

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2007

(Approved)

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Quorum determined.

Attendees:

Board Members: Joel Coman, President; David James, Administrator; Suzy Sauerwald, Secretary; Linda Kempainen, Registrar; Joan Schumann, Treasurer.

Club Reps: Scott Bennett - Danville; Les Herman - Fort Defiance; Deborah Smith - Franklin County; Otis Chambers - FSC - Freedom Soccer; John Easterwood - New River; Phillip Raintree - PASA; Norma Bryant - PYSL; Richard Byrd - Piedmont; Gene Harris - Radford Soccer; Bill Fleshman - Roanoke Star; Tim Horan - Salem Sabres; Steve Karras - Valley AFC; Mark Boenke - Wythe United.

Guests: Jennifer Rinner -- She is our new referee liaison. She is also the assignor for New River and Radford. Myron King, New River.

Quorum determined.

Reading of minutes.

June minutes reviewed. Motion for meeting minutes for June to be approved. 2nd. Approved.

Officer and Committee Reports.

Sandy Patterson - VP of League Operations not present. David James comments: Competition committee went well. Team application - it was noted that very little information was listed on the application of many of the teams. The competition committee can only go by this information.

Report from Lee Boehling - Director of Sportsmanship Report: Not present.

Report from Joan Schumann - Treasurer's Report

Player Registration Account: balance 1,750.00; BRCL Operating Account - \$30,457.76; BRCL registrar's Fund: \$1,670.80.

Report from Linda Kemppainen - Registrar.

Registration went relatively smooth this year. Youth leagues worked well. A couple of clubs have had some problems getting things in on time. Total boys 1040, total girls 725. Total clubs 16. Note State Rule for U14 teams and under -- they WILL play in the spring. If they choose not to play the team will be disbanded. If a U15 or above team wants to play tournaments in the spring a form needs to be filled out for the tournaments they will be playing and the roster and cards will be provided for the teams. The teams will be considered inactive but can maintain their rosters and cards. The board will review in the January meeting the teams that intend to do tournaments if they are U15 or above.

Report from Suzy Sauerwald - Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report.

Report by David James - Administrator's Report

Fall sign up period went really well. Laptop is great. Scheduling: attempt is not to have two away trips in a weekend B very hard to achieve this if a team has 4 no play trips and other requests. If he has 2 away trips occur in a weekend he tries not to make them 2 far away trips. The best schedule is a 10 game schedule. 8 game schedule is the hardest. Did not get many appeals. Teams are given 10 days to reschedule.

Report from Joel Coman - President's report

Pre-season is over. Joel has been going thru comments that have been directed to "Dear Referee".

Sportsmanship B yellow/red. Suspension for 4th yellow will be enforced.

Special Committee Reports:

Jennifer Leonard - Never played soccer but has been an assignor in other places. Assigns for State Cup. Loves soccer. Very positive -- wants all representatives to encourage referee's.

Guest reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

BRCL Sportsmanship pins. Motion and 2nd to revisit the issue of awarding BRCL Sportsmanship pins. They will run about \$750.00 to order 3 per team. Appreciation pin rather than sportsmanship. Money will come from the budget.

Discussion -- trying to determine whether we should do it for each team, or do it on an individual basis. Suggestion for making this directed to the parent side. Best parent, best team.

Appreciation pin - 3 per team - this is a good decision.

We will table the discussion regarding awards rather than appreciation pins to the next meeting.

Motion and 2nd.

Motion that we buy all the team managers a pin in appreciation. 2nd. We have 119 teams. Amend this motion that we purchase enough pins for 119 managers plus additional pins to have for reservation for other purposes. 2nd. Voice vote on purchasing: Unanimous decision. **Motion approved.**

New Business

Sportsmanship rating system - Demosphere approached regarding writing a program that would record the sportsmanship scores. This would add the sportsmanship scores onto the team scheduling page.

\$250.00 set up fee. Additional costs would be \$1.50 per team per season; 119 teams - \$178.50; total is \$428.50

Motion that we purchase the software/referee system "sportsmanship module". 2nd. **Motion approved.**

Review 7 team division co-champion scenario due to tie. Two flights - 3 in one and 4 in the other. The flight with 3 plays 8 games and the flight with 4 plays 9 games. Discussion. Table this to a general board decision at the end of season if this becomes an issue.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Salem questions why BRCL does not have a U10 girls division. Answer: No one has signed up. Academy is becoming more and more popular. Set up friendlies. Comment is made about doing away with U10 division as a whole.

VAFC comments that at N.C. tourney's copies of rosters are given to the referee prior to a match.

As a safety issue B our roster has addresses and jersey numbers with names, etc. Question is can we black it out. Ask the state if the addresses can be removed from the roster.

Comment: Educate teams in the league to throw the balls back to a team when an injury has occurred and the ball is kicked out. ACourtesy throw@.

Discussion regarding yellow card substitution -- 11.2

When a player gets a yellow card should he/she be substituted.

Rule presently states that the player *must* come off the field.

Motion to stick by the laws of the USSF and that we follow the rules of FIFA. **We will delete or remove: "when a player receives a caution (yellow card); for the cautioned player only. Only the player receiving a caution (yellow card) must be substituted for. Note: no substitution is permitted on corner kicks. Section 11.2. Law 3.** John Eastwood proposed. All in favor.

Approved.

Issue of payment to club linesman. No. Volunteers can help but they cannot expect payment.

Discussion regarding certified referees being able to step in and referee a game if an assigned referee does not show up. Our rule shows a certified referee can take over the game. But, that referee has to be assigned by a certified assignor. **We need to review some of the policies and make changes.**

Adjournment: 8:48 p.m.