

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2008
(Approved)

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members:

President – Joel Coman
V.P. of Adm. – John Lenhardt
V.P. of Operations – Sandy Petersen
Treasurer – Joan Schumann
Registrar – Linda Kempainen
Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald
Administrator – David James

Quorum determined.

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting
Minutes – Motion to approve, 2nd – approved.

Introduction of Guests (If any Present)
Betsy Adkins, VAFC; Matt Zeiger, New River.

Officer and Committee Reports

V.P. Operations – Sandy Peterson. Goal differential – low numbers is what we are looking for. We are striving for highly competitive teams. Representatives: Comments on the forms are crucial to the setting of the divisions. Please advise your clubs/managers that when signing up the teams they need to put down information that will help place their team in an appropriate division.

Fields are recommended to be 80 yards. Goal size variation – league requests that the clubs notify the leagues of the goal size if there is a lot of variation. Minimum height must be met.

Director of Sportsmanship – Lee Boehling – not present.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Schumann - Operating Acct. – Beginning \$26,762.29 and ending \$24,650.29. Registrar's fund: \$1,960.48. Player Registration Account: Starting \$1,544.00 and ending balance: \$1,006.50.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kempainen. We've had 12 add on players since the last report.

By June 15, 2008 all clubs must email the assigned club coordinator for youth leagues. KidSafe hopes to be up and running by June 1, 2008.

Secretary's Report – Suzy Sauerwald – Minutes have been approved from our last meeting.

V.P. of Administration – John Lenhardt. Nothing to report. Working on the budget for the next meeting.

Administrator's Report – David James. Most of the teams have been excellent with reschedules due to the weather. Week nights are okay, especially with teams that are close to each other – limited driving distances. Teams are not notifying David of rain outs though. Phone in score has been implemented. Many teams are not reporting scores – there is a fine. Registration fees for VYSA are \$13.00 for the fall. Sportsmanship – had a little trouble getting the scores in. But, they are in now. Still working with Demosphere with some of the information that we can get out of it.

President's Report - Joel Coman. Fairly quiet season. Sportsmanship ratings have been looked at a lot.

Special Committee Reports.

Referee Liaison – Jennifer Renner- Discussion regarding off sides for the U10 division.

Guest Report. Matt Zieger, NRUSA. Discussion regarding academy programs within the leagues. They held a “jamboree”. 15 teams played over 30 matches. VAFC, Piedmont were there. New River would like to host more of these throughout the year and have additional clubs host them too. Request to generate more opportunities around the clubs. BRCL is doing a great job with the U10 division to tone it down – no scores, etc. New River will continue running a “festival” for other teams. Recommend looking at VYSA policy as to what is considered a tournament – look at the VYSA website under travel, policy.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings) – None.

New Business –

U10 offsides and pass back to goalie – U10 is suppose to be educational. If a team passes back to a goalie he needs to be instructed that it is inappropriate. Offsides -- A center referee does not have the ability to be able to determine where that “line” is. It has to be totally obvious, 100%, that advantage was gained because the player was over the line. Also, U10 does not have, typically, a 3 man referee system. A center referee is not in a position to see that. VYSA website has information on the U10 modifications of rules. No offsides are called in a U10 game. US Soccer.org link
REFERENCE.

Match scores need to be entered by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, reporting rainouts

Discussion regarding a 3 man referee crew requirement for U11 and older – it is required by USSF to have a 3 man system. The match will not be recognized.

It is the team (coach) responsibility to keep their team off the field if there are only 2 referees. Section 11.4 in our policies and procedures states that there must be 3 referees. There is an issue with PASA/Piedmont that a game was played with 2 referees. Is the game rescheduled if the game is not played. BRCL policy says the coaches must agree with a club linesman and the game is to be played. What happens now?

Proposal: If PASA can play the game at Piedmont and PASA be responsible for referee fees for the assignor and referees as long as it is convenient for the Piedmont.

2nd.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Alleghany – Y, Botetourt – Y, Franklin – Y, New River – Y, Piedmont – Y, PASA – Y, Roanoke Valley – Y, Radford – N, Salem – Y, VAFC – Y, Sandy – Y, Joan – Y, Suzy – Y, John – Y, Linda – Y.

Section 11.3 and 11.6 – references U12.

Who is in charge of player safety (referee or parents) during a weather delay?

BRCL executive board nomination committee updates.

USSF states that during a weather incident. He must remove all players from the fields. He must get them to the sidelines. It is then the parents/managers/coaches responsibility to remove the players to a safe place. The referee has the authority only to start and stop a game due to weather. Clubs need to make sure that all managers, coaches know what their policy is for inclement weather.

BRCL Execute Board Nomination Committee Update. Linda K. volunteered to serve on the nomination committee. No one else responded. There is no candidate presently for president. All other positions have people running.

Proposals for change of Bylaws, Rules and Procedures.

Question – are there any rules regarding bathroom facilities? No there is no policy.

Miscellaneous announcements:

June 9, 2008 is our next meeting.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.