

## **BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC LEAGUE**

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

**Members present:** OFFICERS: Paul Radike - President, Linda Kemppainen- Registrar, David James- Administrator, Joan Schumann-Treasurer. OTHER ATTENDEES and BOARD MEMBERS: Wanda Lawrence – Registrar, Sandy Paterson (RVYSC), Juergen Gerlach (Radford), Joel Coman (Botetourt United), Dennis Peltier (VAFC), Harry Lance (PYSL), Nicki Bunn – Conduct Committee, Dugan Maddux, (Danville), Jeff Darling (LUS), Todd Murrill (FSC),

**Guests** – Steve Gordon (Amherst) and Ric Woerner - Amherst

**I. Call to order@ 6:36 PM**

**II. March Minutes** – No quorum, minutes of March and May meeting will be reviewed/approved at the June meeting.

**III. Presentation of Service Award** – Paul and Linda presented a service award to Wanda Lawrence. Wanda served the league as an outstanding registrar for 7 years. Thank you Wanda!

**IV. Officer Reports:**

**1. Sportsmanship** – Paul Radike mentioned that Bill Carstensen was doing a great job getting the reports to the clubs. Paul also mentioned that the E-Board would be getting together with Bill to have a budget prepared for an upcoming meeting.

**2. Operations** – Paul mentioned that the league has had some issues concerning fields and indicated that a club's compliance with suggested field standards is NOT optional..

**3. Treasurer – Report on file.**

**Operating Account – Ending balance of \$ 21,392.00**

**Registrar's Account – Ending balance of 1,154.00**

**Total Ending balance as of 5/3/05 - \$22,546.00**

Joan reported that we had league income of \$549.50 which was primarily VYSA player fees. Expenses included \$1200.00 to David, \$474.06 for League awards, \$400.00 in Petty cash (purchase of David's monitor), \$500.00 to Demosphere for start up for new software, \$237.43 reimbursement for VYSA meeting and service award plaques.

**3. Registrar's report-** Linda reported that since January BRCL has added a total of 84 players. Linda mentioned that she attended a meeting Richmond on 4/16 of all the league Presidents in the State. VYSA has decided to do away with Roster Pro software and has decided to replace with a new software package called Youth Leagues, which is hoped to be up and running in June. The cost for the new software will be off-set by raising the VYSA player fees from \$10.50 per player to \$12.50 per player for the first seasonal year and an increase in player fees of \$1 per year thereafter to support the annual recurring cost of this software. Linda also informed everyone that each club must designate a Kids Safe Coordinator and that all adults that will have their names on rosters must have a background check submitted before the roster can be processed. All background checks must be re-run this year. **Please send David James the name of your club's Kid's Safe Coordinator by 7/1/05.** Linda also mentioned that the BRCL will operate with their present rules: 18 man rosters, 5 transfers, etc. Linda reported that the League can decide to change the rules if they choose. Linda also announced that Lorna Poole will serve as new Registrar for Alleghany, Freedom Soccer Club, Franklin County and Roanoke.

**4. Administrator-** David James mentioned that a high percentage of all games scheduled have been played this spring. David reported that the clubs were doing a good job with re-scheduling rainouts.

David has signed the contract with Demosphere and will be using the new software this fall. David feels the main improvements will be that re-scheduling info going to directly to coaches, managers and field coordinators. There was discussion concerning how the league will report the game scores. David mentioned that the participation forms and field info will be online. Fall Competition meeting is scheduled for 7/23.

**5. President's report –** Paul discussed some of the issues that the conduct committee has faced. Much of the problems have been situations when anger gets out of control. Paul thanked Sandy Patterson and Nicki Bunn for the hours spent on conduct issues. Paul announced the re-instatement of Hamid Sasaninejad and said that it was a positive step for the Botetourt Club and for the BRCL.

Paul also mentioned that the BRCL policy manual will be updated to reflect changes that been approved.

#### **6. Club Application – Amherst Presentation –**

Steve Gordon and Rick Woerner presented Amherst United Soccer's request to be admitted to the league. Amherst believes they can field 2 travel teams for the fall. Linda asked that their rosters be ready by 7/16 and that all the players on the rosters would be paid by the 7/16 date

A motion was made (after a quorum was noted as present) to accept Amherst into the league, motion was seconded and passed.

## **8. New Business –**

**No Play Dates** – Paul mentioned that in the past, the BRCL always blocked out play on some local tournament weekends. Now that the League has expanded geographically and another local tournament has been introduced, the league can not afford to block out all local Tournament dates as there would not be available enough BRCL play dates. In addition, the league must have policy that is fair and equal to all Member Clubs. The League is proposing to have each team have 4 no play dates in a season and only block out Memorial Day in spring and Columbus Day in the fall (Both of these dates are big tournament weekends). This will give each team more flexibility in playing more tournaments or not playing on a given weekend due to ANY activities, etc. A motion was made to accept the 4 no play dates in addition to the Columbus Day weekend block out in the fall and 4 no play dates in the spring. In addition to the Memorial Day block out. Motion was seconded and approved.

Paul also discussed a proposal to adopt a policy regarding re-schedules. The policy would allow the teams 9 calendar days to re-schedule games from the date they were postponed. Paul also discussed the status of the green cards and improvements that can be made to score reporting.

Paul mentioned that SOCA was in the process of getting a new league off the ground – Skyline League. Part of the reason for new league is that RMYSL in Richmond is folding.

Paul also mentioned the possibility of the league Member Clubs discussing and implementing minimum coaching requirements.

**V. Announcements – Next BRCL Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.**

## **VI. Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Schumann