

BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC SOCCER LEAGUE

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

(Approved)

Members present: Sandy Paterson – VP of Operations, Linda Kemppainen-Registrar, David James- Administrator, Joan Schumann-Treasurer

Club Reps – George Self-PYSL, Debbie Smith – Franklin Co, Otis Chambers-FSC, Rick Woerner-Amherst United, Kevin Cole – Alleghany, Les Herman – Fort Defiance, Valerie Karras – VAFC, Mark Boenke-Wythe, Gene Harris – Radford, Tim Horan – Salem

Guests- Steve Karras, Roy Lax, Tom Brown, Betsy Adkins, Will Berryman

Call to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call taken and Quorum was established.

I. Officer Reports:

1. Operations – Sandy Patterson announced that games had started and that all went well at the competition committee meeting. Sandy thanked the clubs that sent reps to the competition meeting.

2. Treasurer – Report on file.

Operating Account – Ending balance of \$ 27,334.95

Registrar’s Account – Ending balance of \$1965.26

Player Registration Account – Ending Balance of \$2147.00

Total Ending balance as of 6/11/07 - \$30,375.76

3. Registrar’s report- Linda reported that 111 players were added since November. The BRCL has 7 new teams. Linda commented that Roanoke Star and New River moved their BRCL teams to the Skyline League. Linda commented that the BRCL needs to continue to keep their numbers up to have representation on the VYSA Board. Linda commented that the older teams from Roanoke & New River were still registered with the BRCL.

Linda explained that we can keep the team and let them play in spring tournaments. Having those teams, Roanoke & New River could come to BRCL meetings but Linda commented that the Board could decide what to do in that event. A question was posed that if one of those older teams attended a tournament and encountered problems would the BRCL have to deal with the problems. Linda said it would fall under VYSA adjudication.

4. Secretary - A motion was made to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Administrator- David James reported that schedules were out and that the teams had started playing. David felt the competition committee did a good job.

David spoke to the Board regarding Sandy Patterson and his service to the league and his other community activities. Since Roanoke Star is no longer a BRCL Member, Sandy is serving the league not as a representative of the Roanoke Star but as a league volunteer.

David mentioned that the orange cards are to be mailed to him.

David went over the budget – budget is on file. Discussion ensued about the possibility of raising fees for the fall. A motion was made to raise the team fees to \$125.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Special Guest – Betsy Adkins asked to address the Board. Betsy started by saying she wanted to ensure that the BRCL remain strong and that the clubs that are in the BRCL need to cooperate and support each other. (coaching clinics, supporting tournaments, etc) Linda K. mentioned that we have resources through VYSA and that we need to utilize them such as coaching clinic opportunities. Linda said that Gordon Miller would come down and run sessions. Radford's May tournament was mentioned and we should support the tournament.

6. Executive Board Nominations:

Roy Lax and Debbie Smith were nominated for President. After each candidate was introduced and the Board was given their backgrounds, Roy Lax asked that his name be withdrawn for consideration. Nominations were taken from the floor and hearing none, Debbie Smith's name was on the

ballot running unopposed for President. Tom Brown of Valley AFC ran for VP of Administration unopposed as did Rick Hamsberger who consented to be the Chairperson of the Conduct Committee. Ballots were distributed and all candidates were unanimously voted in. Congratulations to all and thank you for taking on these important positions. Roy Lax consented to serve the League on the Conduct Committee – thanks to Roy!

7. New Business – Tim Horan mentioned that we need to publicize our teams' accomplishments. When a team wins a tournament, he would like to see that acknowledgement on the web-site. Discussion about how we can make improvements to the League. Betsy wants to speak to all the other Coaching Directors to see how are players can be recognized for college opportunities etc. Sandy mentioned that he was updating field standard templates.

VI. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Schumann