

BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC SOCCER LEAGUE

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

(Approved)

Members present: Joel Coman - President, Linda Kemppainen- Registrar, David James- Administrator, Sandy Paterson – VP of Operations, Lee Boehling-Director of Sportsmanship, Joan Schumann-Treasurer

Club Reps – Norma Bryant-PYSL, Debbie Smith – Franklin Co, Pat Reilly-MONU, John Easterwood-NRUSA, Otis Chambers-FSC, Joe Gallo-Botetourt United, Roy Lax- VAFC, Bobbi Simonsen – BRSA, Frank Burdick-Staunton, Phil Raintree-PASA, Scott Bennett- Danville, Rick Woerner-Amherst United

Guests- Richard Byrd- PYSL (alternate), Tim Atwood-PYSL, Dan Ivory-MONU (alternate), Matthew Zeiger – NRUSA, Harry Lance – MASC, Jimmy McGarry - MASC

I. Call to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll Call taken and Quorum was established.

II. May Minutes – Linda Kemppainen amended minutes noting Steve Gordon was not in attendance and Joe Kelleher was not a guest but the rep for Salem. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

IV. Officer Reports:

1. Operations – Sandy Patterson distributed a spreadsheet noting the competition in each of the divisions. He noted that there were 26 ties, 54 games with a differential of 1 goal and 58 games with a goal differential of 2. Only one team dominated a division scoring 4 goals or better against their opponents. Overall, the divisions were very competitive.

2. Treasurer – Report on file.

Operating Account – Ending balance of \$ 26,196.76
Registrar’s Account – Ending balance of 1,854.00
Player Registration Account – Ending Balance of \$2,325.00
Total Ending balance as of 6/11/07 - \$30,375.76

Joan reported that we had league income of \$900.00 which was for player registrations. Receipts in the operating account were largely David’s compensation for April & May, the spring registrar’s stipends, 2 petty cash checks and a refund to MONU.

3. Registrar’s report- Linda reported that the BRCL had a total of 2023 players for the year. Linda mentioned that the VYSA player fees for 2008-2009 would be raised to \$14.00 per player. VYSA will notify all clubs well in advance of changes.

The State Registration On-Line system (youth Leagues USA) should be up and running by the end of June. Please read the last page of the BRCL Timeline. There you will find the steps that to be taken to complete VYSA on-line registration. Linda noted that clubs will have to go on and register their clubs and then all adults in the club including club officials, coaches, assistants, managers, and any volunteer that is working with the teams will have to register again on Kids Safe/Risk Management. It is important for the clubs to appoint a Kids Safe Manager. That person is responsible for checking all the applications. **It is also vital that the clubs appoint a Travel Club Coordinator. The Coordinators name, address and e-mail address should be provided to all registrars and Linda by June 30th.** All registrars remain the same with the exception of Radford & Wytheville – new registrar is Tony Akers. Linda will send registration manuals to all Club Coordinators.

Linda mentioned that for U14 & younger teams – if team does not opt to play in a league in the spring, their rosters & cards will be called in and the team will be disbanded.

Linda also cautioned the clubs to check the BRCL timeline for key dates involving registration and carding. Linda directed the club reps to pick up packets at the end of the meeting.

4. Administrator- David James reported that the spring season went quite well. There was a lot of rain which caused games to be re-scheduled. David felt the teams did a good job of re-scheduling their games. If the teams failed to re-schedule in the allotted time span, David went ahead and re-scheduled the games himself.

5. President's report – Joel mentioned the importance of goal safety in light of incident that occurred in Winchester. David James distributed the detail of the incident to all club reps by e-mail. Joel cautioned everyone to check goals even if they are anchored down. He mentioned that kids should not be allowed to hang from the goals. He mentioned that goal safety tips are available on the referee web-site.

Joel mentioned that a Board position was open – VP of Administration. He asked if anyone was interested in filling the position. Please let Joel know if you are interested.

Joel commended many area High schools that finished well this spring. He mentioned that many of the High School teams are comprised of travel players.

- Hidden Valley Girls - 4th year in finals
- Martinsville Boys – quarterfinals
- Cave Spring Boys –lost in finals
- Radford Boys & Girls – State Champions
- Cave Spring Girls – in semi-finals

Joel went over the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Changes are reflected in cell phone, \$1400 allocated for a new league computer (current one is 5 years old – looking to replace with a laptop) A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as printed. A roll call vote was taken and the budget was approved

6. Election of Officers:

Slate of Officers was announced:

- Joel Coman – President
- Sandy Patterson – VP of Operations
- Suzy Sauerwald - Secretary
- Joan Schumann – Treasurer
- Lee Boehling – Chair of Conduct Committee

Asking for any other nominations from the floor and none were given, the ballots were distributed and the slate of officers were voted in. Linda thanked Joel for a job well done.

8. Augusta United Presentation for Membership-

Frank Burdick and Bobbi Simonsen gave a quick synopsis of the clubs in their areas that came together to form Augusta United (Staunton, Woodrow Wilson & Waynesboro). They expect to have 23 travel teams this fall. 4-6 teams will compete in the BRCL. League placement is up to the coaches. 8 coaches have D licenses and all have E certificates. Staunton, Woodrow Wilson & Waynesboro felt that the merger of the clubs would raise the level of soccer in the area. After discussion and question and answer period, a vote was taken by ballot to accept Augusta United into BRCL and the vote was approved unanimously by BRCL's Board of Directors. BRCL's Board of Directors is comprised of member club representatives and BRCL's Officers.

Martinsville Area Soccer Club Presentation for Membership – Jimmy McGarry presented the MASC request for membership. Mr. McGarry mentioned that the club would have 12 teams and he explained the rationale of the forming of MASC which broke away as a separate club from PYSL. He mentioned that Martinsville/Henry County was building a soccer complex that would be open by Fall 2008. He explained that the club would have use of this new facility and also had fields in 2 locations for the upcoming seasonal year. (Patrick Henry CC and Carver Elementary School)

After many questions and discussion regarding the MASC request, a vote was taken by ballot and the vote was disapproved unanimously by BRCL's Board of Directors for admitting MASC into BRCL. BRCL's Board of Directors is comprised of member club representatives and BRCL's Officers.

9. New Business – David James showed the Board sample pins that could be purchased as a thank you to managers/coaches. Cost is \$2.00 a piece. Decision was made to hold off on a decision to purchase pins.

10. Proposal for 3 Man Referee System in U11 – Discussion concerning using a 3 man system at U11. Fees would be readjusted to match U12 fees. A motion was made and seconded to approve a 3 man referee system at U11. A voice vote was taken and the vote was unanimously approved.

Announcements – Sandy Patterson reminded all clubs to carefully fill out registration forms and reminded them to give as much information about the team as possible to ensure the best placement for the upcoming season. The competition meeting will be held at the Roanoke County Main Library on July 28th from 1 – 5p.m. Joel mentioned that the BRCL will explore the idea of inter-league play
Division Winner Patches from the spring were handed out.

VI. Adjourn –

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Schumann