

Blue Ridge Classic League

General Board Meeting

November 27, 2007

(Approved)

Call to order: 6:37 p.m.

Attendees:

Board Members: Joel Coman, President; David James, Administrator; Suzy Sauerwald, Secretary; Linda Kempainen, Registrar; Lee Boehling, Director of Sportsmanship; Sandy Paterson, V.P. Operations.

Club Reps: Scott Bennett - Danville; Joe Gallo, Botetourt United; Deborah Smith - Franklin County; Otis Chambers - FSC - Freedom Soccer; Phillip Raintree - PASA; Norma Bryant - PYSL; Gene Harris - Radford Soccer; Tim Horan - Salem Sabres; Roy Lax - Valley AFC.

Guests: Jennifer Riner; Josh Jones, Salem; John Singleton, VYSL; John Lenhardt, nominee for V.P. of Administration.

Quorum determined.

Reading of minutes. Meeting minutes read dated September 11, 2007. Changes noted regarding names/spellings. Motion to accept minutes as amended, 2nd. All in favor - approved.

Officer and Committee Reports.

V.P. - Operations: Sandy Paterson - 553 games scheduled, 1 forfeit. Two games still to be scheduled. Spreadsheet will be posted showing goal differentials, etc. under the "Season Schedule" button on the BRCL website.

Director of Sportsmanship - Lee Boehling - Overall this fall was pretty quiet as compared to past years. However, there were some problems. The common denominator tends to lead to the coach. The players tend to follow the lead of the coach and the parents tend to follow the lead of the players.

Treasurer: Not present but report prepared and sent: Player registration account - Ending balance \$1,450.00. Operating Account - \$25,672.29. Registrar's Fund - \$2,145.00. Overall total - \$29,268.09.

Registrar: Linda Kemppainen. Added 31 players since September. Clubs: Representatives need to go to their clubs and tell them that the teams, U15 and above, that plan to go to tournaments need to notify the BRCL board by January 7. Email to David and to Linda. U14 and below C must participate in league play. If you do not participate in league play, the rosters need to be turned in and the team disbanded.

Secretary: Suzy Sauerwald - nothing to report.

BRCL Administrator: David James. Good season. Division winners are published on the season schedule button. **Request discussion at our next meeting: who reports the score.** Suggests that winning team is responsible. The division champion patches are given out tonight at the meeting. Appreciation pins were mailed in early November. These were mailed to the clubs. Best season ever for club payments/fees. If teams pay fees they need to make sure that the team identifies themselves, not just by club but also by name, age group, club. **Discuss in January** B team deadlines for drop outs from divisions. 55 matches rained out on October 27 - 28. Out of all of the 55 matches, 2 teams have not been able to reschedule and they are working on it. We had 5 forfeits with fines. None dealing with rain-outs. 2 teams declined to travel their last game of the season. David assigned a sportsmanship rating for the forfeiting team as -2 and the team willing to play given +2. **Discussion in January.** Sportsmanship scoring was implemented this season. David has asked Demosphere to go back and change the match report. David wanted to compliment Danny Beamer, Roanoke Star, about the letter that went out to his teams regarding hostile parents, sportsmanship

President: Joel Coman. There was a focus of sportsmanship on 3 - 4 teams. The remaining were fairly good. VYSA workshop - February 1, 2, 2008. Seminar sessions, coaching clinics. Liverpool's FC director will be holding a clinic. Workshops are posted currently. Referee assignor certification clinic is scheduled in Newport News - December 15, 2007. New River is doing an E certification course on November 30, and December 1. BRCL meeting will be January 15, 2008, Tuesday. Competition meeting February 9, 2008.

U-10's - discussion. They will play in the spring.

Thanks to David James B driving force for BRCL appreciation pins.

January 14, 2008 sign up for spring play.

Sportsmanship scoring system - thanks to Paul and Charlie Leonard for inputting the scores.

Special Committee Reports:

Jennifer Rinner - referee liaison. Had some emails with basic questions. Other than that, rather quiet.

Guest Report: John Singleton. YVSA workshop. Recommend that people come to it. The United States National workshop in Pittsburg the following weekend. Liberty Mutual, US Youth soccer sponsor, is looking to support a responsible youth club with scholarships. If interested go to: www.responsiblesports.com. Sportsmanship B it does, most of the time, stem from the coach. The western division is doing a good job overall.

Small sided high school league. 5x5. ODSL brought this up.

Unfinished Business:

Hand out appreciation pins approved at our last meeting.

New Business:

Introduce John Lenhardt, Candidate for VP of Administration, to the board. Has been involved with soccer since his son started U10 and he is now U17. Financial background and career. Nominate John Lenhardt, 2nd. Discussion. None. Voice/roll call vote. Botetourt -yes, Danville - yes. Franklin - yes. Freedom - yes, PASA - yes, Piedmont - yes, Salem - yes. VAFC - yes. Officers - Sandy - yes, Lee - yes, Linda -yes, Joel - yes.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Discussion regarding incorrect score reporting B one incident occurred this season but it was handled well, just took a little bit of time because David has to wait for the referee card to verify.

Discussion re: paying on fields B or issue payment to referee after games reported. Request Jennifer Rinner to get something together with the assignors to transition payment and score reporting.

Three instances where referee's were not checking player passes. The referee needs to do his/her job. Pass along to your coaches/ team managers B if a referee refuses to check player passes

they are to immediately contact the assignor and report them.

NSCAA meeting is in January in Baltimore 2008.

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.