



Juneau Soccer Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 5, 2008 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dzantiki Heeni Middle School Library

Call to Order: Tom Paul called the meeting to order at 6:40. All board members present with the exception of Dave Newton and Marty McKeown. Alexander Hoke was also present.

Approval of April 7, 2008 minutes

Public comment/guest presentations:

None

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Nick reported that the budget overall looks good. Tom reported that the Youth Activity Board only approved about a \$15,500 grant compared to our request of \$28,000. Another \$10,000 would be awarded to us if the CBJ Assembly approves a \$100,000 increase in YAB grant funding. Board members are urged to talk to assembly members they know to convince them to approve the increase.

Competitive Team Committee – Jean reported that April tryouts went well with 10 to 12 new players joining the club. The U12 Boys team are short one traveling player for Zane Cup. The coach requested a U11 player be allowed to tryout for the team. The CTC decided that the player can tryout only if all U11 boys are also allowed to tryout.

AYSA – Alexander reported that AYSA is looking at different online registration system because the previously approved one is not working well. US Youth Soccer has decided that runners up teams at Regional tournaments will play in a Director's Cup tournament. The AYSA Board is trying to take a hard line on state comp team policies and is resisting granting waivers for most cases. The AYSA is encouraging more coaches in Alaska to get their A license. In that regard they are fronting Matt Dusenberry \$1,000 for work he will do later as help toward getting his A. There is difficulty recruiting young referees for soccer in Alaska because of poor and hostile behavior of fans and coaches. Most young people don't want to deal with the hostile game environments.

Old Business

Whitehorse review – Peter reported a successful tournament although there were a few games that did not have referees. Some young referees were traveling with the HS teams and so weren't in town. Referee cost for the tournament was \$585. Not all girls' teams who traveled have reimbursed the club for travel costs yet. The fieldhouse has been booked for the first weekend in April next year. We will need to insist on that date when scheduling with Whitehorse next winter.

Summer tournament/camp and 6v6 needs – Peter said that the 6v6 tournament is scheduled for May 29-31. It will be free, open to all, and informal with teams made up on the spot from players who show up. Teams will be reshuffled after every game. Peter will try to get T-shirts ordered if we can get GCI and others to sponsor. Matt has about 6 teams from Whitehorse and maybe Ketchikan lined up for a summer tournament the first weekend in June. The club will try to get corporate support for this to pay referees. Referee cost is estimated at \$1,000.

New business

Sponsoring CCSL girls team – John Newell requested the club sponsor a girls' team in the summer adult league. The club ended support of CCSL teams a couple of years ago to address a budget shortfall. After discussion over possible club liability for injuries and also giving equal support to a boys' team if asked, the board approved a \$200 donation to help with a girls' team registration fee and an equal

amount if a boys' team requests support. However neither team can use the JSC name as it is not an official club team.

HS refund policy – Several HS players have quit the program and a few have inquired about refunds of club membership and participation fees. The board discussed what timing and circumstances would be appropriate for granting refunds. Nick will write up a refund policy for the board to consider next meeting.

School district contract – The school district has asked us to renew/approve the club contract with them for HS soccer for next year. However, the board decided that a contract for the 2008-09 school year is bound to be different than this year and we cannot negotiate a contract until we know what funding the district is prepared to give to soccer.

Form club restructuring subcommittee – Tom P. suggested the board set up a subcommittee to look at ways to restructure the club budget so that HS and Development/Comp team programs are separate. Tom R. said that because the Goal Keepers Club is taking over management of the HS program it should be the one to figure out the HS fees, budget, and fundraising needs. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the GKC with Tom R. and Peter would come up with a HS program budget, and other board members – Tom P., Nick and others – would work out what the Developmental/Comp budget and fee structure would look like. Once the 2 groups have developed some scenarios, we will send them out to the general membership for feedback.

Other Reports/Business – No time was available for other reports or business

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Major actions or decisions

- The club will donate \$200 each to one girls and one boys team of club members that want to join the CCSL adult league. The teams may not use the JSC name however.
- The GKC will take on restructuring of the HS program budget and a separate group will work out a budget for the developmental/comp team program over the early summer months.