

BRCL Board Meeting
June 10, 2009 Minutes
Unapproved

Call to Order: 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members: Kevin Cole, Alleghany; Steve Gordon, Amherst; Val Karras, VAFC; Josh Jones, Salem; Gene Harris, Radford; Otis Chambers, Freedom; Mike Wilkerson, PASA; George Self, Piedmont. Quorum determined.

President – Debbie Smith; V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson; Treasurer – Joan Schumann; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald; Administrator – David James; Registrar – Linda Kemppainen; Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger; VP of Adm. - Tom Brown

Guests: John Singleton, John Faircloth (VAFC), Kathy Harris (Radford); Steve Karras (VAFC Alternate).

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes: March 10, May 5, 2009 minutes. Motion to approve March and May minutes. 2nd. Approved.

Officer and Committee Reports:

BRCL Rep. To VYSA – John Singleton. Nomination slate for VYSA. We need to discuss who we would like for David James, as our representative, to vote at the VYSA meeting. David will email the resumes to the board members and they are to let David know who they want him to vote for on behalf of BRCL. We will call for an e-vote by 7:00 p.m. on 06/24/09.

VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson. 178 games played in the spring 2009. The representative for the clubs need to know about their teams so that the competition committee can assign a team in the right place. There were a couple of places where a team could have gone in a different division and not have goal differentials of as high as we did this spring. Out of the 7 divisions this spring 7 different clubs won their divisions. Out of the 7 divisions this spring 9 different clubs were either champions or runner's up.

Director of Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger. Sportsmanship – if the parents/players are not behaving the club will be notified. There has been one send off this spring. He would like to talk to the assignor when this happens so that he can get the name of the center referee. If the center referee is under 18, a parent will be asked to be present.

VP of Administration. – Tom Brown. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Schumann - Operating Acct. – starting \$27,334.05 ending with \$23,455.05. Registrar's Account: \$1,965.26. Player Registrations Account: \$2,147.00 and ending with \$1,560.00.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kemppainen. Youth Leagues is up and running. Clubs are able to register. Player pass cards were handed out tonight – they are new. They will not allow the old cards to be used. If you have had players sign already they will have to get rid of the old cards and sign new ones. By July 1, 2009 each club needs to email Linda with the club contact who will be the contact with the registrar. All paperwork should be complete when it goes to the registrar.

Secretary's Report – Suzy Sauerwald – Minutes for March and May have been approved. Nothing further.

Administrator's Report – David James. Kidsafe is up and running. Lee Boehling is being recognized as being our Conduct Chair for 3 years. He is presented with a plaque. Gene Harris will deliver to Lee. There were many rainouts this spring but the managers handled it well. Sportsmanship standings are online. Sportsmanship standings were overall very good. The U12G division had lower sportsmanship scores than other divisions. Orange cards – 86% were mailed to BRCL. That is a good launching point. A copy of the proposed budget is presented to the board.

David is designing a new BRCL website to emphasize successes of our clubs, players, teams and coaches. We had a lot of players and teams advance to the semi-finals or finals in the State and they should be recognized.

President's Report – Debbie Smith. Nothing to report.

Special Committee Reports -- None.

Guest Report – None.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings)

Discussion regarding the future of BRCL. What are we going to do to keep it strong and help it grow? Projected teams for the next season are requested. David is asking the clubs to send him a projection of this fall's teams. We would like to market our clubs in BRCL. We need to support each other in tournaments.

New business:

- a. Voting for BRCL Executive Board positions – Contact from a club that was concerned about the slate not being published 10 days prior to the meeting. Motion for a waiver to allow the slate to be accepted without the 10 days. 2nd. Discussion: VAFC is concerned that the slate was not presented and that all member clubs could not discuss with their boards. During the discussion it was noted that BRCL is directed in the by-laws, Article IV, Section 4, that the slate is to be presented 10 days prior to the meeting.

This motion is withdrawn.

The slate is open for nominations. The slate is as follows: President – Debbie Smith; VP of Administration – Tom Brown; VP of Operations – Sandy Patterson; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald; Treasurer – Joan Schumann; Chairperson of Conduct Committee – Rick Harnsberger.

Discussion: VAFC is concerned about members not being affiliated with member clubs are sitting on the executive board. Steve Gordon asked who the present executive board members are affiliated with and the responses were – Rick Harnsberger – VAFC; Tom Brown – VAFC; Sandy Patterson – Rke. Star; Joan Schumann – LUS; Debbie Smith – Franklin County; Suzy Sauerwald – VAFC. Motion to hold floor open for nominations for positions on the Executive board thru June 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Slate will be presented on June 21, 2009. E-voting will occur on June 30, 2009 by 7:00 p.m. A 2nd is made.

Roll call vote: Unanimous vote.

- b. **Review/approve 2009-10 budget.** Budget is presented. Budget can be adjusted for 2 registrars that were dismissed. Office supplies, computer expenses David watches and tries not to use as much as budgeted. Motion and 2nd to accept budget. Unanimous vote.
- c. Award of spring 2009 division championship patches. David presented to the clubs.
- d. Giles United Soccer Club (Scott Keaton) out of Pearisburg, VA is interested in joining BRCL – Fall 2009/Spring 2010. Pearisburg is located 40 minutes from I81 exit 118 (Christiansburg) via 460 West. Scott Keaton is meeting with his board. BRCL is interested in their membership and will await paperwork. An e-vote will take place if they meet the requirements so they can be accepted for fall play.

Miscellaneous announcements

Steve Gordon, Amherst – Their club is struggling with getting volunteers. He wants to know how do other clubs handle getting help? Can anything be written up on how the other clubs market and obtain volunteers and once they have them what they get them to do?

Adjournment
8:50 p.m.