

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

February 5, 2007

D'zantiki Heeni Middle School Library

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Board members present were Tom Lawson, Nick Lyons, Jean Mischel, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, Margaret Tharp, Peter Ord, and Jamie Waste.

Others in attendance were: Colin Barton-Director of Coaching, Nelda Stewart, Paul Bertholl, Tim Cottingim

Approval of January 8, 2007 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Referee pay – Tim Cottingim, speaking for local referees, inquired about a higher pay scale than last year for refs that is closer to the pay scale paid to refs in Anchorage. Amy said that for the current year, the board budgeted almost twice as much for referee costs as last year. JSC is aiming to provide refs with pay more in line with that put forward by Tim Cottingim, however, the actual pay scale for high school refs will be determined based on the number of games the high school has in Juneau. Amy will let Tim know the number of games once the high school schedule is set. Then the pay per game per ref will be determined.

U12 B team name/bank account/fundraising – Nelda Stewart represented the U12 Boys team seeking board approval for the team name, JSC Torment, and for a team fundraising idea. The board approved the name and Amy provide the documentation the team needs for a bank account. The team proposes to register with Safeway as a non-profit entity eligible to receive a percentage of every purchase of Safeway Club card holders who designate the team as the beneficiary for their purchases. The board thought that an excellent idea that might work for all club teams. Nelda was asked to see if multiple teams could register under the JSC non-profit auspices and to provide more detailed information to the board on the proposal before approval. The board will review and give the team its decision before next month's meeting.

Margaret Tharp appointment to board – The appointment of Margaret Tharp to the board seat vacated by Chris Francis, previously approved by e-mail, was approved in-person by the board. Besides her other qualifications for the position, Margaret informed us that during her youth she was the only girl to play on an all boys soccer team – a true pioneer.

Director of Coaching report – Colin announced that a 4-day coach training session would be held Feb. 17-20 for D and E licenses. All is moving smoothly and we have 5 coaches signed up for D training and 4 for E training. He is pleased that we have competent young coaches willing to fill in for Skills, GK, and ATP clinics and Friday open gyms when necessary but is concerned they don't get overworked or burned out with too many requests for their time. National C license training will be held in Hawaii in March.

Old business

Director of Coaching recruitment – Matt Dusenberry has accepted JSC's offer to be Director of Coaching beginning October 1 after Colin's retirement.

Gaming revenue (pull tabs) – Tom Paul reported both Nick Lyons (Principal) and Carlene Nore (Alternate) are the gaming permit holders for the club, having taken the state test. There are no openings for pull-tab operators yet. Tom will check with the operator(s) periodically.

Whitehorse exchange: club coordinators/dates – Peter Ord reported on Whitehorse Exchange planning. The dates for the exchange are fixed, April 13-15. Gale Force U12G have asked to sell socks and concessions at the Juneau games. The board approved sale of socks but said concessions can be sold only if the team can handle all details including paperwork. Peter is in search of volunteers for various tasks of tournament organizing and will put out an e-mail request for them clubwide.

Injury prevention training – This will be instituted as part of the regular club program next year. Details of implementation will need to be discussed with Matt D. prior to season start so that the program gets underway smoothly.

Club Social – Item was tabled after an inconclusive discussion.

Coach training requests – Training details were covered in Colin's report. Training costs are \$300-\$400 over budget however. The board voted to increase the budget for this item by \$400 to insure as many coaches are trained as possible.

Code of Conduct – The board discussed its interest in and responsibilities for requiring club or team disciplinary action for criminal activity by a club member. The board decided its interest should be restricted to incidents that occur during JSC sanctioned trips and events, that is, within the domain of the club. Teams are required by club procedures to have their own disciplinary policies and ultimate authority for action rests with team coaches and the CTC. Outside its domain, JSC defers to civil authorities and to parents for disciplinary action. The board unanimously agreed that the existing Code of Conduct approved last meeting is a sufficient formal conduct policy for the club as a whole.

New business

Midyear budget review – Postponed until next meeting.

Youth Activity Board grant request funding – The CTC, High School, and Program Development committees submitted funding requests for this grant totaling \$27,540. Tom Paul will prepare the grant paperwork and submit it to the YAB before the March 1 deadline.

Registered Agent vote ratification – The board ratified its e-mail poll naming Tom Paul as the registered agent for JSC for state reporting purposes.

Credit Card – Discussion deferred until later.

Board elections and transition between seasons – Concerned that the election of new board members just before the beginning of each season hampers the smooth and efficient club operation at a critical time, Jamie proposed new models for the board elections and transition. Option 1 would elect and seat new board members in June with old board members stepping down immediately. Option 2 would elect new board members in June but delay the beginning of their terms and voting privileges until October. After an unusually succinct discussion, the board collectively agreed that the advantage of Option 2 was that newly elected members could attend summer board meetings and budget prep meetings and be better acquainted with club business when they assume their seats as active members. The board voted to pursue Option 2 and determine in the coming months how to involve the general membership in the discussion, possible vote, and by laws change.

JDHS Sports Auction – Discussion deferred until later.

Reports

JDHS Committee – Don Ashe reported that Cheyenne, Wyoming High School (Wyoming state champion) has agreed to come for Spring Fever tournament. This may also mean that South Anchorage HS will attend as well. The girls' team has a \$6,500 fund raising burden for its California trip.

Other reports were deferred for lack of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Major board actions:

- Approved Margaret Tharp as board member
- Approved higher pay for referees
- Decided that the existing Code of Conduct approved last meeting is a sufficient formal conduct policy for the club as a whole
- Approved a funding level request for YAB grant
- Voted to pursue a new schedule for board elections and transition