

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

July 2, 2007

Downtown Library Meeting Room

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Board members present were Margaret Tharp, Peter Ord, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, Jean Mischel, and Jamie Waste.

Approval of June 4, 2007 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Reports

Treasurer/Registrar – Several hundred dollars remain unspent in the 2007 YAB grant for the 6v6 tournament and equipment. They need to be spent before July 31. The YAB approved JSC's request for contingency grant funds to help pay for the HS teams' travel to the HS state tournament. The contingency grant totaled approximately \$3,100.

New business

2007 outdoor competitive season – Seven JSC teams will be going to the state tournament and 2 to Zane Cup. Alex Thibodeau was approved to take over coaching the U12B team this summer. It was suggested that we put profiles of older JSC players interested in college play on the website at the end of the competitive season to give them more exposure to college recruiters.

New season: budget prep, AGM meeting date, board elections, season promotion, fall newsletter, Crab Feed fundraiser, fall 6v6 league. – We had a lengthy discussion about planning for the upcoming season. Meeting dates for budget preparation we set for August 23-24. Colin and Matt will be invited as well as Sandy and Gary to talk about the HS budget. The AGM meeting will be sometime in mid-Sept. with an email announcement sent to all members 2 weeks or more ahead of time. In regard to board elections, we discussed the pros and cons of 1)changing board terms to 3 years instead of 2 so that the turnover of board members is not so great each year, and 2) holding board elections in January in the middle of the season to assure experienced board members are functioning at the beginning of the season. Season promotion should start in mid Sept. or earlier. First call for fall newsletter articles should be in mid August. We discussed the value of the newsletter compared to the time it takes to put together. We decided to continue it as it does serve as a history and a chronicle of the JSC. Crab feed dates were tentatively set for the 3rd week of October.

Club equipment use policy – We had a lengthy discussion about the use of JSC equipment and controlling access to the locked equipment shed at Adair-Kennedy field. Some equipment has recently gone missing and the shed has not been locked after some events or practice sessions. Several solutions were proposed such as frequent change of combinations, prohibiting out-of-town use of JSC equipment and notifying the board prior to use of equipment for non-JSC events. Jean offered to draft an equipment use policy for board consideration at a future meeting.

Club fee structure – Several board members asked that we review the club fee structure, particularly for high school age players. Some parents of 9th grade boys are concerned that they are paying the same fees as varsity and JV players but not traveling. They question what they are getting for their added HS membership fees. Points made during the discussion: Splitting out travel from membership fees may free up money for other competitive teams' programs but may result in prohibitive costs for HS players who do travel. Parents have also commented that the switch to emphasis on the HS program for older teens, often leaves players without a competitive soccer program for most of the year. Jamie urged board members to put together some concrete alternatives for fee structure changes for the August budget meetings.

Other reports – No reports this meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Major board actions:

- Set budget meeting dates as August 23-24.
- Approved Alex Thibodeau as new U12B coach for the summer