

Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting
September 13, 2007
D'zantiki Heeni Middle School Library
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Board members present were Margaret Tharp, Peter Ord, Nick Lyons, Tom Lawson, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, Jean Mischel, and Jamie Waste.

Others in attendance were: Director of Coaching Colin Barton and Matt Dusenberry

Approval of July 2, 2007 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Deferred to budget discussion

Director of Coaching Report – Colin reported on the Zane and State Cup tournaments. The U12 boys and girls teams went to Zane and the girls reached the semi-finals. Five boys teams and only 2 girls teams attended state. Only the U15 Jambaars reached the semi-finals but several other teams came very close. Generally, the teams that did the best had the biggest rosters. The board should protest the “most goals scored” method used at the tournament to determine which team advances when point totals are the same. It caused dominant teams to run up the score and keep first string players in as long as possible. “It is not soccer.” The Kenai fields were excellent and the Kenai club were good hosts. The board asked Tom Paul to send a letter to the Kenai club thanking them for a good tournament.

Competitive Team Committee – Jean reported on the recent CTC meeting. The CTC approved six team coaching applications received to date. Two were submitted by Matt Dusenberry. Approval of Matt's applications was contingent on changing the coaching policy to allow the Director of Coaching to coach competitive teams. The CTC also:

- approved the Katie Tarver “playing up” petition at that time.
- reviewed a coaching letter drafted by Matt that we expected to go to all coaches upon approval.

Jean reported that we expect to have all coaching spots filled by the end of the month and Matt is recruiting assistant coaches. She also noted we need a new scheduler since Tom Lawson is not able to continue doing that.

Old business

Annual membership meeting – The AGM is scheduled for Sunday September 23, 4-6 pm at the DZ library. Approval of the FY 2008 budget and election of new board members will be the main agenda items. Amy will present the budget and explain it. Tom Paul will be responsible for printing the ballots and running the election. Five board seats are up for re-election. Jamie, Amy, and Tom L. will not run again. Jean and Margaret will run. The board brainstormed possible candidates for the new board and collectively agreed to continue to seek willing candidates.

New season activities and assignments – Jamie and Margaret will do the publicity for the new season startup October 1. We agreed to try to get an ad on one of the movie screens in town as well as the newspaper. Nick will handle updating of website documents including a new registration form. Peter has scheduled the fall Litter Free cleanup fund raiser for October 13, 11-1 pm. Matt has talked to MS coaches and teams about soccer club. Tom Lawson reported that he has booked gyms for the whole indoor season through December. Managers, coaches, board members and the registrar should be at practices the first 2 weekends of the season to help with questions and registration. The board decided to add the U10 age group to its development program for the season and asked the CTC and the new DOC to work out the specifics.

6 v 6 – The tournament is scheduled for Sundays Sept. 16 and 26 at Adair-K for elementary and middle school and downtown turf field for HS. It will be an informal event with teams chosen on the spot. Volunteers are needed. Both middle school coaches are supportive and talking it up and Myiia Whistler at Parks and Rec sent out an email announcement for it to all those registered for P&R teams.

Crab feed – Peter reported that the Tlingit-Haida hall at Salmon Creek has been reserved for Oct 20 for a “Juneau Soccer Club Community Crab Feed” to serve as a big event fund raiser for the club. A committee to plan the event needs to be assembled. Margaret, Tom P., and Glenn volunteered for the committee.

New business

Policy for coaching more than one team – Matt D. would like to coach 2 competitive teams this season. Current board policies discourage coaching more than one team and also prohibit the Director of Coaching from coaching a competitive team. After a discussion of the best approach to resolve the issue, the board voted to clarify the wording on the 2 team policy in Section 5.7.1 of the club policies to allow coaching 2 teams if the CTC finds there is no disadvantage to either team. In addition, the board voted to delete the prohibition on the DOC coaching competitive teams from Section 5.2 of the club policies.

CBJ/P&R Adair spring access – Jamie and Tom P. reported on their recent meeting with city Parks and Recreation staff about the earliest time in the spring we can count on access to the Adair-Kennedy turf field for HS home games. We asked that P&R make the commitment have the field in game condition, snow-free, by April 1 each year because of the difficulty of getting other teams to come to Juneau in May. P&R said they could not guarantee that and do not want to because seasonal staff do not come on until mid-April and the overtime costs of \$12,000 it paid last year to clear the field are prohibitively high. We discussed some options at the meeting but came to no final agreement. P&R will send a policy out soon to field users. We will try to schedule home soccer games after May 1 but whether successful or not will contact P&R with booked dates as soon as possible. We also agreed to hold joint meeting to discuss field condition each March 10 at the beginning of the HS soccer season.

Registrar replacement – Paul Bertholl will not be continuing as club registrar. Tom P. agreed to search for a replacement. Board members suggested names of possible candidates.

Other Reports

No other reports

07/08 budget discussion

The board had a lengthy discussion of the proposed budget and after making some adjustments, approved an approximately \$165,430 annual budget. Because of apparent declining membership in middle school and elementary ages and expected cost increases in high school travel and indoor field time when the Dimond Park field house opens in 2008, the budget will require a fees increase to the fundraising portion of members’ fees and an increase in the family fees ceiling. In addition, the proceeds from the upcoming Crab Feed fundraiser will be used to offset some of the FY07 budget deficit of about \$7,000. The board collectively recognized the need to increase fundraising efforts especially with regard to corporate donations and will focus on improved fund raising during the coming year.

Miscellaneous

Departing board members were recognized and thanked by all for their excellent service to the club in their roles on the board – Jamie Waste for his service as board chair, Amy Skilbred for establishing order and reorganizing the club finances as treasurer, Tom Lawson for serving in the time-consuming role of club scheduler.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Major board actions:

- Decided to add the U10 age group to the development program.
- Changed club policies to allow the DOC to coach competitive teams and to coach more than one comp team if the CTC determines that neither team will be disadvantaged.
- Approved a proposed budget that includes fee increases to present to the membership at the Annual General Membership meeting.