



Juneau Soccer Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dzantiki Heeni Middle School Library

Call to Order: Tom Paul called the meeting to order at 7:07. Board members present were Tom Paul, Margaret Tharp, Jean Mischel, Nick Lyons, Glenn Walton, and Tom Rutecki. Those absent were Christy Odum, Dave Newton and Marty McKeown. Matt Dusenberry, Director of Coaching was also present.

Approval of March 3, 2008 minutes – Not approved because copies were not available.

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Nick reported that the budget overall looks good, however, many players still owe fees. Total owed is about \$11,000. Nick plans to send out notices during the coming week to let people know they still owe. Nick believes many of the late fees are due to people not knowing that status of their accounts. It's primarily a communication issue. Margaret said the club has a critical need to be able to easily send emails to all members. The Board agreed and discussed options. Margaret will make inquiries on possibilities of linking that capability to our website management.

The raffle sales totaled \$22,310, considerably below the \$30,000 sold last year. Raffle costs were low, only 60 cents per ticket, so players will get to keep \$9.40 of each ticket sold. Some teams' raffle record keeping will need follow up, as it is not clear in some cases what players should be credited with tickets sold.

The CBJ Finance Committee is to decide May 6 whether to fund YAB grants and give additional money to school district for sports and activities during 2009-2010. Tom R. urged all Board members to contact Assembly members as the funding is critical for soccer and other sports.

Director of Coaching – Tryouts went well with several new players in various age groups joining the club. One of the 3 tryout dates was cancelled because snow made the field unavailable. Several prospective players have expressed interest in having another tryout day so the 3rd day of tryouts will be rescheduled. One of the May Sunday team practices will be designated a tryout day. Margaret will get details from Matt and put out PSAs to radio stations and get an item in the Sports in Juneau info box in the newspaper.

Only 3 competitive teams are going to State Cup this year – U17B Jambaars, U16B Thunder, U16G Two-Steppers. U12B and U12G are both going to Zane Cup. Other teams will travel to out-of-state tournaments and camps. U14B and U15B may field a combined team at a tourney. At least U13B team will do a camp in Juneau (Corver Training) and seek games with Whitehorse. Sitka and Ketchikan teams have committed to come to our Sister City Showdown Tournament scheduled for the 2nd week in June. It is hoped some WH teams will also come.

High School season and GKC report – Tom R. passed out an information sheet supporting random drug testing for HS students involved in extracurricular activities. He also circulated a petition supporting random drug testing.

Competitive Team Committee – No report.

AYSA – No report.

Old Business

Review of tram social – All reported it was an excellent event with about 70 parents/adult members attending. Tom R. suggested we combine a social event with the Annual General Meeting so we have a better turnout at the AGM.

Scholarships for travel – Nick asked for Board guidance on how to distribute the Pull-tabs receipts that we have dedicated toward helping players pay for travel. After discussion Glenn moved, and Tom P. seconded, that the travel scholarship money be divided equally among the teams planning to travel this season. The teams will be notified of the availability of the money and they will nominate players from their teams who will split the team's share. To receive money, players must demonstrate good faith by participating in team or club fundraisers for travel. The club will match the amount fundraised by those players up to the limit of the scholarship money available. The motion passed unanimously.

New business

Colin Barton gift – The Board decided to contribute \$250 as a gift to Colin's retirement as an Alaska ODP coach.

Fundraising Calendar proposed changes – Margaret suggested that we change next season's fundraising calendar to avoid conflicting with high school teams' fundraisers. She suggested that when members register in the fall we have a Fundraising Packet (Goal Cards and/or Raffle tickets) ready to hand out to them for immediate sale. All agreed that we need to avoid conflict with HS teams' fundraising somehow. It was recognized that calendar sales must occur between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Board discussed the pros and cons of changing the fundraising calendar and also discussed briefly some fundraising options and what actions we would have to take to change fundraisers to the Fall. We made no decisions on the proposal at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Major actions or decisions

- The club approved a means of distributing scholarship travel money.
- The club approved a gift for Colin Barton's ODP retirement