

**Juneau Soccer Club
Monthly Board Meeting**

January 8, 2007

D'zantiki Heeni Middle School Library

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Call to Order

Chair Jamie Waste called the meeting to order at 7:02. Board members present were Tom Lawson, Nick Lyons, Jean Mischel, Tom Paul, Amy Skilbred, Glenn Walton, and Jamie Waste.

Others in attendance were: Myia Whistler

Approval of December 11, 2006 minutes – Approved

Public comment/guest presentations – None

Old business

Director of Coaching recruitment – An offer has been made to a candidate for the DoC position and the board should get a reply to the offer within the next few days.

Gaming revenue (pull tabs) – After a discussion of the pros and cons of JSC involvement in pull tabs, the board voted to pursue setting up a contract with a pull tab operator to enhance the club's fundraising with an as yet undetermined percentage of revenue realized from pull tabs being earmarked to fund JSC scholarships. Nick volunteered to be the principal gaming permittee for JSC. Tom Paul will continue to look for an operator to contract with.

Age Policy clarification – The board reviewed a rewritten section of the age-based teams policy dealing with exceptions for tournament-bound teams needing additional players. After discussion, the new language requiring tryouts be held and requiring that players resume practice with their age-based teams immediately after tournaments was approved unanimously by the board. The clarified age-based policy section will be inserted into the JSC Policies and Procedures posted on the website.

Club Social – Discussion of the social focussed on whether it should be a major fundraising event or be primarily a social occasion, and on which teams should benefit and do the organizing. The board High School Committee will meet with the coaches this week and determine how much the HS program needs. Other options are for 1) the Juneau Riptide state champion team to use the event to help offset the cost of going to Regionals, or 2) open the event up to other club teams to host on a first-come basis. Final decision was postponed to a later meeting.

Whitehorse exchange: club coordinators/dates – Peter will talk with Whitehorse organizers in the next few days to try to nail down dates. April 13-15 works best for JSC. Once dates have been decided, Tom Lawson will reserve venues. The HS committee will ask HS coaches if downtown turf field and Marie Drake gym can be made available. Parent volunteers will be needed to help organize the exchange.

Code of Conduct – The draft JSC Code of Conduct was discussed and adopted unanimously by the board in concept pending some edits in the draft and in referenced sections of the JSC Policy and Procedures. The code is intended as a standard for all JSC teams, but teams will have an option to further elaborate on the code or develop specifics for their team as long as the specifics do not conflict with the JSC code.

Alcohol-related fundraisers – The board discussed the issue again at length and decided to adopt a neutral policy, neither for nor against, serving alcohol at a team fundraiser. Amy reiterated her opposition to allowing alcohol at any JSC fundraisers and asked that her dissenting vote be recorded.

New business

Fundraising assignments – Amy reviewed a list of fundraising things that needed doing. The club Fundraising Committee is not active and needs to be revitalized and a new chair appointed. Lead people for the Goal Card and Raffle fund raisers are needed, and a parent of a younger player is needed to help out with the Ad Sales. Large businesses should be contacted and asked for donations. Board members suggested some parents to contact to help. Peter will join the fundraising committee. Jean will contact parents. Jamie and Tom L. will make some corporate contacts. Amy has contacted some businesses, will recontact those offering Goal Card deals, is taking on Ad Sales organization, and will continue on the Fundraising Committee.

Open Board seat – Board members did not have any suggested candidates for the open seat. Jamie suggested that we continue to think about possible candidates and communicate via email. Candidates who have some interest fundraising issues and those who are parents of younger club members would fill current needs on the board.

Injury prevention training – The board agreed on the importance of adding this to club programs, especially for high school and middle school aged players. After some discussion of possible options that were discussed at a recent Competitive Teams Committee meeting, action was deferred and the issue was assigned to the Program Development Committee for further work.

Policy Revisions to Club and Team Finance sections – The board approved these revisions which were drafted by a working group consisting of Sue Gullufsen, Vickie Williams, Joann Craig, and Amy Skilbred and reorganized by Tom Paul. The changes standardize and clarify several of the things that have become our operating procedures and separate Club and Competitive Team finances into two sections. They also address some specific issues, including:

- 1) Suggesting that teams limit the amount they can carry forward to the new soccer year both as a team and individually.
- 2) Clarifying what fundraised funds can and cannot be used for and more clearly define reimbursements and refunds.
- 3) Reiterate current policy: club wide fundraisers are for U12 and older

Coach training requests – Jean reported that at least 2 JSC coaches want statewide/national D level license training and two need E licenses. Frank Trovato, AYSA director of coaching, can come to Juneau to hold coach training in late April. After some discussion the board decided it would be best to try to find 5 coaches who want D licenses for Frank's training session and see if Colin can do the training for "local" E licenses. Myiia Whistler offered to use the Parks & Rec network to advertise the sessions if we needed. Jean will check to see if "local" E-licensed coaches can, after one or two years experience, qualify for statewide D license training.

Reports

Parks & Rec – Myiia Whistler assured the board that the damaged indoor goals at Floyd Dryden would be replaced in time for this Friday's open gym and competitive teams practices scheduled for Sunday. She reported that for the first time in many years there was an increase in the number of players participating in the Parks and Rec soccer season just past. She said that requests for outdoor field time for spring and summer are due in two weeks.

Other reports were deferred for lack of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Major board actions:

- Approved pursuing pull-tabs as a method of fundraising while earmarking some of the revenue for scholarships
- Approved clarifying language for the age-based teams policies
- Approved a standardized JSC Code of Conduct
- Approved revision of the Club and Competitive Teams finance sections in the JSC Policies and Procedures