

Blue Ridge Classic League Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2008
(Approved)

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members: Joe Gallo, Botetourt; Scott Bennett, Danville; Debbie Smith, Franklin County; Tim Atwood, Piedmont; Gene Harris, Radford; Tim Horan, Salem; Steve Karras, VAFC; John Easterwood, New River; David Wolf, Roanoke.

V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson
Registrar – Linda Kempainen
Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald
Administrator – David James

Guests: John Singleton, Lynn Everette.

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting
Motion, 2nd. Minutes Approved.

Introduction of Guests: John Singleton Lynn Everette – New River.

Officer and Committee Reports

V.P. Operations – Sandy Paterson. Competition Committee did an outstanding job. 72 boys teams, 50 girls teams. 68 of those teams will play 8 game schedule 54 play a 10 game schedule. Girls no U15 division, 2 teams signed up, one playing U14, one playing U16. Younger ages we have big numbers. Older groups -- Good numbers, just not as big.

Director of Sportsmanship – Lee Boehling – not present.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Schumann - Operating Acct. - \$33,733.66. Registrar's Account: \$1,713.49. Player Registrations Account: \$1,431.50.
Motion to accept. Second. Approved.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kempainen. We have 1760 players this season. This is 5 players fewer than last year. Same number of teams as last year. 16 clubs, same as last year. Registration – some clubs did well. Some did not. No complaints with youth leagues.

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

V.P. of Administration – John Lenhardt. Not present.

Administrator's Report – David James. Schedules are out. There are some clubs that have had field closings, did not affect us this year. Season goes to the end of October with several weekends open for rain out reschedules. We had 10 coaches that coach 2 teams. There is one division that is a “play-off”. This is the U11 girls Red division. Each team is given 4 no play dates. Teams have the options of choosing dates that they do not want to play. Teams need to get better at picking their dates ahead of time. Our administrator sends email reminders regarding the no play dates. Our policies are published. Teams should not submit no play dates and then after the schedule is published request a change – it will not be granted.

Past President's Report. Joel Coman. It is his intention to represent the board as needed. He will be BRCL scorekeeper. Club representatives will be more responsible for their teams behavior/requests, etc.

Special Committee Reports

Referee Liaison – Jennifer Renner- Not present.

Guest Report

None Scheduled.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings)

Tie breaking criteria

Current:

1. Head to head competition between the tied teams in counting games
2. Most wins in counting games
3. Fewest goals allowed in counting games
4. most goals for, up to a maximum of three (3) per game, in counting games
5. Fewest Red cards
6. Co-champions if still tied

Proposed:

1. Head to head competition win/loss record.
2. Most goals scored (max 3/game)
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest expulsions
5. Co-champions if still tied

New River, John Easterwood has proposed the above listed tie breaking criteria. Motion made. 2nd. Discussion. Change proposed to encourage offensive play.

VAFC is offering a friendly amendment. Accepted by New River.

- 1. Head to head competition (win/loss record) between the tied teams.**
- 2. Co-champions if still tied**

Vote: All in favor. Motion Carries.

New Business –

Review of BRCL's policy of “tournament teams”. This is not allowed. There are tournaments offered in August, Labor Day, Columbus Day and then in November. There

is no reason for a limited scheduled. All of these dates are open for tournament play in addition to league play.

Review BRCL Policy and Procedure Section 6.4.E (see below)

Review Orange and Green game cards

Phone in scores – input game number. Winning team calls it in.

Increase fee for team sign-up for 2009-2010 season? Currently \$100 per team

Proposals for Change of By-laws, Rules and Procedures – None.

Miscellaneous announcements – Next meeting is November 18, 2008.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Attachment:

Scheduling Section 6.4

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E. Reschedules:

All teams are to play their games as scheduled unless:

Rainout, unsafe field, or referee postponements.

State Cup Must be noted on the Participation Form.

Mandatory School/Religious activities which results in a team being unable to field at least 11 players (U13 – U19). 8 players (U11, U12) or 6 players (U9, U10). This schedule change request must be made fourteen (14) days in advance in writing to the BRCL Administrator.

Tournament date no reserved on BRCL Participation Forms, notify Scheduler 30 days prior to tournament for approval or disapproval.

Field Problems: In the event that a scheduled venue becomes unavailable.

When no referees show for game and NO “Emergency Referees” can be found to allow the game to be played (See Section 11.3, Law 5 Referees in this Manual). When one referee shows – follow BRCL policy (Section 11.4, Law 5 Referees).

Extraordinary situations may also create a justifiable reason for a reschedule request.

These requests will be handled at the discretion of the League Administrator and/or the BRCL Executive Board. The team that makes the reschedule request will assume any financial obligations the League incurs as a result of this reschedule.