

Juneau Soccer Club

Monthly Board Meeting

March 6, 2006
Dzantik'I Heeni 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, Tom Lawson, Jean Mischel, Amy Skilbred, Reed Stoops, Brian Sylvester and Jamie Waste.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of minutes (02/06)

The Board approved the February minutes. Special thanks to Jamie for taking them in Brian's absence.

Agenda Item #2: Reports

Tournament Coordinator/HS Schedule

Don reported that the Spring Fever soccer tournament will be held the weekend of April 21- 23rd. The boy's field will include Bellermen Prep, the 2004 National Champions, and Chugiak (Anchorage). The girls will have Pine Creek, which took 8th place in last years Colorado state tournament, and Chugiak.

Both the boys and girls squads from Dimond (Anchorage) and West Valley (Fairbanks) will come to Juneau the weekend of April 14 -15th.

The Whitehorse tournament is scheduled for the weekend of April 7-9th. The boy's are still looking for a coordinator on their side. Don is meeting with Juneau coaches later this week to try and firm things up. With the cost of airfare and gym rental rising this year the individual cost to players will need to increase.

Allen Marine will donate one sight seeing trip the weekend of the Whitehorse tournament. JSC will charge \$15 per person. Four Seasons will provide a sightseeing trip during the weekend of the Spring Fever tournament at a cost to JSC of \$3,000. JSC will help offset the cost of the Four Seasons cruise with funds collected on the Allen Marine excursion.

Director of Coaching

Colin reports he will be wrapping up ATP when the high school soccer season begins, which is March 13th. In addition, the skills clinics have been extremely well attended.

As of March 6th AYSA had decided to let Colin give the E-license course. They still require the minimum \$1,000 fee. The current fee structure is \$100 for an E license and \$200 for a D license. AYSA also is willing to let Colin teach the first portion of the D license, but the completion must be done by Frank.

This discussion will be continued at the April JSC Board meeting.

Treasurer Bookkeeper

Amy informed the Board that high school enrollment currently has 45 boys and 36 girls. There is a serious lack of freshman girls enrolled. The current budget is for 90 high school players to sign up.

Amy submitted the YAB grant application, another fabulous effort by our treasurer.

GCI, Cellular One and Alaska Marine Lines have all donated \$1,000 and will receive full page adds in the high school program. The Rebounders (basketball booster club) donated \$500.

Competitive Teams Committee

Dillon and Finley is willing to continue to fund the Holiday Cup (December tournament), but isn't willing to run the program. Leslie Houston is stepping down from her administrative position. If the club can find a person willing to run the program it will continue.

JSC selected April 16th and 23rd as tryout dates for the competitive teams. Tom will try and arrange for field time on these dates.

The board tentatively approved a new U11 boys' coach so that she could participate in coach's training.

Fund-raising Committee

JSC is looking for someone to run the discount card program.

Communications Committee

The Spring Newsletter articles are due to Jamie by March 15th. Jeff Brown has graciously offered to put the newsletter together, in exchange for help answering phones for the KTOO fund raiser on April 1st. Jamie will send us an email soliciting operators.

KINY and KTOO will have interviews with Colin and Jamie to discuss the soccer program in Juneau.

Field Scheduling

There is no need to schedule ATP during the summer. Skills clinics will continue, but not to the extent they were held during the fall and winter.

Dick Schirmer wants to schedule additional indoor soccer time on Fridays using the same "Sunday soccer" format the club provided a few years ago. Tom stated there was no available gym time at Floyd Dryden or Dzantik'I Henni on Friday evenings.

Chair

Scott and the high school student intern's facelift project for the JSC website haven't made any visible progress. JSC may need to decide on another alternative.

Carl asked that all committees meet in March.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

Referee Rates

Tim Cottongim distributed a handout that compared basic referee payment for Juneau soccer referees compared with those in Anchorage. In short, referees are paid at least twice as much to call a game in Anchorage as Juneau. The Juneau referee community is finding it difficult to recruit or keep referees because of the minimal wage and the additional requirement to provide their own uniforms, equipment and licensing. In Ketchikan, the referees do not receive pay, but all their uniforms, training and licenses are purchased for them.

Tim stated that he should soon complete his referee's training license and will then start a Juneau soccer referee association. What JSC needs to consider is whether they wish to assist in the development of these referees and provide a higher wage scale in order to attract quality people. If the quality of referees in Juneau is poor it will make it difficult to attract competitive teams to come play in Juneau.

Amount paid to Refs by the Anchorage Referee Association:

	<u>Center</u>	<u>Line 1</u>	<u>Line 2</u>
Varsity Boys	\$60	\$35	\$35
Varsity Girls	\$50	\$35	\$35
JV Boys	\$50	\$25	\$25
JV Girls	\$50	\$25	\$25
C Boys	\$1.45/min per Ref		
C Girls	\$1.45/min per Ref		

*In addition to these rates the Anchorage school district also pays a substantial additional administrative fee to the Anchorage Referee Association.

Amount paid to Refs by the Juneau Soccer Association:

	<u>Center</u>	<u>Line 1</u>	<u>Line 2</u>	
Varsity Boys	\$25	\$15	\$15	
Varsity Girls	\$25	\$15	\$15	
JV Boys	\$25	\$15/\$0	\$15/\$0	(paid linespersons as requested)
JV Girls	\$25	\$15/\$0	\$15/\$0	(paid linespersons as requested)
C Boys	\$25	\$0	\$0	
C Girls	\$25	\$0	\$0	

The board discussed the possibility of establishing a youth referee development program and providing assistance to refs for uniforms. The board referred the referee issue to the Competitive Team Committee to develop recommendations for board consideration.

Amy moved and Jean seconded that JSC approve the use of the JSC non-profit status by the Juneau Rapids boy's competitive soccer team for their use in fundraising and banking. **JSC Board approved the motion.**

Jean moved and Jamie seconded a pilot program for this season to allow a player to practice with the high school (JDHS) soccer team if they pay the \$125 unlimited participation player fee. No additional JSC/JDHS activities will be allowed. This program will be evaluated after the season. **JSC Board approved the motion.**

Booster Club

Several of the parents of JDHS upper class players have proposed the creation of a booster club. Some of the questions associated with the proposal include should it be boys and girls combined, or run as a separate entity? Is this something that JSC needs to be part of? The concept will be evaluated by the high school program committee.

Amy motioned and Reed seconded that an admission fee be charged for the Spring Fever and Dimond/West Valley/Ketchikan weekend soccer games. The amount is yet to be determined. **JSC Board approved the motion.**

Agenda Item #4: JSC Calendar Review

- Arctic Winter Games (Mar 6-11)
- Ad Sales end (Mar 13)
- HS season starts (Mar 13)
- Raffle sales end (Mar 31)

Agenda Item #5: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Summary of Action Taken by the Board:

1. Approved February minutes
2. Approve the use of JSC non-profit status by Juneau Rapids
3. Approved a limited membership JDHS practice squad player (1 year trial basis)
4. Approved creation of admission fee to JDHS soccer games