

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008
(Approved)

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members:

Alleghany –Kevin Cole; Amherst – Steve Gordon; Augusta – Not present; Botetourt – Not present; Danville – Not present; Fort Defiance – Les Herman; Franklin County – Debbie Smith; Freedom – Otis Chambers; New River –Matt Ziger; PASA – Larry Shorupski; Piedmont – Norma Bryant; Radford – Gene Harris; Roanoke Valley – David Wolf; Salem – Tim Horan; VAFC – Roy Lax; Wythe United – Mark Boenke

Officers:

President – Joel Coman; V.P. of Adm. – John Lenhardt – not present; V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson; Treasurer – Joan Schumann – not present; 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)

Mike Wimmer, VAFC; Dennis Peltier.

Service Awards: Registrar's retiring this year. Dennis Peltier – served 4 years; John Hines – served 9 years. Glenn Anderson – passed away. In honor of Glenn Anderson, teacher, promoter of soccer, helped start the Waynesboro club. Served 8 years. Joel Coman – served one year as VP of Operations and 2 years as President – total of 3 years service for BRCL. Plaque to be presented to Paula Leonard, assistant score keeper – 1 year of service.

June Voting (see procedure below)

Review and vote for BRCL's 2008-09 budget. Total Expenses \$17,500.00.

Motion to bring budget to the floor, 2nd. Discussion. Proposed budget comes up short. How do we rectify? Raise fee's? Motion to accept budget as stands, 2nd. Approved.

Alleghany – y, Amherst – y, Fort Defiance – y, Franklin – y, Freedom – y, New river – y, PASA – y, Piedmont – Y, Radford – Y, Roanoke – y, Salem – y, VAFC – y, Wythe – y, Sandy – y, Suzy – y, Linda – y.

We will need to revisit a fee increase under new business at our next meeting.

Election of BRCL 2008-2009 officers.

Open nominations for each office. Motions made to close nominations for each office.

Ballot distributed – slate as follows:

President: - open; VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson; VP Administration – John Lenhardt; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald; Treasurer - Joan Schumann; Chair of Conduct Committee – Lee Boehling.

Voting takes place.

Election of BRCL's Travel Commissioner to VYSA.

John Singleton was nominated for a 2 year term as BRCL Travel commissioner on the VYSA board. Members voted: Alleghany – y, Amherst – y, Fort Defiance – y, Franklin – y, Freedom – y, New River – y, PASA – y, Piedmont – y, Radford – y, Roanoke – y, Salem – y, VAFC – y, Wythe – y, Sandy – y, Suzy – y, Linda – y.

Officer and Committee Reports

V.P. Operations – Sandy Paterson. Goal differential – low numbers is what we are looking for. We are striving for highly competitive teams. A goal differential of less than 3 is great. We had 210 total games, 30 ties, 65 1 goal games, 42 2 goal games, 23 3 goal games, and 22 4 goal games.

Discussion regarding academy builds the clubs to help with the older age groups later.

Director of Sportsmanship – Lee Boehling – not present.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Schumann – Not present. Report presented: Operating Acct. – Beginning \$24,650.29 and ending \$22,689.39. Registrar's fund: \$1,860.48. Player Registration Account: Starting \$1,006.50 and ending balance: \$1,281.50. Competition committee still recommends comments from coaches/managers to help with placement.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kempainen.

We had 1109 players this year. New Registrar's: Anne Key – Danville and Piedmont. Bobby Simmonson – Augusta and Fort Defiance. Debbie Smith – Botetourt, Franklin County and VAFC Clubs. By June 15, 2008, must email the assigned club coordinator for youth leagues. KidSafe hopes to be up and running this week. Please check the timeline for the dates when rosters are due. Registration fee's are now \$13.00 per player. Teams can now put 22 on their U17-U19 rosters, but only 18 players can be dressed out and only 18 listed on game day roster.

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

V.P. of Administration – John Lenhardt. Not present.

Administrator's Report – David James. Very rainy season. All games were rescheduled and all but one was played. Registration fees for VYSA are \$13.00 for the fall. When a team is playing down a model has been established to have only 2 older players on that team. Limited schedule in the spring, generally been the oldest teams. Growing concern with limited schedules, especially in the fall. This is promoting tournament teams and we will not do this. Our league has competition in the fall for every team. Emphasis on our competition committee. Reference BRCL Policies and Procedures Section 5.3.

President's Report - Joel Coman. The board will need to give Joel direction as to how we want him to proceed as the immediate past president. He will make himself available if needed.

Special Committee Reports. None.

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

Proposals for Change of Bylaws, Rules & Procedures.

- a. Referee payment proposal. Home team to pay all referee fees. Motion to bring to the floor/2nd. Discussion: What happens when one team has more home games than the other. In a two-year span it usually works out for the club. Amendment to motion: home team to pay all referee fees and each club will negotiate with USSF certified assignor as to the amount and how the referees will be paid. Motion/2nd.

Voice vote - Alleghany – y, Amherst – y, Fort Defiance – y, Franklin – y, Freedom – y, New river – y, PASA – y, Piedmont – Y, Radford – Y, Roanoke – y, Salem – y, VAFC – y, Wythe – y, Sandy – y, Suzy – y, Linda – y. **Home team will pay all referee fees. The club is responsible to negotiate with USSF certified assignor as to the amount/fees and how the referees will be paid.**

- b. Remove/modify BRCL Policy and Procedure 10.1.4.a second tie breaker “Most wins in counting games.” This will eliminate a negative impact of a division leader who cannot reschedule a late season rainout. Division championship tiebreakers would be: 1. Head to head competition. 2. Fewest goals allowed. 3. Most goals scored (max 3/game) 4. Fewest expulsions.

Discussion. Recommend leaving it alone. Head to head competition – should be clarified.

New River would like to move #3 most goals scored (max3/game) to number 2.

Motion to change BRCL Policy and Procedure 10.1.4.a - Change tiebreakers to: 1. Head to head competition win/loss record. 2. Most goals scored (max 3/game) 3. Fewest goals allowed. 4. Fewest expulsions. 2nd.

Motion to table this, 2nd. All in favor. **Revisit this at another meeting.**

New Business –

- a. Review clubs who have not paid Spring 2008 fines – club has been notified and the fines will be paid.
- b. Division Championship patches – handed out to clubs.
- c. New Match report. This should be up and running in the fall.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Next meeting. September 8, 2008 – Monday.

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.