

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2007
(Approved)

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll call:

Attendees:

Officers: President - Joel Coman; VP Operations - Sandy Paterson; Director of Sportsmanship - Lee Boehling; Treasurer - Joan Schumann; Registrar - Linda Kempainen; Secretary - Suzy Sauerwald; BRCL Administrator - David James.

Club Reps: Steve Gordon - Amherst; Joe Gallo - Botetourt; Pat Reilly - Monu.; Phillip Raintree - PASA; Harry Lance - PYSL; Bill Fleshman - Roanoke; Tim Horan - Salem; Steve Karras - VAFC; Chris Pile - Wythe; Heidi Crandall - Nelson; David Burch - New River; Venus Hendrix - Danville.

Guests: Chistine McCrary - New River Referee Assignor; Dan Ivory - Monu. Director of Coaching; John Easterwood - New River, Travel Commissioner; Mark Boenke - Alternate, Wythe; Gary Grant, Referee Liason; Rob Cooley, Referee, Guest; Josh Jones - Salem, Director of Coaching, Guest; Norma Bryant - Piedmont, President, Guest.

Quorum determined.

Reading/discussion/approval of minutes from last minutes.

Minutes are reviewed. Changes recommended.

Officer and committee Reports.

Report from Dale Russell - VP Administration. Not present.

Report from Sandy Patterson - VP of League Operations.

It is going slow over the winter. Nothing major to report. Comment section in forms need to be put in so that competition committee can do its job appropriately. Feb. 17 is the meeting for competition committee.

Report from Lee Boehling - Director of Sportsmanship Report:

Nothing to report.

Report from Joan Schumann - Treasurer's Report

Balance of player registration account \$2,162.50. Operating Account balance: \$27,131.60. Registrar's Fund balance: \$1,829.00.

Report from Linda Kempainen - Registrar's Report.

Registrar's Report. 2 add ons since fall season - a total of 1898 players registered.

If club plans on entering new team for spring all paperwork is due 03/01/07. If club has team/teams that will go to another league we need to let Linda know. If your club has another team from another club coming in she needs to know so that it can be added.

VYSA workshop in Richmond 02/09 and 02/10. Someone from each club should go. Workshops are great. Solutions as to how things are worked out.

Report from Suzy Sauerwald - Secretary's Report.

Request approval of November 28, 2006 minutes with changes. Motion, 2nd, approved.

Report from Gary Grant - Referee Liaison

2 things to report. Still need female player to serve on committee. There is a potential for a referee assignor course to be held in March. We need 12 committed people to take the class before they can hold the class. Free Lunch for course participants. Site will be held in Fishersville at The United Methodist Church from 9 - 5:30. Only thing we need is State director to approve it and 12 people signed up to take it. Charge is \$45.00. Do we have an additional 7 people to take the class. Joel came up with 8 current listed people that are not certified.

Discussion regarding recruiting of people for this class.

Re-certification is required every year but this is done online for \$10.00.

It is not required to have an assignor for every club - an assignor can work for more than one club.

Please contact Gary and provide names. He needs this in one week.

Report by David James - Administrator's Report

Competition Committee Reps - know the teams, know the competition of the teams.

March 17 spring season begins B goes thru 05/24 weekend. Easter weekend is open. Look at the weekend after B seemed to be a problem last year. Know your no play dates.

Weather - use your judgment. If it is snowing, it is to be canceled B it is called a rain out but will be rescheduled.

Time line is up on the website. We have 9 weekends to play.

Report from Joel Coman - President's report

First -- want to thank Gary Grant - Athank you for all your efforts.@ John Singleton has been trying to help with getting the referee assignors certification approved. Gary has done just about everything he can do other than get the approval from the President.

Joel, Linda, David, Sandy and Joan are attending the workshop in February.

Joel supports David with the pre-planning of your spring no play dates.

Special Committee Reports - Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Red cards: Discussion pertaining to a referee having to explain red cards to coaches. FIFA/USSF does not require.

Currently BRCL requires referee to explain why a red card is given.

Proposal: league rule requiring a referee to divulge information to coach and/or player be struck. Under Section 11.10:

Omit: **"explanation of cautions and send off". If a send off is administered . . . the ref does not . . .**

Motion. 2nd. Approved. (Opposed - Joe Gallo, Botetourt). Motion carries

Yellow Cards: Discussion regarding cautioned players having to be subbed out. VHSL rule. Not a FIFA/USSF rule.

Proposal: Omit subbing out for yellow cards issuance.

Motion, 2nd. Vote is taken but mixed so voice vote is taken.

Motion fails. Rule stands as written.

Continued discussion regarding yellow cards:

Proposal: Amend to read -- word **"must"** should be changed to **"may" and at the discretion of the referee with the request of the coach.** Motion. 2nd

Withdraw proposal on floor. No vote taken.

Stoppage time: BRCL has no rule at the time. We follow USSF rule. Leave it as written.

BRCL jersey colors. Discussion regarding home team always wears white. This will stand.

Referee Assignor - Recommend that BRCL use only certified referee assignors. This is not in the BRCL Rules and Procedures to align with the State.

Proposal: All BRCL clubs must employ USSF certified referee assignors by August 31, 2007.

Section 2.1 -- **Active membership.** Add the following: **All BRCL clubs must employ USSF certified referee assignors by August 31, 2007.**

Motion. 2nd. Approved.

Referee Pay. No ruling by BRCL. It is up to the club as to how it is handled but the fees are set by the assignors.

Suggested rule change:

Proposal: Play by the rules of the division age as assigned by the competition committee. Section 11.7.

Omit: younger teams playing in older divisions must use older division ball size and game length of time.

Add: Team plays by the rules of the age division as assigned by the competition committee.

Motion. 2nd. Approved.

Salem must supply the names of the 3 and Fort Defiance must supply the name of 1 new certified referees by February 17, 2007 at the Competition Committee meeting.

Next meeting date: 03/15/07 at 6:30.

Competition meeting 02/17/07 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 p.m.