681.00

Operating Account - \$30,868.51

Registrar's Fund - \$1054.00

Total \$ 32,603.51

## Competition Meeting

- Meeting went well - no changes to divisions made
- U14 Girls division losing a team
- Appreciation to Joel for exceptional efforts
- Recommended goal sizes will be available on web-site and by e-mail

## Financial Guidelines

- Paul will send out to address at May meeting

## Administrator - David James

- Paul thanked David for his efforts with the spring schedule
- David thanked teams for planning ahead and supplying him with pertinent data to do the schedule - no play dates, field availability, etc.
- David commented that fees came in much better than fall.
- David mentioned the re-scheduling policy which is available on the web-site

## Conduct Committee - Lee Boehling

- Lee mentioned some of the issues the committee dealt with.

## Registrar - Linda Kemppainen

- Linda mentioned that she did not have all the information from her registrars to give everyone a spreadsheet
- Linda stressed the importance of clubs getting paperwork to the registrars on time



- They must be purchased as sleeveless jerseys from a reputable and named brand sports clothing provider.
- No thin strap jerseys are permitted.
- Sleeved jerseys cannot be modified, cut, sewn, or in anyway modified to be made into a sleeveless jersey
- The player may not roll the sleeves up or tie them at the shoulder level by any other method.
- It also must be understood that the competition authority for tournaments, State Cup, ODP, and other competitions can mandate that **sleeved jerseys** be worn in their events.

**Option 2 -**

**Sleeveless jerseys cannot be worn by BRCL players on BRCL team in BRCL competition.**

- The player may not roll the sleeves up or tie them at the shoulder level by any method.

**After a thorough discussion by the BRCL Board Members, it was decided that a policy around this issue was not necessary, and no vote was taken on this issue. There is presently no BRCL policy on this issue. There is a FIFA policy banning sleeveless jerseys which was modified by a USSF (United States Soccer Federation) amendment.**



*REVISED VERBIAGE FOR Game Day Jersey Color PRESENTED (based upon feedback from Board at Previous meeting):*

**Jersey Color:**

**Option 1 :**

- All BRCL teams are to have one White jersey and one darker contrasting jersey for each player, each with their clearly visible player's number on the back of the jersey per the game day roster.
- The team designated as "home" on the BRCL schedule is to wear the white jerseys
- All teams must bring both jerseys to every game.
- In the event of a conflict with the home team white jerseys, the visiting team will change their jerseys.
- Refusing to change jerseys per this policy will result in a forfeit with no fine, the game is played
- The referee determines the suitability of the contrast between team jerseys at the field on the basis of player safety.

**Option 2:**

- All BRCL team are to have one white jersey and one darker contrasting jersey for each player, each with their clearly visible player's number on the back of the jersey per the game day roster.
- If a uniform color conflict occurs, the home team must change colors, unless the visiting team offers to do so.

**Motion was made and seconded to move for option 2 on color - not approved.**

**Motion was made to adopt jersey color as amended below:**

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**Motion was seconded and approved.**



**NEW BUSINESS**

*This is business that is new to the BRCL Board members. Any Board Member can submit new verbiage on a policy or issue and request a discussion. If a final motion on the verbiage is put forward, and seconded, a Board vote may take place.*

**Suggested New BRCL Policy regarding referees**

**Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Directors of Coaching, Team Managers :**

***Addition to Existing:*** Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Directors of Coaching are never to approach or engage in conversation with any center referee or assistant referee during or following any BRCL game for any reason. Team Officials will limit their contact during or following the game to the exchange of BRCL cards.

*Exisiting policy is written as follows:*

**With Center Referee and Assistant Referees before, during and after a game**

1. *I understand that the game officials are the symbols of authority and I will treat them with respect and demand the same from my players and our spectators*
2. *Before, during, and after the game I will not yell at, taunt, intimidate, or make inappropriate hand or body language signals to game officials. I will say it nicely or say nothing. The referee does not owe you an explanation of called fouls - do not ask.*
3. *I will not question a game officials judgment calls and understand that I have no recourse but to accept the game officials' decisions.*
4. *For a rule of law complaint against a referee, I will put it in writing, get other corroboration in writing, and get it to my club official within 24 hours.*
5. *I will not step on the field of play during the duration of the game unless invited by the referee.*

### **Suggested New Policy Regarding Parents and Spectators:**

**Parents, relatives and/or all other spectators attending a BRCL game are never to:**

1. Approach or engage in conversation any center referee or assistant referee before, during or following any BRCL game for any reason.
2. Dispute referee calls or perceived no-calls on the field verbally, either with hand signals or body language, or with loud conversation meant to be overheard by the referees.
3. Communicate in any way with players on the team on the field verbally, either with hand signals or body language, or with loud conversation with other parents on the sidelines meant to be overheard by the players.
4. Approach or engage in conversation with any player from the opposing team following any BRCL game for any reason except to congratulate their play.

**Motion was made to put forward, was seconded and approved.**

Announcements - Next BRCL Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned.