

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

May 2, 2007

D'zantiki Heeni Library

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 April 9, 2007 minutes – Approved with amendment to CTC section on mixed gender teams.

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer/Registrar – The budget looks okay but middle school age memberships are still down from last year. The raffle grossed \$34,600. Ad sales brought in \$37,000. Preliminary indication from the city is that our YAB grant requested was funded for \$21,570.

Director of Coaching – Tryouts went well. Only 2 teams had to cut players. We need to make sure that coaches evaluate all kids equally even those who are showing up for the team for the first time. The skills of 2 girls were evaluated by the DOC and both were judged able to play up an age-group, one specifically only as a goalkeeper. Colin reiterated his opinion that the DOC should be in charge of showcasing college age players during their last years in high school. Although the North Stars organization is doing a good job, we should not concede that work solely to them.

Competitive Teams Committee – Tryouts went well. 5 new U12B signed up as JSC members at the tryouts. The U13G team practices with the U14G because it still does not have enough players for its own team. One HS-aged team and its coach did not show up or hold tryouts. Some board members expressed dissatisfaction with that and asked if the club should tolerate 2 separate policies, one for HS-aged teams and one for younger teams. A lengthy and wide-ranging discussion followed about high school club teams and what is to be done for age groups which don't have enough players to field a team. Board members' views varied on the whether the club is meeting the needs of HS members with a more relaxed approach to HS-aged club teams. It was agreed that with a change in the DOC the board has an opportunity to reexamine how the club is organized at all age levels. To this end the board agreed to send all club members a survey asking their opinions on a wide-range of club policies and practices. Margaret and Nick agreed to take the lead on developing the survey with input from other board members. The proposed Memorial Day cup tournament is not happening this year due to lack of volunteer organizing support.

Program Development Committee – Did not meet since last board meeting.

Fundraising Committee – Did not meet. Goal cards are out. See Treasurer's report for funds raised through raffle and ads. U12G earned in \$450 with Spring Fever tournament concessions. Some board members are not completely happy with the way ad sales are run. The Fundraising Committee was assigned to discuss the issue and bring alternatives to the board if they come up with some.

Scheduler/Diamond Park Field House – Tom Lawson asked if the club should pay for the downtown turf field for one weekend practice for each team during the summer when Adair-Kennedy is not available. The board agreed it was important for teams to practice on turf rather than dirt in the weeks leading up to state cup. The board agreed to set club funds aside to pay for the downtown field up to a maximum of \$500 for the summer (current fee is \$5/hr.). The city is expected to approve the lease of land for the field house. Bids for construction will be let out in June. The hope is that work on foundation and infrastructure can begin in August with full construction beginning in Sept.-Oct. if bids meet architects estimate. Higher bids mean a delay of a year. The board selected Alex Hoke as the third JSC representative on the field house managing board. (Tom Lawson and Reed Stoops are the other JSC reps.)

Communications Committee – To save money, the newsletter was published online this spring rather than printed and mailed to members. Jamie wondered if members actually read it online. Spring

tryouts got lots of publicity through newspaper ads and radio interviews with board members. Doug Jones the webmaster is archiving all old articles taken off line. A JDHS button has been added to the website for schedule and scores as has a Corporate Sponsors button with list of supporters.

JDHS Committee – The Spring Fever tournament went well. A group of parents volunteered to help with organizing and did an excellent job. Amy reported on the forum regarding sports teams and the new high school that she attended last month. She said the message from several sports clubs representatives including JSC was that if the Juneau School District thinks that after-school activities are important, the JSD and CBJ should contribute more to funding them.

AYSA – Alex Hoke reported on the latest AYSA teleconference. State Cup will be held in Fairbanks in 2008. Bids for hosting the 2009 cup should be submitted by fall 2007. The state cup coordinator has expressed interest in having a consolation bracket for the tournament but it is not clear if it would happen this summer. The AYSA board discussed a new U10 Comp team proposal. It recommended: that U10 teams be limited to tournaments held within a 100 mile radius of home; that there be no trophies, records, scores, or assigned coaches; that the comp teams can't play in rec tournaments; that coach player ratios be kept low; and that teams need to have AYSA affiliation. With the distance limitation, it does not appear that Juneau could field such teams.

Old business

Club team tryouts - See above

6 v 6 League volunteers – Peter Ord volunteered as lead organizer for the tournament. Glenn volunteered to help out.

Club team websites – The board will develop standard Terms of Agreement for these sites. JSC will provide links to teams' websites as long as the teams abide by these terms of agreement. Tom Lawson and Jean will look over the Terms document, then it will be sent to the Communications Committee for final polishing and implementation.

Board elections and transition between seasons – The board decided to delay until the fall membership meeting the proposal to elect new board members in the spring to facilitate transitions to new seasons. In the meantime, the board will begin recruiting potential new board members so that a good slate of candidates is available in the fall.

New business

DOC transition and training request – No time for discussion.

Webpage corporate sponsorship – No time for discussion.

2007 Competitive season – See info on tryouts above.

Coach evaluation feedback form – No time for discussion.

2010 State Tournament – The state high school sports association, the ASAA, has awarded the 2010 state high school championship tournament to Juneau. The board thanked Amy and Margaret and David Lendrum for their work in preparing the application and lining up potential housing and transportation deals for visiting teams. It will be the first state high school sports championship to be held in Juneau for many years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Major board actions:

- Selected Alex Hoke as the third JSC representative on the Dimond Park Fieldhouse managing board
- JSC will pay for the downtown turf field for one weekend practice for each team during the summer when Adair-Kennedy is not available up to a maximum total cost of \$500 (100 hours).
- Delayed until fall membership meeting consideration of whether to change bylaws and policies to hold board member elections in late spring rather than fall.