

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2008  
(Approved)

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

**Attendees:**

Board Members: Joel Coman, President; V.P. of Adm., John Lenhardt; V.P. of Administration, Sandy Petersen; Treasurer, Joan Schumann; Registrar, Linda Kemppainen; Secretary, Suzy Sauerwald; Administrator, David James; Chair, Conduct Committee, Lee Boehling.

Club Reps: Scott Bennett - Danville; Joe Gallo, Botetourt United; Deborah Smith - Franklin County; Otis Chambers - FSC - Freedom Soccer; Phillip Raintree - PASA; Gene Harris - Radford Soccer; Josh Jones - Salem Sabres; Roy Lax - Valley AFC; Mark Boenke - Wythe United; John Easterwood - NRUSA; Bill Fleshman - RVYSC; ?? - Augusta FC.

**Guests:** Lorna Poole - FSC; Myron King - NRUSA

Quorum Determined

**Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of 11/27/07 - Approved.

**Introduction of Guests (If any Present)**

Myron King - New River; Lana Poole - Freedom.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**V.P. Operations - Sandy Peterson.** Competition Committee on 02/09/08 at 1:00 p.m. Asking teams to sign up with as much information as possible to help the committee place the team accurately. The goal is to get good competition. U9's have expressed some interest. Recommend academy teams play these U9's teams. Fields - need dimensions. Make sure goals have anchors.

**Director of Sportsmanship - Lee Boehling** - nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report - Joan Schumann** - Player Registration account - \$1,544.00. Registrar's Acct. - \$2,145.80. Operating Acct. - \$25,672.29.

**Registrar's Report – Linda Kemppainen.** No additional players to the league. We need to revise **Section 7.3, non-registered (carded) player.** Add after “carded” or illegal. **Section 13.13,** add “or illegal” to the same thing. An illegal player is someone not rostered with your team, not carded, suspended player. No guest playing in our league. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Rosters – Those clubs having teams wishing to play in spring tournaments had to notify BRCL of the teams whose rosters will be inactive. These Clubs provided a list of teams wishing to go to tournaments and not play in league play. They are considered inactive for league play. Approved by membership.

VYSA workshop coming up. Recommend as many to go to it if possible.

**Secretary's Report – Suzy Sauerwald** – nothing to report.

**V.P. of Administration – John Lenhardt.** Working on timelines for the fall.

**Administrator's Report – David James.** Teams are signing up for spring soccer. 02/04 is their deadline. 02/09 competition committee meeting. Spring season starts March 8, 9, 2008. Fall timeline will be on the website soon. Next meeting March 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Competition Committee's goal is to place the team properly. The Administrator's must have the field forms available before he can make the schedule.

Demosphere is working on a “match report”. Parent/player sportsmanship scores. The referee's report. Phone in score will also be implemented at no additional cost. It has always been a recommendation that the home team enter score. We will recommend that the winning team enter the score.

**President's Report - Joel Coman.** Field coordinators need to understand that it is their responsibility to have proper fields, proper sized goals. Several complaints were lodged in the fall.

Recommend going to the VYSA workshop.

### **Special Committee Reports**

Referee Liaison – Jennifer Renner- not present.

### **Guest Report**

None Scheduled

### **Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings)**

Reporting scores – home team was recommended to report scores since one was traveling. But, it is now recommended that the winning team enter the scores. Since an option will be available to report via telephone it should be easier.

Propose as a rule: that the winning team enter the score. In the event of a tie – home team.

Discussion regarding having this as a “suggestion” rather than a rule. If it is a rule then it has to be implemented and fines imposed. So, a suggestion will be made that the winning team will enter the score and in case of a tie the home team will enter the score.

***New Business –***

Request by New River for a limited schedule for a U14 boy’s team who played U15 in the fall. New River has asked for this due to a team who played up and did rather well in their division. Request a limited schedule to seek out different opportunities and find competition. Discussion regarding how it affects the other teams in the division.

Concern about how this affects teams in the future. In this particular division there were 6 teams, 1 has dropped out so there are 5. There could be other teams that might drop out. New River does not have middle school ball. So, they do not have the extra games from school ball. Recommend not having the policy. Competition committee states that if they can look at the division and have enough in the division then they can work with this team; but, if the division does not have enough in the division then they will need them to be in the division. Proposal that we give the New River U14 boys a one time scheduling waiver (Spring 2008) based on the competitions committees approval of the u14 division and the ability to make a full schedule within the U14 division. This is not policy, merely a one time waiver. It must not negatively impact the division. Motion on the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote – voice vote: Allegany – y; Augusta – n; Botetourt – y; Danville – y; Franklin – n; Freedom – y; New River – y; PASA – y; Radford – y; Roanoke – n; Salem - y; Valley – y; Wythe – y; Lee – y; John – y; Sandy – y; Joan – y; Suzy – y; Linda – y. Waiver approved.

***Open Floor:***

Forfeits. Usually a team chooses not to travel. David assigned poor rankings for sportsmanship. Most agree.

Denise Edwards holding a travel summit in Richmond – discussing national academy. USS Soccer Club has started the national academy. Date is on the website.

***Proposals for Change of By-laws, Rules and Procedures***

None

***Miscellaneous announcements***

None

***Adjournment:***

8:52 p.m.