

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2007
(Approved)

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.
Quorum determined.

Attendees:

Board Members: Joel Coman, President; David James, Administrator; Suzy Sauerwald, Secretary; Linda Kemppainen, Registrar; Sandy Patterson, VP of Operations; Joan Schumann, Treasurer.

Club Reps: Ric Woerner - Amherst; Joe Gallo - Botetourt; John Siggins - FSC; Dan Ivory - Monticello; Dugan Maddox - Danville; Steve Karras - VAFC; Norma Bryant and Harry Lance - PYSL; Darryl Gillespie - Radford; Chris Pile - Wythe; Debbie Smith - Franklin County; Joe Kelliher - Salem.

Guests: Mark Dillon - Wythe.

Reading of minutes:

January minutes reviewed in March but there was no quorum at that meeting. Suggestions for changes in the minutes were discussed, but no approval. Minutes submitted during this meeting with changes made and noted.

Meeting minutes for January. Motion, 2nd. Approved.

Meeting minutes for March. Motion, 2nd. Approved.

Officer and Committee Reports.

Report from Sandy Patterson - VP of League Operations.

136 games played B only 4 games over 6 goal differential. Of note: 24% games - 1 goal differential. 75% of games - 3 goals or less differential.

Report from Lee Boehling - Director of Sportsmanship Report: Not present.

Report from Joan Schumann - Treasurer's Report

Player Registration Account ending balance \$1,425.00; BRCL Operating Account ending balance: \$28,794.76; BRCL registrar's account ending balance: \$1,854.00.

Discussion regarding registrar's account. It is used at the Registrar's discretion. A suggestion was made that this account is capped at \$2,000.00 and rolled over into another account. It is used for educational purposes, purchasing things for the league, luncheon's for registrar's, etc.

Report from Linda Kemppainen - Registrar.

Submitted report on teams. Clubs must have 2 teams in the league for membership.

Report from Suzy Sauerwald - Secretary's Report.

Updating of the Policy and Procedures manual has been completed. We are waiting on formatting before it is published on the web.

Report by David James - Administrator's Report

We had 2 weekends washed out. Teams did a very good job rescheduling the first weekend. The 2nd weekend the teams did not do a good job rescheduling. Policies give teams 9 calendar days to reschedule -- which is quite liberal. If a team has not rescheduled by then, it is done by David James. This gets the teams attention.

Scoring: Most teams are good about putting their scores in. Recently U10 teams have not entered but David typically takes care of it by calling the teams and reminding them. He doesn't want to have to call everyone though. Continue the good job of putting scores in.

Report from Joel Coman - President's report

Gary Grant resigned from referee liaison position. Gary did a lot for the league. We have been approached by 2 different persons to fill this position.

April 10 completed compilation of sportsmanship from the orange cards.

Discussion regarding former coach convicted of child pornography. Club followed risk management procedures and did everything they were suppose to. Risk management picks up only convictions, not initial arrests. Request for notification for all BRCL clubs/coaches be aware of this specific instance.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Staunton Steam, Woodrow Wilson and Waynesboro joined together for Augusta FC. They will put up their minimum amount of teams to stay in the league. When they apply for their membership this needs to be considered.

Norma Bryant and Harry Lance were both at the referee assignor's course. It was very successful.

New business:

Martinsville area soccer club. They have submitted their bylaws and were rejected. They were incomplete. A new set will be submitted. Suggestions and information provided to help guide them.

Norma Bryant inquired about U11 referees. Why do we have 1 referee in U11 and 3 in U12 and above. Request is made that a 3 man system be implemented for the U11 games for referees. Poll teams to find out how they feel about this system and incur cost; poll referee assignors and see how they feel. Table until June meeting to discuss.

Special Committee Reports.

Next meeting: Elections for executive officer positions. June 12 is our next meeting.

Voting: reference policy and procedures 3:2 and 3:3.

Nominating committee B need volunteers. Linda Kemppainen, Norma Bryant and John Siggins have volunteered. BRCL Representatives are to let the chair or the secretary know that you would like to nominate someone. Chairperson B Norma Bryant.

Past board members and officers need to let the committee know if they are interested in running for next year:

President - yes; Secretary - yes; VP of Operations - yes; Treasurer - yes; VP of Administration is an open slot; Lee Boehling - needs to be contacted to see if he will be running again.

Nominations can be made on the floor of the June meeting with the consent of the nominee.

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.