

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2006
(Approved)

Attendees:

Board Members: Joel Coman, President; David James, Administrator; Suzy Sauerwald, Secretary; Linda Kemppainen, Registrar; Sandy Patterson, VP of Operations; Dale Russell, VP of Administration.

Club Reps: Ray Barnes, Dugan Maddox, Harry Lance, Pat Reilly, Joe Gallo, Phillip Raintree, Todd Joyce, Bill Fleshman, Debbie Smith, Dan Russell, David Burch, John Easterwood, Heidi Crandall, Steve Karras, Ric Woerner, Bobbi Simonsen, and Chris Pile.

Guests: Gary Grant (referee liason), Norma Bryant, Gary Powell, Steve Trotta, John Easterwood, Mark Boenke, Dan Ivory, Rick Showalter and John Singleton.

Call to order: 6:33 p.m. Quorum determined.

Reading/discussion/approval of minutes from last minutes.

September minutes reviewed. Motion to approve. 2nd approved.

Introduction of Guests:

Gary Grant - Volunteer Referee Liason

Norma Bryant - PYSL Piedmont

Gary Powell - Ft. Defiance

Steve Trotta - Monu.

John Easterwood - New River

Mark Boenke - Wythe

Rick Showalter - Wythe

John Singleton - Travel Commissioner B Provides a brief synopsis of his duties for BRCL. Where is the state going? Looking to hire a full time director of coaching of education B was part time, now full time. Also a marketing and grant director. Both positions within the next 6 months. Area looking in the next 3-4 years district technical directors. VA Academy for 1995 players ODP. Possible expansion to 2 year academy. Education for coaches. Improve on line education for parents, players, coaches.

Officer and Committee Reports

VP Administration: Dale Russell

With the budget we are on pace for the \$21,000 expenditure even though we had a slight reduction in teams. The figures cannot be authenticated. On pace with budget.

VP of League Operations: Sandy Patterson

We only had 4 games not played this season. Total number of games played 548 out of the 552. Hand out showing goal differential will be published online under season schedule. This will help determine where to set up the divisions in the spring.

Registrar's Report: Linda Kemppainen

Report handed out. We will have 1900 players this season. As Chair of Rules Committee announcing Salem Sabres has been put on probation. They were to have 3 referee's in the pool. If during the probation they do not, they will lose their membership. Ft. Defiance will also be on probation as they only had 2 referee's in the pool. Certification and re-certification classes take place in Nov., Dec. and January. Go to the VYSA website for information. Notification needs to be given to Salem and Ft. Defiance and will be done by our Administrator.

Secretary's Report: Suzy Sauerwald

Nothing to report.

Referee Liaison: Gary Grant

Has 6 people on an advisory committee. Gary bounces ideas off his committee. Referee's make judgment call. He has awards to give out tonight. He has a "Play On award" for several people. Committee has handled 56 inquiries. Referee assigner's to be encouraged to take a course to be a certified referee assigner.

Administrator's Report: David James

Handed out division championship patches. Schedule page shows updated standings. One tie in the U12 girls division. Standings do not update/show tiebreaker.

Money due for fines due.

Schedule - spent a lot of time working schedules for coaches coaching 2 teams as well as working with time/field schedules. Does look at schedule holes as well as 2 away games in the same weekend.

Games played: 4 games not played. All 4 were rain-outs. There were only 7 games granted reschedules due to 5 State Cup and 2 added soccer tournaments. We had 8 forfeits, with 4 teams not wanting to travel to the other clubs, 1 team having conflict with another sport, 1 team having parents going on vacation - not granted. If a team wants to change the time, and both teams agree, that is fine but you must not forget the referees.

Red/yellow card tracking was posted.

President's Report: Joel Coman

Sportsmanship Ratings: Program having glitches. Looking for an old computer that runs Windows 98.

Charles David Akers - requested reinstatement. He was banned from any activities for brandishing a firearm. He is still banned and has not been granted reinstatement.

Lexington contacted BRCL and has submitted by-laws. He has contacted us recently and decided to wait and not be in the spring season.

Abingdon has requested information regarding membership. No further contact.

Orange cards B information very enlightening.

Special Committee Reports

Referee Liaison Committee activities. Sent out an email to all referee assignors, advisory committee members and gave them a month to review information and get back with him. Took the information sent and gave it to Joel Coman. The objective is to get some consistency throughout the referee community. Suggestions are on the BRCL website under Referee Liaison button under November 28, 2006 reports to the board. Discussion regarding what we can do to educate our referee's. Motion to table the "suggestions" to discuss and vote. Recommendation with your change submitted ahead of time. Motion made, 2nd, in favor - all.

Unfinished Business

Membership status for clubs who fail to field any teams for a seasonal year.

Section 2.1 membership. Active Membership.

Proposal to add the following information:

To remain an active Club (Member) in the BRCL, a Club (Member) shall:

*Roster two teams in BRCL play each Seasonal Year (Sept 1 - August 31).

*If a Club (member) does not roster two teams in a seasonal year, they will lose their Membership in the BRCL.

*When the Club wishes to return to BRCL play, they must apply as a new Club (Member) and meet all the requirements as a new Club (Member) for BRCL Membership.

Discussion.

Voice Vote - yes.

opposed - one from Wythe.

Vote passes.

Waiver issue to be addressed. We will need to re-word the waiver to show that if a club drops to one team a waiver can be voted upon. Motion to table to the January meeting. 2nd B this will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

Chris Pile - Wythe County. Request for options on travel.

Neutral sites. Traveling as clubs. Double headers as opposed to home and away with break.

Recommendation that it is reviewed to find out if the clubs could travel as a club on a particular day. If someone wants to review it then prepare a model.

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.