

Blue Ridge Classic League

May 2, 2006 Minutes

(Approved)

Attendees:

Board Members: Paul Radike (President), Linda Kempainen (Registrar), Joel Coman (VP of Operations) David James (Administrator), Joan Schumann (Treasurer), Lee Boehling (Conduct Committee Chairmen), Gary Grant

Club Reps: Steve Gordon, Sandy Patterson, Tommy Loflin, Bobbi Simonsen , Philip Raintree, Jace & Louise Goodling, Chris Pile, Dugan Maddux, Steve Karras (it was determined that a Quorum was NOT present)

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Paul announced that the June Meeting is scheduled for June 6th and due to VHSL State Final matches, it was decided to move the meeting to June 13th.

Paul announced the arrival of Peggy & Lee Boehling's son Elliott born on April 21, 2006. The future soccer player weighed in at 7lbs. & 2 oz. Congratulations to the Boehling's!

Office and Committee Reports:

Salem Sabres: Richard & Nicole Drew made presentation on behalf of the Salem Sabres to be admitted into the BRCL in the fall 2006. Salem Sabres would likely field 3 teams in the fall season (U11, U14 & U18) They have already secured fields through the City of Salem.

Sandy Patterson and Linda Kempainen were concerned about Salem's recruitment of Roanoke Star players and other area club teams. Salem was informed that they would have to comply to certain criteria for coming into the League such as:

- The club must get 3 new certified referees
- All teams would need to be registered and paperwork into the registrar by July 15th.

Paul thanked the Drew's for coming and the decision to allow Salem into the BRCL will be voted by the Board at the June meeting.

Vice President - Administration/ Bill Carstensen

- Unable to attend

Vice President - Operations - Joel Coman

- Joel handed out a spreadsheet that shows the competition in each division. The U12B Grey division seems to be the model. Joel mentioned that we may need to visit standards for goal sizes at the next meeting.

Treasurer - Joan Schumann

- Account Balances

Player Registrations -	\$1456.00
Operating Account -	\$26,525.97
<u>Registrar's Fund -</u>	<u>\$ 1054.00</u>
Total	\$ 29,035.97

Registrar - Linda Kemppainen

- Linda said that the BRCL currently has 2,211 players. We have 2 new teams this spring: Freedom U11 Girls and Monticello U12 Boys.
- Linda announced new registrar assignments for the following clubs:
 - Radford & Wythe - Lee Cooper
 - Botetourt - Dennis Peltier
 - Franklin - Lorna Poole
- Linda announced that we will be using new player passes this fall. The new passes will have the logo but not the pre printed boxes so printing passes will be easier this year. Registrars will distribute the new passes to the clubs.
- Linda mentioned that all clubs must choose a Risk Management Person by June 1st. By June 1st. Clubs can get on the VYSA web-site and register all the club officers, coaches and managers. **All adults must register once again this year under the KIDS SAFE/RISK MANAGEMENT.** Clubs must also choose their Club Coordinator for Registration. This person is the designee who makes sure all paperwork is in order before it is given to the Registrar. Linda requests that the BRCL Clubs send that person's name and contact information to their Registrars and to her by July 1st.
- Linda is currently sitting on several VYSA Committees and one of the changes that the State is considering is the 6 leagues in the State be able to choose their Travel Commissioner to represent the league's interest at the State meetings in Richmond. Currently, a Travel Commissioner is assigned counties to represent rather than specific leagues. Linda is proposing that the BRCL keep John Singleton to stay on as travel commissioner to represent the BRCL. Hopefully, this policy change will be voted on at the June AGM Meeting.
- Paul thanked Linda for all her efforts with the State Board Committees and for being a super volunteer.

Administrator - David James

- David mentioned that things were going well in particular the entering of game scores. He also mentioned that majority of rained out games have been re-scheduled. He has a few that he may have to re-schedule to make certain the matches will be played. David said he has had a few requests for re-schedules and he mentioned how he determines whether he will grant a re-schedule. No requests were granted for re-scheduling games due to spring break.
- David told the clubs that he was tracking player registrations from Youth Leagues web-site and he was in the process of billing the clubs for additional players.

President - Paul Radike

- Paul asked someone to serve as the chair of the nominating committee. All officer's positions are open for nominations. Paul, Peggy Boehling and Bill Carstensen will not be returning. Joan agreed to stay on as treasurer.
- David James will serve as the chair of the nominating committee and Sandy Patterson & Steve Karras agreed to serve on the committee.

Review of the "Gag" Rule passed at March 7th meeting:

Tommy Loflin from New River expressed concern about the policy. He felt that we should not be writing policy that we cannot enforce. There must be more effective ways to punish the violators rather than to

restrict the majority of the parents and coaches that do not violate the rule. Lee Bohling suggested that a stiffer penalty be imposed on a coach if he/she is ejected from a game. Suggesting a stiffer fine and several game suspension. Issue will be addressed at the June meeting.

Announcements - Reminder the June meeting is moved to June 13th.

Meeting Adjourned.