

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2007  
(Approved)

Call to order: 6:40 p.m.

**Roll call:**

Attendees:

Officers: President - Joel Coman; VP Operations - Absent; Director of Sportsmanship - Absent; Treasurer - Joan Schumann; Registrar - Linda Kempainen; Secretary - Suzy Sauerwald; BRCL Administrator - David James.

Club Reps: Debbie Smith - Franklin County; Todd Joyce - Radford; Joy Johnston - PYSL Piedmont; John Easterwood, New River; Bill Fleshman - Roanoke; Steve Karras - VAFC.

Guests: Gary Grant, Referee Liason; Norma Bryant - Piedmont, President, Guest.  
Roy Lax - VAFC; John Singleton.

Quorum is not determined.

**Reading/discussion/approval of minutes from last minutes.**

Minutes are reviewed. Changes recommended.

Clarification under minutes: unfinished business:

**Explanation of Cautions and Send-offs:** Any time a caution is administered an explanation for the action shall be provided to the offending player by the referee. If a send off is administered the referee does not have to provide an explanation to the coach of the offending team.

Minutes cannot be approved at this time due to lack of quorum.

Of note: VYSA workshop was really good. Disappointed that there were not as many people from the West. Would like to see more from our area. First weekend in February next year.

**Officer & Committee Reports:**

Vice President - Operations B not present

Joel has notes C Competition Committee meeting ran smoothly.

Came up with a few sound changes. Cooperation among reps was outstanding. Committee looked at plans for divisions. Something that would really help is clubs having teams stay age appropriate as best they can.

Director of Sportsmanship - not present

Treasurer Report. B No changes in player registration. Bank Accounts: player registration: \$2,162.50; BRCL Operating Account \$30,514.43; BRCL Registrar's Fun: \$1,829.00. Total Bank Accounts: \$34,505.93.

Registrar's Report.

Players: 1955 players on system today. 3 new teams coming in for play.

Next fall - travel coordinator, person who handles roster and info. to registrar B check with club to see if that person is coming back next year. Get new person trained if not.

Roster - 3 types of status: 1. Active - teams are playing in league and tourney's. 2. Inactive. Team does not participate in league play because league does not offer competition for that team. 3. Disbanded team. The team has decided not to participate in league play, U14 and under.

We have 14 teams in the BRCL under U14 not playing. This means they are disbanded.

These teams are granted a grace period for this spring. The teams will be granted this grace period because tourneys have been set and paid for. All the teams should get grace period. One team has disbanded because they followed the rule. They will get the option to come back and be a formed team.

Participation Form should state that if you choose not to participate then you will be disbanded.

2006 - 62 teams in the fall. 2005 - 81.

Secretary's Report. Suzy Sauerwald -- Working on updating Policy and Procedure Manual, and bylaws.

Administrator Report: David James

Brief report on how he schedules the games.

He honors all 4 "no play" dates.

Honors field availability.

Decreased front-loading.

Attempts not to give 2 away trips in one weekend.

Adjust game time to allow a coach coaching 2 teams to play in one day.

Producing the best schedule is 10 game schedule with 4 no play dates.

This usually requires 8 teams with 2 flights.

The fewer games in a season the harder it is to schedule the games.

Wants to publish this information on the teams schedule button on BRCL website.

This was the best season yet for teams signing up for no play dates.

President report:

Ratings: asked Lee Boehling for rating system explanation.  
Sportsmanship ratings on website. Discussion on new software.

VYSA convention.

Staunton Steam, Waynesboro, and Woodrow Wilson have all merged. Their new name is Augusta FC (?) They understand they will have to re-apply for BRCL membership. There will need to be some discussion regarding choice of team play in Skyline and BRCL.

### **Special Committee reports.**

Referee Liaison Report - Referee Assignor course is this Sat. (March 17). 16 people signed up. Nelson County and Staunton at this point still do not have "certified" referee assignors. They may be attending this meeting but if so, Gary does not realize they are assigning for one of these two areas.

March 15 report placed on the web.

Wants to get better participation on orange cards.

Going to work with assignors to keep people who are suppose to be in the technical area in the technical area. If we find out this continues to be a problem with the same team/coach, etc. we will discuss and deal with it.

Section ?? Part B - Players must remain in the technical area.  
Two sentences down it conflicts. So, our own rules conflict.

**Guest Report** - Nothing.

### **Unfinished Business**

Salem must supply names of 3 referees - an email went out that they were taking the class. Must be on the list. They were suppose to be new - not existing. We will check to see if they have complied. David James will contact Salem and get with Suzy to determine whether they complied.

Fort Defiance had to supply 1

We did get an email from Ft. Defiance. They are off of probation.

### **Proposals for Change of Bylaws, Rules & Procedures**

new wording on status of teams not participating in league play.

**New Business:**

New River would like to request a limited schedule of league games for several teams due to tournaments and State Cups. League play comes first.

Positive coaching alliance B VYSA conference B there was a program presented emphasizing 2 goals. First goal is to win and the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal is to do it in a positive manner. This goes along with the sportsmanship committee and what BRCL is trying to promote. Do we want a salesperson to come in and give a presentation to our club? They would tell us about how to implement a program, parents taking things online, coaches can go online. Selling promotional material, campaign of sportsmanship. Models: what is good sportsmanship by demonstrating what bad sportsmanship is. Ray Greenberg could possibly come in and talk about it. Use this as a first step by bringing someone in from the league.

Interleague play - fell through ultimately. This could be resurrected in that Skyline is looking for some friendlies. BRCL tried it and it failed. There appears to be ways to do that. Start a committee to review this B New River and Valley have agreed to start this up. Joel has worked this up and will share with this committee.

**Miscellaneous announcements**

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: 05/01/07 at 6:30.