

**Juneau Soccer Club**  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
August 4, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Thunder Mountain High School



**Call to Order** – Tom Paul called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Board members present were Margaret Tharp, Jean Mischel, Nick Lyons, Glenn Walton, and Tom Rutecki. Those absent were Dave Newton and Marty McKeown. Matt Dusenberry, Director of Coaching and Alexander Hoke, AYSA representative were also present. Krista Heard, Valerie Williams, and Kris Coffee were present.

Agenda was approved.  
Minutes of May 5, 2009 were approved.

**Public comment/guest presentations** – Kris Coffee, new coach of the Thunder Mt. HS girls soccer team, asked for clarification of the relationship between JSC and the JDHS Goal Keepers Club soccer booster club. Tom P. responded that the plan is that as of the beginning of the 2009-2010 season, JSC will be totally separate in formal organization and financially from the GKC. JSC's relationship with a TMHS booster club would be identical to the one it has with GKC.

### **Reports**

Treasurer – Nick reported that fees from membership are on budget. Uncollected fees for the year total \$1,200 which is less than the \$2,000 expected. Pull tabs monthly revenues have slacked off, but that is probably due to seasonal slow down. Nick said that the proposal to move the JSC raffle to the Fall should be put on the agenda for the upcoming budget meeting. Christy Odum volunteered to help with a Fall raffle.

Director of Coaching – Matt reported on Zane Cup results. Our teams did well. U12G did not advance to semis due to 5<sup>th</sup> tie breaker being based on team to register first for tourney. U13G did not go to WH as planned –too few players to travel. U13B went to WH but had low numbers. U14G went to a tournament in Oregon then to a camp. U14-15B went to a camp in Oregon then a tournament. Very hot. U16B went to a tournament in Colorado but were put in the Elite bracket – played some top national teams. Did not win any games but got good experience. U16B, U16G, and U17B will go to State Cup. ODP regional camps were good but experienced some organizational problems for some ages. SAQ camp in June had 22 kids attend instead of the expected 40.

At coaches' meeting in June, younger age group coaches said they need more support from the club –e.g. user-friendly handouts about who to call with club questions and how to apply for tournaments, etc. Juggling club needs about \$200 more to secure prizes for top jugglers.

Competitive Team Committee – Discussion of the situation of a U17B request for Jackson Lehnhart to play up 2 age groups for state cup. DOC has agreed player has ability to play at the U17 age group. U16B also could use an additional player at state cup. Some board members want to rewrite current policy to give youngest team priority for selecting player when two teams need a player for a tournament at the same time. Decision was delayed to a later meeting.

U17B and U14-15B team/coach/chaperoning issues and policies. There was a lengthy discussion of the 2 coach/team issues this summer. Both teams had incidents of player insubordination with respect to coaches. Krista described the circumstances of the U14-15B problem and her account was corroborated by Valerie Williams, a chaperone. Two players

refused to take part in the final tournament game and walked off the field before the game. The team continued the game short-handed. Other behavior issues bedeviled the team during its trip, some of which warranted suspension. Coach Krista refrained from suspending players because there would have been too few players to field a team. She also felt a lack of support from some of the chaperones. The combined team was necessary because there were not enough players from each age group willing to travel to field age specific teams.

After an early summer practice, some U17B team members announced they did not want Alexander Hoke to be their coach. In subsequent parent-coach and team meetings and a CTC meeting, parents and board members expressed full support for Alexander continuing as coach. Players were told at the team meeting that their actions were wrong and disrespectful, and that they did not have the authority to decide who was to be their coach. However, feeling he had lost support of the team, and that he was unable to suspend the insubordinate players, Alexander decided to resign.

Board discussion covered: how to discipline players who cause problems for coaches; what process should be followed if players or parents have problems with coaches; and how to avoid repeat of these situations in the future.

One solution proposed was a club Code of Conduct listing what is expected from players, parents, and coaches that would be need to be signed by all club members upon registration. A clear, written complaint procedure and discipline guidelines were also suggested. Coaches need ability to hand out discipline and consequences to players causing trouble. At the same time, players need to be shown how they can come back after suspension or other consequences. How to deal with player problems on teams of low numbers when suspension or dismissal will affect ability of entire team to travel is a major concern. It was agreed that coaches and parents need to deal with potential player problems before teams travel rather than have to deal with them on the road. Christy O. agreed to draft a club Code of Conduct and discipline guidelines for consideration during the next meeting.

AYSA – No report.

### **New business**

DPFH use and rental issues – Final field house schedule is being ironed out. With late start to HS school day, FH is not available after school for HS ATP. Some discussions of possible alternatives such as Saturday ATP sessions or early morning sessions but no decisions until we

Set dates for 2009-2010 season budget development – August 18,19 or 24, 25 suggested. Will make final choice after State Cup.

Set date and format for AGM meeting in September – tentatively set for Sept. 26. A potluck was suggested to hopefully attract more members.

New board member recruitment drive – Board members were urged to contact prospective new members. At least 3, possibly 4 current board members will not seek another term.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm