

Grafton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 16, 2011

2010/2011 Board Members Present: Tricia Wessel-Blaski, Christi Klaus, Michelle Pedersen, Kim King, Kevin Wise, Kay Schnell, Sara Rapp, Barb Vandenberg, Missie Braaten-Krueger, Paul Skalecki, Jeff Gauger, Don Arnold, Julie Demerath, Bryan Demerath

I. Call to Order (Tricia Wessel-Blaski):

- A. Tricia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Minutes (Christi Klaus)

- A. November 2010 Minutes: Tricia asked that a motion be made to approve the November minutes. Barb made a motion. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report (Kay Schnell):

- A. November Financials:
 - i. Kay indicated that we are on track for the year, but will have a better idea once the December financials are completed.
 - ii. Kay asked about the segregated account. She is able to get a better CD rate if the accounts are merged, but did not want to do so without checking with the board. Christi will review past minutes to find documentation as to why the dollars are being kept separate.
 - iii. Tricia asked that a motion be made to approve the November financials. Barb made a motion. Julie seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. President's Report (Tricia Wessel-Blaski):

- A. Recap of Ozaukee District meeting December 2010:
 - i. There was a lot of focus on how to develop Rec coaches. All clubs have the same challenges as far as training and licensing.
 - ii. Tryouts: The process was reviewed.
 - iii. The Rec Season will begin April 9th.
 - iv. There was discussion regarding issues/complains about referees. Bryan indicated that as a board, if we see issues, we should step in.
 - a. Sara asked if the referees are required to take continuing education classes. They are, but we need to remember the majority of them are kids.
 - b. Tricia will email Ron and ask if he could hold a clinic for our referees.
 - c. Don also brought up the fact that the referee testing is intense book study, but does not provide field experience.
 - v. Michele has fielded informal complains regarding a coach. She will speak to Don after the meeting.
- B. WYSA Annual/General Meeting (March 19th)
 - i. It is being held in Green Bay.
 - ii. Various education and training sessions will be offered (ex. League One).
 - iii. There will be representation from every club in Wisconsin to discuss rules, concerns, etc.
 - iv. Please contact Tricia if you are interested in attending.
- C. Soccership Program:
 - i. The current request form is very simplistic – no parameters are set.
 - ii. This year we are at approximately \$6,000 in soccerships, compared to \$4,000 in the past.
 - iii. Tricia will email a proposal for a new soccership process.
 - a. The proposal includes asking for financial information. There are different levels (registration, registration & fees, etc).
 - b. Tricia asked us to think about whether we should set any sort of limits per family, etc. As much as we want to help our families, we need to protect the club.
 - c. Please watch for the email and give Tricia feedback.

- V. **Director of Soccer (Don Arnold):**
- A. Indoor Soccer: We have many Rec teams participating in Indoor.
 - B. Futsal: There are approximately 40 players participating.
 - C. Indoor League:
 - i. The schedules will be posted on the website. We are starting February 7th.
 - D. Pictures of Players: Don asked about taking pictures and posting them on the website. Does permission need to be granted by parents?
 - i. Next year we will obtain permission at the time of registration.
 - ii. Tricia recommended emailing the teams to see if there are any objections, or if there is an opportunity to speak to the parents as a group after a game, etc., ask at that time.
- VI. **Director of Select (Barb Vandenberg):**
- A. Barb distributed copies of her report which included spring league placement, future meeting dates and results from her online survey.
 - B. Kay asked if we had a policy regarding indoor fees and situations where players get hurt and can't participate. Is there anything in writing regarding refunding the family?
 - i. We do not have a policy in writing. After much discussion it was decided that these situations need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the team involved.
 - C. There was further discussion regarding fee structure for the upcoming season. Michelle asked if this topic could be discussed at the next Select Committee meeting on January 23rd due to the fact that there may be a March deadline to set up any new structure in League One.
 - i. There was discussion on how to come up with a fair number for tournament fees. Also, if we were to collect these early, would the fees run through the club treasurer rather than the team treasurer? Tricia stressed that if we run the tournament fees, etc. through the club, we cannot overwhelm the club treasurer. We would need a second person to assist.
 - ii. Michelle and Kay will do their best to attend the Select Committee meeting on January 23rd to assist with this discussion.
- VII. **Tournament Director (Missie Braaten-Krueger & Kevin Wise):**
- A. Kick up the Heat 2011 Indoor Tournament:
 - i. Flyers are out.
 - ii. We have received a couple of calls regarding the tournament.
 - iii. Help is needed and people need to show up for their shifts.
 - iv. Don indicated that the High School girls are available to help. Michelle also mentioned that the High School boys team/families could be a resource.
 - v. Missie needs someone to head up concessions and the volunteer coordinator positions.
 - vi. Julie mentioned that she has files from past tournaments that might be of assistance to Missie.
 - vii. Pam will send out an email blast.
- VIII. **Fundraising & Field Development (Peter Kugi & Bryvan Demerath):**
- A. Spring Party: Peter needs help with the upcoming party.
 - i. We should look at our teams and identify individuals that would be interested in helping.
 - ii. Peter has much on his plate (spring party, field development, apparel orders, etc).
 - B. Volunteer Coordinator: Discussion led to the fact that we still do not have a Volunteer Coordinator.
 - i. It was decided that we should also add this position to the email blast regarding the indoor tournament. Tricia will send an email out to the volunteer coordinators on each team.
 - C. Field Development: Bryan indicated that the final surveys are completed and we are now looking at field possibilities – what can fit where, etc.
- IX. **New Business:**
- A. Bowling Event: Don passed out a flyer for a bowling fundraiser for the High School Girls team on January 29th.
 - B. Tricia asked everyone to let her know in the next couple of months what their status is on the Board.
- IX. **Old Business:**
- XI. **Future Meetings:**
- February 20, 2011, 6 pm, Lower Level, Legion Hall
 March 20, 2011, 6 pm, Lower Level, Legion Hall
 April 17, 2011, 6 pm, Lower Level, Legion Hall