

Juneau Soccer Club Monthly Board Meeting

October 9, 2006

D'zantiki Heeni Middle School Library

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Acting Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 7:00. Board members present were Chris Francis, Tom Lawson, Nick Lyons, Jean Mischel, Peter Ord, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, Jamie Waste.

Visitors in attendance were: Director of Coaching Colin Barton, Kay Jones, Matt Dusenberry, Paul Bertholl, Joe Ver, John Newell, Don Ashe, Kurt West, Christy and Matt Odum, Robin Mason, Kaitlin Tarver and family, Valerie Williams, and Sarah Poor and possibly others.

Election of Officers

Jamie Waste was elected Chair

Jean Mischel was elected Vice-chair

Tom Paul was elected Secretary

Amy Skilbred was re-elected Treasurer

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved with the change that the first action item regarding the Robin Mason petition was moved to earlier in the meeting. Minutes of the May and June meetings had been approved electronically by the previous board. There are as yet no minutes of the Annual General Membership meeting in September, but Tom will write them up for approval at the next meeting.

Public comment/guest presentations

John Newell asked that practice location for his team be moved to a larger gym as he has 20 team members and Harborview gym is not large enough.

Kay Jones, AYSA Executive Director from Ketchikan spoke. She asked for more newsletter submissions from Juneau. She encouraged us to restart a tournament in Juneau and urged us to appoint a member-at-large to the AYSA so that Juneau has representation on the AYSA board. She encouraged us to ask her questions about AYSA issues before they get to the complaint stage. Most AYSA business is handled in committee and she urged people from southeast Alaska to volunteer for those committees. Committee meetings are by teleconference.

She briefed us on plans for the 2007 State Cup. It will be in Kenai, Aug 6 – 11, Monday – Saturday. Credentials check-in will be Sunday evening August 5. An extra day has been added to the tournament so that a new round robin system can be used which improves schedule fairness in divisions with odd-numbered teams. Friday is the tentative off-day, with tournament finals on Saturday. It is planned that the last finals game will start no later than noon to allow for travel on Saturday. Kenai is a 2.5 hour drive from Anchorage. Kay was asked if consolation games for semi-final losers could be added. She said it depends on such things as field, team, and referee availability and that it may be possible in Kenai.

Amy asked if the AYSA board had discussed cost equalization as requested by the JSC last year. She said the JSC had suggested a set cost for each player attending State Cup as a way to share the cost burden of going to state that is now borne disproportionately by Juneau teams. Kay said an AYSA committee had looked at the set cost proposal, had determined that it would amount to a \$2300 per team fee and decided that was “prohibitive” for the tournament. It was noted by a few in attendance that Juneau teams pay thousands more than that each year traveling to State Cup and that people in Anchorage and on the AYSA board do not understand that. Kay encouraged us to raise the issue again.

Competitive Teams Committee recommendation regarding Robin Mason petition – Action Item

Jean recounted the results of the CTC meeting last Monday at which the CTC, on the recommendations of Colin Barton and coaches Meghan Kennedy-Brown and John Newell, unanimously approved allowing Kaitlin Tarver to “play up” on the U14 girls team for the 2006-2007 JSC season. Robin’s petition also asked that the waiver for her daughter be made permanent. Currently JSC policies do not allow for permanent waivers. The CTC will further review the policy on players “playing up” at its next meeting on Monday Oct 16. If the CTC determines that the policy needs revision, then that recommendation will be brought to the full board for consideration and possible action at the November 6 board meeting.

Committee and other assignments

The following committee appointments were made:

Fundraising committee – Chris Francis, chair; Amy Skilbred, Peter Ord, Wendy Porter, Karlynn Welling

Competitive Teams committee – Jean Mischel, chair; Glenn Walton, Tom Lawson, Nick Lyons, Colin Barton

Program Development committee – Amy Skilbred, chair; Colin Barton, Erin Smith, Christy Odum, Tom Paul

Communications committee – Jamie Waste, chair; Nick Lyons, Tom Lawson, Doug Jones

JDHS committee – Jamie Waste, chair; Amy Skilbred, Peter Ord, Erin Smith, Deb Temple, Wendy Porter, Karlynn Welling, Don Ashe, Kurt West

Gym & Field Scheduler – Tom Lawson

AYSA member-at-large – Vacant. JSC has 60 days to fill this or AYSA will look for someone elsewhere in Southeast.

Reports

Chair – Jamie suggested the board should look at a possible by-laws change this year to have board elections held in the spring so a new board is in place prior to the season start. A coaching clinic was held in late September, the redesigned JSC website is up and running, Tom Lawson is the board’s liaison to the Dimond Park Fieldhouse committee, Noel Shima and Carl Dierking are the trustees for the Irene & Anne Shima scholarship fund.

Treasurer – Amy said last year’s budget has been closed out. We are \$2,000 over budget for the year as a whole and \$3,000 over budget for the HS Spring Fever tournament. Savings from previous years will cover the \$2,000 shortfall. Spring Fever loss will be covered by taking \$2,000 from excess girls’ team fundraising and \$1,000 from excess boys’ team fundraising.

JSC has submitted a report to the city on the Youth Activities Board (YAB) grant. We spent it all.

Fundraising calendar – Coming up, Litter-Free pickup, Mark Kelly calendar sales (Jean volunteered to run that), indoor soccer ball sales (Jambaars U15B team will sell these but more need to be ordered).

Fundraising – Chris said that HS ad sales begin soon (Oct. 23) and that the Goal Card effort is 2 sponsors away from being ready to make up and print cards. He went over a list of fundraising proposals submitted by the Gale Force U12G team. Most look okay. The Wine Tasting Event proposal prompted discussion with some questioning its appropriateness even though it would be run solely by adults. When asked about an AYSA policy, Kay Jones said we need to decide as a board what are appropriate activities for teams. She said the AYSA board has a new policy that prohibits tobacco and alcohol product names and sexual innuendos from appearing on uniforms but has no policy on wine tasting fundraisers. Colin noted that wine tasting fund raisers are a big success for Fairbanks teams. The Fundraising committee will discuss this further. Other proposals and comments – Holiday Cup sales, the tournament is not a JSC event, see Leslie Houston about sales for it; Krispy Kreme donut sales, several teams have interest in that; Scratcher donation cards – one team has tried it in the past without much success. For any proposals which involve approaching businesses for donations, teams should coordinate with the board to avoid potential conflicts with other fundraising efforts, particularly the Goal Card. The Fundraising Committee will meet soon to start building its calendar and consider an alcohol fundraising policy.

Competitive Teams Committee – Jean reported on recruiting efforts for both players and coaches. She thanked all those involved in season start and recruitment efforts. Flyers were distributed at all elementary

schools and at the first day of Parks & Rec games. We have received 4 coaches applications so far. We have one coaching vacancy besides those on the new U11 teams. The CTC is considering the possibility of holding fall tryouts for teams. Jean invited all to attend the next CTC meeting Oct 16 for discussion of policies.

Scheduler/Diamond Park Fieldhouse – Tom reported that Sunday practices for all teams are scheduled each week from 9:30 – 6:30 which allows 6 team practice sessions per gym. U14-16 teams will be at Floyd Dryden and U11-13 teams at Mendenhall River. He said he may look at moving larger younger teams to Floyd. With regard to the field house planning, the committee is looking at the management issues involved with running it once it is built.

Director of Coaching – Colin reported good turnout at his coaching clinic in late September, although no JSC coaches or prospects attended, only Parks & Rec coaches. He recommends holding an additional coaching and introductory skills clinic in October. He put out a plea for anyone who wants to coach to contact him and for all to talk to coaching prospects to fill the vacant club team positions. A coaches' meeting will be held tomorrow, October 10. Kay Jones said AYSA will offer a C level license course if a minimum of 28 sign up for it. It is planned for 8 days next May and June.

Colin reported the introductory skills clinic was very successful even in the rain. There are about 8 kids that have come to U11 team practices so far. Skills Clinics start next week on weeknights. Colin believes it is the best way to attract kids to the club because they are fun and the kids learn tricks while they are learning soccer. ATP also begins next week for 5th – 8th graders.

Paul Bertholl, club registrar reported that there are 79 players registered for JSC today. Last year at this time there were 37.

JDHS – Jamie and Amy reported on their efforts to line up girls high school teams from out of state to travel to Juneau this spring. Teams contacted are from Colorado and California. Colin was asked to help by contacting team coaches directly. Don Ashe and Kurt West were asked to contact Gary Lehnhart to see if he needs help scheduling teams for the boys team.

Discussion items

Discussion was short because of the need to hold an executive session. Peter Ord volunteered to contact Litter Free to set a date for the Litterfree pickup club fundraiser.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40 and the board met in Executive Session.