

Juneau Soccer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Thunder Mountain HS Library



Call to Order @ 6:40 pm

Members Present: Rusty Scudder, Glenn Walton, Christy Odum, Tom Paul, Carl Ferlauto, Nick Lyons, Marty McKeown. Quorum present. Also attending, Director of Coaching Matt Dusenberry and Alexander Hoke, AYSA Representative

Approval of agenda - Approved

Approval of March 1, 2010 minutes - Not available – no action

Public comment/guest presentations - None

Reports

Treasurer – The Board unanimously approved Christy Odum as a co-signer on U15G Gale Force bank account. Nick has not been able to get updated membership or budget numbers from our very busy bookkeeper so he passed out last month's budget info for use in discussing Whitehorse funding and other issues. JSC membership totaled 304 as of Feb. 25, the first year it has exceeded 300 in club history.

Development Committee – Carl reported on the 3v3 Spring Break World Cup tournament. It was a great success. 104 players aged 7-14 participated, 30% were non-club members. Reactions were very positive from players and families with many pleased that club appears to be more inclusive. JSC made \$1,993 profit on the tournament. There were 25-30 business sponsors of teams. The 2010 U.S. Census was the major sponsor and paid for all the t-shirts. Carl will put together 3v3 organizing manual for producing future tournaments. He would like to see 2 3v3 tournaments held each year, possibly in the fall and late winter. The Board thanked Carl for his work as tournament director.

Fundraising Committee – Goal Cards were finally distributed after long delay in getting them from the printer. Susan Sloss volunteered to be club coordinator and will also sell cards from the Juneau Arts and Culture Center office. As of now 604 cards had been passed out to teams. We need to sell 870 minimum to recoup the cost of printing (\$870). The Board decided to extend the sales period 2 weeks to May 1 to make up for the delay in getting the cards. So far we have had positive feedback on the deals offered on the card.

AYSA – Alex Hoke reported on the Alaska Youth Soccer Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting held in mid March. Members agreed it was one of the more productive AGMs. AYSA name has been shortened to AYS (Alaska Youth Soccer). Total number of AYS board members was reduced by 2 to be more manageable, but voting power of regions remains equivalent to the number of members in each region. The AYS mission statement was revised and it was an instructive exercise. An executive session meeting was held with Cook Inlet Soccer Club recreation group to try to determine why they left AYS. CISC move was based primarily on cost and the feeling that AYS offered little support to their organization. AYS is trying to improve communication with member clubs. Board members for JSC expressed satisfaction with AYS support and response to our issues and concerns. Another major issue discussed at the AYS AGM was referee shortage. This has been overlooked by all districts. AYS would like local clubs to brainstorm how to improve referee situation. A major factor impeding referee hiring and retention is abuse from coaches, players and fans. Many potential referees don't sign up because they do not want to suffer the verbal abuse they are often subjected to. AYS would like parents to police their

own teams' fans and eliminate abuse of referees. The Board thanked Alexander for attending the meeting and representing JSC at the state organization.

Competitive Team Committee – The Board held a lengthy discussion on the cost of travel for the Whitehorse Exchange. This year JSC has only one plane-load of girls' teams players traveling to WH while there are 2 plane-loads of WH boys coming here. Consequently, JSC has approx. 40 empty northbound RT charter seats to pay for. Our share of total charter flights is approx. \$15,000. Last year with a more favorable exchange rate for the Canadian dollar, we filled both planes and were able to have boys' travel cost to about \$150. In previous years, traveling players have borne the entire cost of the WH trip, but that would mean a cost of over \$400 per player now and a number of players would likely drop out at that price worsening the cost situation. Offering vacant seats to the general public for several days has not been successful so far. If all 80 seats were filled, per seat cost is estimated to be \$215. The Board decided to charge \$225 per seat for girls' teams traveling to WH, and assess a \$25 per player tournament fee for boys playing WH. Both fees are comparable to those charged in past years for travel and local play. Players are urged to take advantage of Goal Card fundraiser to help pay the fees. JSC will need to pay the balance, estimated at about \$4,500 from club funds.

Director of Coaching – CBJ field request results are not ideal. We received 160 hours that we didn't request and will not use. It was suggested it may be more advantageous to the club to purchase TMHS and Downtown Turf field hours from community schools rather than pay CBJ for hours we don't use. We need a subcommittee to approach the city on a way to get better field hours. Tuesday and Wednesday skills clinics for u8/u9, u10/u11, u12/u13, and u14/u15 are in Floyd Dryden gym because the FH is not available. It is possible those may be able to move to TMHS gym. The Board approved hiring Alaska Coerver to run a JSC team camp in June. Cost will be \$125 per player for 10 hours of instruction. A minimum of 12 players per team is needed. Dates would be June 12-16. No financial risk to club because Coerver will not come if we don't have at least 12 players. Travel team tryout dates will be Sunday April 25 and Saturday and Sunday May 1 and 2. Club needs to advertise the tryout dates beginning 10 days prior. 3 of 5 Alaska indoor soccer teams won gold Ulus at the Arctic Winter Games in March. Juneau players were well represented on all AWG teams. All JSC players in the ODP pool were selected for the Alaska regional teams.

New Business

Volunteer requirement proposal – Rusty proposed that each competitive team be required to furnish one volunteer a year to help with organizing events, fundraisers, and other club business throughout the year. This would help make it easier to find people to help with club tasks in a timely manner. The Board members were generally favorable to the idea and agreed to develop details on how this would actually work.

CBJ field schedule for summer – Discussed during DOC report.

New tournament request – Glenn passed around a request from AWARE that we hold a tournament at the same time as the state HS championship tournament to focus on positive adult child relationships. Glenn said he would look further into what was actually being proposed.

Old Business

Coach first aid training – Glenn said he has found a way coaches will be able to get free first aid training at a date sometime soon. He will follow up on it and let us know dates.

Adjournment @ 9:05 pm.