

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

June 4, 2007

D'zantiki Heeni Library

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Board members present were Tom Lawson, Margaret Tharp, Peter Ord, Nick Lyons, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, and Jamie Waste.

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

Approval of May 2, 2007 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer/Registrar – Amy went through the current financial report (through May 31) provided by bookkeeper Vickie Williams. The current projection is that the club will be \$10,000 in the red this season. Fundraising is below the budgeted estimated although the club has raised more this year than before. The primary shortfall is in corporate donations. Membership numbers are down in the lower ages but membership income is only \$500 less than budget. The board discussed what to do about the shortfall. Two likely solutions were to make a renewed effort to raise corporate and business donations especially from “summer businesses”, and to hold a “Big Event” fundraiser in the fall. Peter suggested a crab feed for the big event. Board members were asked to commit to working on one or the other approach in the coming months.

Director of Coaching – Preparations are going well for the competitive season. Speaking as a co-coach of the HS girls, Colin said this was an extremely successful season, perhaps the most successful of all. It included out-of-state travel for the girls for the first time where they found they could compete with anyone. An unfortunate aspect of the season was ACL injuries to 2 girls. On the other hand, more freshmen competed on the varsity than in the past and the JV team is strong. He described the season overall as “very, very pleasing.”

AYSA – Alex Hoke reported on the latest AYSA teleconference. Most of the teleconference was taken up with discussion of the new U10 Comp Team policies. It appears some clubs in the state are eager to start U10 programs and want guidance. Alex described some of the features of the policy and asked if JSC had any feedback. As it is unlikely JSC will form U10 competitive teams the board has little to say at this time, although we did ask that the 100 mile limit on travel be dropped as arbitrary and unworkable for Southeast Alaska. In regard to consolation games at the state tournament, Alex reported the tournament committee is favorable to the idea, but holding consolation games depends on how many teams sign up for them. Board members suggested that if the tournament schedules consolation games, teams will sign up.

Scheduler/Diamond Park Field House – Tom Lawson reported that there is nothing new since last meeting regarding the field house. All seems to be on schedule. He said scheduling for the downtown turf field is not easy because of summer staff reductions at the community schools office and accommodating all coaches’ requests for extra practice time. Other uses have scheduled the field Monday-Wednesday nights. The board directed him to schedule 3 90-minute practice sessions each Thursday and Friday evening (4:30-9:00) and make them available to competitive teams.

Old business

Tryouts: U13 girls – The U13 girls team has no coach and too few players to be functional. In order to give the 4 current U13 girls opportunity to practice and scrimmage, the board decided after a lengthy discussion to combine the U13 and U14 girls’ teams for the balance of the season if John Newell, coach of the U14 girls, is willing to continue to run combined practices. This would be effective for the balance of the year only with a new attempt at recruiting more players in the fall. Board members reiterated the need for the board to discuss and review policies and practices for all age group teams at length in the near future.

6 v 6 – The tournament has been a success so far, with at least 140 kids participating in the elementary and middle school age groups. Two things that may have contributed to the success (besides good

weather) are a consolidated schedule and no fees for participation. Club costs were \$1,600 for t-shirts and \$408 for movie passes. A goal was broken and needs replacement. The board agreed that holding another 6v6 tourney in the fall may help with recruiting for the new season. Tentative dates of Sept 22-23 were selected for a short tournament.

New business

2007 outdoor competitive season – No discussion

Board transition and recruitment – A poll of existing board members whose seats are up for reelection in the fall suggested that none would continue on the board. They and other board members were encouraged to recruit new board candidates.

DOC transition and training request – Matt Dusenberry has asked if the club would contribute to paying for his attending a Director of Coaching diploma course in late July. After discussion, the board agreed it was a good idea for the incoming DOC to attend such training. The board voted to contribute \$1,000 for the training. In compensation, \$1,000 will be pulled from next year's high school coaches' training budget. Jamie will contact Matt about his availability this summer to meet with board members and discuss his program ideas for the upcoming season.

Webpage corporate sponsorship – No time for discussion.

Coach evaluation feedback form – No time for discussion.

Membership survey – No time for discussion

Draft letter to school board – Amy reported that JYFL, Juneau Ice Association (hockey), and the Rebounders Club (girls basketball) all support the draft letter about funding for teams for the 2 high schools. She will make some edits and try to get signatures so she can present the letter to the school board meeting June 5.

Committee reports – No reports this meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Major board actions:

- Committed to a greater effort to raise corporate donations and to holding a club-wide fundraising event in the fall
- Approved combining U13 and U14 girls' teams for the season
- Approved contributing \$1,000 to DOC diploma training for Matt Dusenberry