

September 1, 2009

Call to Order: 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members: Ric Woerner, Amherst; Val Karras, VAFC; Tim Horan, Salem; Gene Harris, Radford; Jeff Simpson, FSC Galaxy; Scott Bennett – Danville; Mike Wilkerson, PASA;

President – Otis Chambers

V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson

Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald

Administrator – David James

Registrar – Linda Kempainen

Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger

VP of Administration – Tom Brown

Treasurer – Nicki Drew

Guests: John Faircloth

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Motion to Approve, 2nd – all in favor – approved.

Guest Report:

Introduction of Guests: John Faircloth met with DOC's. Suggestions:

The Academy would like to have a place on the BRCL website to have a listing of play dates - who is looking for friendlies and sharing of ideas. Regarding conduct scores on website: The DOC's are recommending that the scores be open to BRCL Admin. staff only. Sent to DOC's, Presidents, BRCL Representatives, and Board Members and club travel director. The DOC's are also recommending a reduction of no play dates. DOC's have discussed supporting each other for coaching education. VAFC will be having a D and E course in late January and early February – wants to include any and all clubs. DOC's discussed supporting each other's tournaments. DOC's discussed planning for Blue Ridge Classic team.

Linda has asked that we appoint this as a committee so that we are following our policies and procedures. Tom Brown makes the motion to add this ad hoc committee. The board has 2nd it. Discussion. Director of Coaches – Ad Hoc Committee.

All attended member clubs voted yes. Executive board – all vote yes. Approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson. Competition committee met. Group has tried to get teams in the right division.

Director of Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger. Inactive during the summer. Season is starting. Has pulled in some committee members.

VP of Administration. – Tom Brown. Came in with 71 teams this fall. We will most likely have a slight shortfall in the budget in the spring due to the loss of some of the teams; however, our expenses have also dropped. Should not impact us drastically.

Treasurer's Report – Nicki Drew - Operating Acct. –\$26,956.77. Registrar's Account: \$1,965.26. Player Registrations Account: \$1,586.00.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kempainen.

The league voted for Joe Greenburg for VYSA. BRCL Fall 2009 has a total number of boys teams 40, total number of girls teams 31. Total clubs – 11. Registration of teams went very well. If a club has not paid, it needs to be paid. The fees have gone up to \$14.00 beginning next year.

Secretary's Report – Suzy Sauerwald – Minutes were read and approved.

Administrator's Report – David James. Website has information to try to help parents, players. Currently has an offsidess informational video to educate that law. Field schedules are available, team schedules, club contacts. Phone in scores still go in very quickly – many times entered at the field. Game change goes to the field coordinator and both managers, as well as assignor. Some divisions have play-offs to round up their seasons, ones that have 4 teams in it. Refer to U12 boys for reference, if interested.

President's Report – Otis Chambers. Season is beginning. Will move on – nothing to report other than taking care of business.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings) None.

New business:

Discuss reduction of No Play Dates. Goal for the future is to have all teams traveling to one place one day. Also, shorten the season and then reduce the no play dates. Issues include homecoming, school events. Proposal is to reduce it to 2 no play dates.

Discussion regarding not posting sportsmanship scores on BRCL standings. Rather having the administration reported to. Some clubs really enforce sportsmanship with their parents by showing it on the websites. Discussion leads to the question – should we have them on the website, yes or no, and if no, then, how do we do it.

Motion that we take the sportsmanship scores off the BRCL standings website beginning fall 2009 season by replacing it with an excel spreadsheet distributed to the DOC's, club representatives, and BRCL board. Motion 2nd.

Discussion. Do we have an entry person?

Voice Vote: Amherst – Yes. Danville – No. Freedom – Yes. PASA – Yes. Radford – Yes. Salem – Yes. VAFC – Yes. Rick Harnsberger – No. Tom Brown – Yes. Nicole Drew – Yes. Suzy Sauerwald – Yes. Sandy Paterson – Yes. Linda Kempainen– Yes.

Can we pay scorekeeper to enter data? \$100.00 - Fall season. David James is named scorekeeper. Voice vote: All executive board members and member clubs voted yes.

Proposal - Add an Academy page to BRCL's website listing play dates and more.
Motion, 2nd, approved by all.

Teams play by the rules stated in the division age group. This is more a reminder.

BRCL Committee appointed to develop a 5 year plan. How can we be proactive rather than be defensive. How do we put this together? Motion that a committee be formed for a 5 year planning committee. 2nd. Discussion: where are the people going to come from? Ask each club to provide a name to Otis as to who would be interested and could add to this committee. Each club should have their committee member's names and contact information to Otis Chambers by **October 1, 2009**.

Voice Vote: All agreed.

Discussion regarding Radford hosting the U18 Girls Gold division playoff on October 31. Radford is more than willing to host it. There is a charge by Radford University to host the teams – Radford will absorb the cost. VAFC and Salem will split the cost of the referee fees.

Proposals for Change of Bylaws, Rules & Procedures. None.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Next meeting December 1, 2009 at 6:30, Tuesday, at the Roanoke County Library.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.