

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

April 9, 2007

D'zantiki Heeni Middle School Language Room

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Board members present were Tom Lawson, Margaret Tharp, Peter Ord, Nick Lyons, Jean Mischel, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, and Jamie Waste.

Others in attendance were: Colin Barton Director of Coaching, Alexander Hoke AYSA representative

Approval of March 5, 2007 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer/Registrar – Club membership is up 9 compared to this time last year on the High School teams, down 23 from last year in the middle school ages, and down 10 in the elementary ages. Amy asked if the board would support JSC applying to the Alaska School Athletic Association (ASAA) to hold the state high school soccer championships in Juneau. Although the ASAA wants cities to host for 3 successive years, we could apply for just one of the 3 and see how it goes. Deadline for application is April 24. Margaret agreed to help Amy with the application and getting information on hotel rooms, rental cars and housing for visiting teams. The board supported applying to hold the championships sometime in the next 3 years.

Amy needed to leave early to represent the board at a forum regarding athletic teams and the new high school. The board had a lengthy discussion on the issue of 1 high school soccer team or 2, and what its preference is if 2 separate high schools is the option chosen by the school district. A shortage both of money and playing room are the issues facing all high school sports in town. The board decided that currently JSC finances and fundraising can provide the money to support only 1 school's varsity teams. Philosophically however, we support having 2 teams if there are 2 schools. We need and want an additional outdoor turf field for soccer use. The board also believes the school district needs to financially support more interscholastic sports than it does now.

Competitive Teams Committee – The board formally approved Andrea Cariotti as the new coach for U11 girls. A draft schedule for tryouts was decided on and has been posted. They will be the weekends of April 21-22 and 28-29. It was decided that those weekends would be recruiting sessions rather than tryouts for the U13 girls team that has low numbers. On the mixed-gender team tryouts issue, there is no prohibition in JSC policies for having mixed gender teams. Consequently, the CTC recommended that as long as a player (girl) does not have a team of their own gender and age to tryout for, or is not able to play up, they should be able to try out for a boys' team of the appropriate age. A number of board members expressed disagreement with the idea of allowing girls to play on boys' teams if boys do not also have the option of playing on girls' teams. The issue was tabled for further discussion at another time.

Program Development Committee – The committee has not met since the last board meeting because of spring break vacations and jury duty.

Fundraising Committee – Peter said we were unable to get sponsorship the Spring Fever tournament. Raffle tickets need to be turned in. The drawing is in 3 days in the HS commons.

Communications Committee – The newsletter will be posted to the web soon.

JDHS Committee – Information on the Spring Fever tournament is posted on the web. The girls' teams will play Wheatridge High School from Colorado and Colony. The boys' teams will play teams from Cheyenne, Wyoming and South Anchorage. The board discussed whether to give pins and patches to the out-of-state teams as souvenirs. We decided to give them Alaska pins rather than club pins.

AYSA – Alex Hoke reported that the next AYSA board meeting is later in the month and said he will pursue with them having consolation games at the state tournament and/or a hotline for friendly games. Board members suggested he emphasize the consolation games first.

Old business

Whitehorse exchange – All planning is going well. Local referees will be paid \$15/game.

Community schools has given its okay for concessions at the games.

Club team tryouts - See above

6 v 6 League volunteers – No time for discussion

Board elections and transition between seasons – No time for discussion

New business

2007 Competitive season – See info on tryouts above.

Coach evaluation feedback form – No time for discussion.

Club team websites – As a board policy on this has been slow to develop and at least one team (U15 B Jambaars) is eager to put a website together, the board decided to let teams go ahead with website development and deal with any problems if they arise.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Major board actions:

- Approved applying to the ASAA to hold high school state championships in Juneau one of the next 3 years.
- With regard to 2 high schools - Decided that currently JSC finances and fundraising can provide the money to support only 1 high school's varsity teams. Philosophically however, we support having 2 teams if there are 2 schools. An additional outdoor turf field is needed for soccer use and the Juneau School District needs to financially support more sports than it does now.