

Juneau Soccer Club

Monthly Board Meeting

February 7, 2005
Dzantik'I Henni Middle School
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Carl Dierking called the meeting to order at 7:00. Board members present were Don Ashe, Carl Dierking, Sue Gullufsen, Noel Shima, Amy Skilbred, Reed Stoops, Brian Sylvester, and Kurt West.

Agenda Item #1: New agenda items and/or visitor information sharing

Gary Lehnhart was in attendance at Carl's request to help come up with a plan for following through on having all high school soccer players registered and club fees paid before participating in the high school season. The majority of last year's problems were on the girl's side. The Board's proposal is that if a player has not fulfilled their obligation to the JSC they won't be allowed to travel on tickets purchased by the club.

There area number of Foreign Exchange students interested in trying out for the team this year. The rule for them is they will be given a \$200 scholarship to cover the mandatory registration fee and then they will need to raise the remainder through raffle ticket and advertising sales.

Agenda Item #2: Reports

Treasurer/Bookkeeper

Amy is working on a cost equalization committee for State Cup and ODP in her role with AYSA.

Amy will go after some larger corporate sponsors to assist with tournaments. She will also be looking for a long-term commitment.

Communications Committee

Jamie will explore with Scott how much he wants to be involved in maintaining and/or developing a soccer club web site. Reed suggested the involvement of students in helping with the web site.

Director of Coaching

Colin visited all but two of the coaches. They all would like time with Colin so they can become acquainted with what is expected of them.

Lots of players are coming to the skills training sessions, in spite of the weather. He has approximately 50 elementary age members attending, in middle school 40 males and 28 females, and in high school bracket 24 males and 30 females. Part of the reason that more girls than boys attend skills training in the high school age is Colin is their high school coach and the boys are going to Gary's ATP training.

Frank Trovato, State Director of Coaching, is looking for a possible forum to hold a training camp in Juneau. The soccer organization Challenger Camp is interested in coming to Juneau as well. The Board's feeling is that with Gary providing a training camp in the summer and the possibility of Tiffney Milbret coming again there isn't need for organizations coming in from outside Juneau.

Juneau sent 3 girls to the Region 4 ODP matches in Las Vegas. The Alaska team managed its first ever regional win.

Fund-raising Committee

See agenda item #7

Tournament Coordinator

Don and Gary report that the high school season is shaping up as follows:

- April 1st-2nd - the second annual Spring Fever matches will host South (the Service HS Split) boys JV and varsity, the Wenatchee boys, Skyview boys (maybe) and Cheyenne, Wyoming girls.
- April 7-10th - the boys travel to Spokane, Washington for four games
- April 8-9th - the girls host South and Colony over the weekend.
- April 14-16th - the boys and girls varsity and JV travel to Ketchikan.
- April 23rd - open date, tentatively scheduled to be the weekend for the spring club litter pickup.
- April 27-30th - the boys and girls travel to Anchorage.
- May 4-6th - boys and girls varsity and JV travel to Anchorage
- May 14th - Ketchikan boys and girls varsity and JV in Juneau
- May 21st - State meet in Anchorage

Competitive Teams Committee

Noel and the CTC have been working on the coach scheduling and team application issue and feel the solution is a change in JSC procedure. Noel motioned and Amy seconds that the coaching application period be changed to August 1st to September 1st and that only single age group applications will be accepted. The Board approves.

Noel then motioned and Don seconded that a coaching evaluation survey be developed and given to the club team parents between July 15th and August 30th. The survey is to be signed and will be kept confidential. The Board approves.

Chair Report

Carl made the comment that the board should not be expected to do all of the work within the club. Some club members have been very helpful, but we can always use more and should not be afraid to ask.

Agenda Item #3: Equipment Purchases

The club does not currently have any goal keeper jerseys for the boys or girls. In the past goalies have provided their own jersey because normally they happen to own one. Gary indicated that Soccer Master (Darin) will make uniforms available for approximately \$50 apiece. Also, the Youth Activities Grant is more amenable to giving grants for uniforms than travel.

The club needs to order more patches for the JSC with the club logo and for the high school with the JDHS logo.

The YAB grant has money available for the purchase of game balls for the club teams. The high school program will purchase balls out of the high school equipment budget, which is separate and distinct from YAB.

The club saved \$1,250 on raffle prizes this year, thanks to Sue's perseverance, and this money is available. Reed motioned and Sue seconded the use of this saving to be spent on uniforms (\$500) and toward player scholarships (\$750). The Board approved the motion.

Colin requested training vests and cones in an email he sent the Board earlier. Brain has a garage full of pennies and will bring Glen 10 of each available color (10 x 8), who will then distribute them to Colin.

Agenda Item #4: High School Season

Need to be ready to clear the Adair-Kennedy field of snow before the April 1st Spring Fever tournament. Snow removal can begin during the high school spring break. Also, the girls need to be motivated to help in the removal process.

Board needs to get the registration numbers to each coach so they know who is eligible to participate in club activities.

The possibility of charging an admission fee for the high school games was discussed. Gary opposes this idea because he 1) doesn't want to price people out of viewing the matches and wants as many fans as

possible to attend, 2) feels the parents have already contributed enough and shouldn't have to pay to watch their kids play and 3) we would be better off served with a 50/50 raffle and a donation box.

The concession stand is available for use at Adair-Kennedy and the Board decided they didn't want to run concessions. Sue proposed the motion that club teams be allowed to run the concessions and the raffle. The Board Passes the Motion. Sue will contact the club teams and see who is interested.

Agenda Item #5: Whitehorse Tournament (Coordinator, travel options)

Need to make sure that high school JV is not part of the Whitehorse Exchange. The state high school athletic board does not allow high school players competing for club teams during the high school season. Since the Whitehorse girls will be in town for the Whitehorse Tournament the same weekend as the South and Colony high school teams we need to make sure JDHS girls don't play in both events.

Kurt is expecting a call from Whitehorse on Wednesday (2/09) and they will tell him what age groups and genders are available for competition in the exchange.

Agenda Item #6: Letter to School Board

Reed will draft a letter to the school board requesting they consider making district funds available for the various club teams that represent the high school rather than expecting the cost to be born by both parents and various club fund raising events.

Reed will also explore how JYFL funds their program and seek support from them in his approach to the school board.

Agenda Item #7: JSC Calendar Review (04-05)

Sue and Brian will go to the high school on Friday (2/11) and distribute raffle tickets to the boys and girls. Sue will follow up on Tuesday (2/15) to catch any stragglers and then leave the balance with Gary.

The Youth Activities Grant is due by 4:30PM on March 1st

JSC is hosting the upcoming ODP mini camp the weekend of March 4-6 and volunteers are needed to help ensure a successful camp. Volunteers are needed to provide housing and administrative support to the coaches during the sessions. We need to provide housing for five visiting players. All five players are boys: one 91, two 90s, one 89 and one 88.

Agenda Item #8: Adjourn

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00

Summary of Action Taken by the Board:

1. Board approves spending an additional \$500 to the \$1500 already in the budget for uniform procurement and \$750 on player scholarships
2. Board approves club teams running the concession stand and raffles at high school soccer home games
3. Board approves change in coaching application period to 8/01 through 9/01
4. Board approves coaching evaluation survey to be distributed and collected between 7/15 and 8/30