

Approved – Minutes – BRCL Board Meeting
May 5, 2009 -- Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members: Franklin – Rodney Jordan; Piedmont – George Self, Radford – Gene Harris; VAFC – Val Karras; Wytheville – Mark Boenke;
President – Debbie Smith; V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald;
Administrator – David James; Registrar – Linda Kemppainen; Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger; VP of Administration – Tom Brown
No Quorum at this meeting.

Guests: John Faircloth, John Singleton.

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Officer and Committee Reports

John Singleton – BRCL Representative to VYSA. Annual meeting 06/27/09. VP and Secretary positions are opened. John is aware of one person from the northern part of the State that may run for VP. US Club teams are really making a push for players. There has been some discussion regarding a Statewide league.

VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson. 145 games reported. He is looking at goal differentials. Divisions reviewed. There was one team with a goal differential of 15 goals. This team was a U12 team and could not be moved up. 12 blowouts – most of these came early in the season.

Director of Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger. Orange cards – if a parent, child or coach has had a negative report then he has contacted the club. For any referee under the age of 18, clubs should ask that a complaint be directed to the club or the coach, not the referee. If a parent/coach is sent off they are suspended for the next game. Make sure they do not attend a Sunday game if the send off was on Sat. Please let assignor's know that our director will be contacting them so that he can get information from the center referee. Sportsmanship ratings – kids are beating the parents/coaches hands down!!!

VP of Administration. – Tom Brown. No report right now. Will discuss some issues with budget information with David James.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Schumann - Operating Acct. – starting \$27,334.95 ending with \$24,547.95. Registrar's Account: \$1,965.26. Player Registrations Account: \$2,147.00 and ending with \$1,365.00.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kemppainen. 20 new players registered. Youth leagues hopes to be up and running in June. Club administrators need to make sure that the list is checked before submitting.

Secretary's Report – Suzy Sauerwald – Nothing.

Administrator's Report – David James. Next meeting is Wed. June 10. Radford has a tourney May 30 – 31st. Danville is having a tourney August 29 –30. It is a sanctioned tourney. Sportsmanship scores are now working. We are getting about a 80% return of our orange cards. Season has gone well. We have had a lot of reschedules due to rainouts. We have had about 35 rainouts. All teams have rescheduled and done well.

President's Report – Debbie Smith. This is a learning experience. She is new at it.

Special Committee Reports

Referee Liaison – None.

Guest Report

None scheduled.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings) – none.

New business:

Review of BRCL's online Sportsmanship scores and Match reports. Done – see above.

Review fall 2009 Timeline – BRCL timeline button on the BRCL website. Season begins weekend after labor day. Referee assignors have asked for field availability 2 weeks prior to the season.

Presentation of Initial 2009-2010 budget. Tom took last years budget and updated the numbers. Budget reviewed and will be distributed to club representatives.

Review of VYSA fees owed by club – there are a couple of clubs that has money due. Both clubs have been contacted and will be sending their fees in ASAP. It is not how many players you have right now but how many you had rostered at the beginning of the season.

Nomination committee for June elections – Debbie Smith would like some volunteers for this committee. Linda has volunteered. George Self has volunteered. Scott Bennett from Danville.

John Faircloth (VAFC Director of Coaching) spoke to the board regarding forming a director of coaching committee –VAFC would like to get this together. He would like to get the DOC's together 2 – 3 x a year. Propose changes to the league rules and policies. Would like to propose better ways for the BRCL to represent the clubs. Would like DOC's to attend all board meetings. We would like to support our member club tournaments. Support the ODP process. Extra training, more players to be seen.

DOC's to become a non-voting voice and attendee at our BRCL meetings.

Review of new BRCL website – New website. David James will be working on this. He wants it more club oriented.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Summer program: US Club team. Offered to all clubs in the Blue Ridge. Trying to make a U17 girls and boys team. Go to college showcase tournaments.

Adjournment

8:50 p.m.