

Grafton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 20, 2011

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

Guest: Jason Braaten, Marianne Stilb

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

- A. Tricia called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

II. Tournament Directors (Missie Braaten-Krueger):

- A. Missie reported that the indoor tournament went well. We sold a lot of shirts and food. Julie Gramoll indicated that everything left can be used at Zaun. Missie received many positive compliments from the teams. We had teams from Port, Slinger, Sussex, Sheboygan, and Nicolet.
- B. Tricia would like everyone to keep detailed records for future tournaments.

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

- A. Volunteer Coordinator and Issues with Non-Volunteering Families:
 - i. Tricia will serve as the volunteer coordinator until we can find someone to fill the position.
 - ii. Tricia will be trying to obtain information/documentation from each team identifying the volunteer jobs completed by the families for each player.
 - iii. Tricia asked the board to review the letters that she would like to forward to the GSC families, as well as the Team Volunteer Coordinators and/or Managers via email blast. The letters include a reminder that families that do not fulfill their volunteer commitment will be invoiced \$100. Everyone was made aware of this responsibility when they registered online.
 - iv. Tricia will have those families that have not fulfilled their commitment help with May party.
 - v. Becky indicated that there were 400 concession hours filled in the fall and many hours will be needed in the spring. She believes there may be some misconceptions of the policy.
 - vi. Peter contacted the Fundraiser Coordinators from each team and has heard from only one.
 - vii. The board agreed that the soccership issue should not be part of the letter. It is a separate issue and a general reminder should be sent to the soccership families.
 - viii. Tricia will look at the volunteer policy and the wording we have regarding the \$100 fine and whether a player can register in the fall if it isn't paid. She will also look at the wording for ½ year teams. Marianne asked how people would be blocked from registering. Tricia believes that League One has an option of blocking registrations.
 - ix. Tricia would like to get these letters out this week. Kim will assist in revising the letter.
- B. Soccership Program
 - i. Review of soccership application: Tricia and Michelle will send out a formal proposal.
- C. Complications with MYRSL and plans to proceed for spring through WYSA
 - i. There is a major issue with the scheduling through MYRSL and WYSA is taking over.
 - ii. Barb had to resubmit the applications.
 - iii. As of now, the season will start April 30th.
 - iv. Let parents know that the schedules are being worked on and will hopefully be available early April.

IV. Director of Select (Barb Vandenberg):

- A. Select Meeting/Tryout Update:
 - i. Currently planning number of teams/coaches for next season.
 - ii. Looking to have this posted before tryouts.

V. Fundraising & Field Development (Bryan Demerath and Jeff Gauger):

- A. Lining Machine update & approval:
 - i. After some research and meeting with the H.S. groundskeeper, a middle-range machine was found.
 - ii. It is electric and the paint box drops into the machine. It is simple to use and easy to clean. With volunteers using the machine, this is extremely important.
 - iii. The H.S. indicated that we could ship the paint to the school if it would help with shipping.
 - iv. The cost to line a field was approximately \$40. Now it should be approximately \$30 and the paint will last longer.
 - v. The machine is portable and therefore could be used at Centennial, etc.

- B. Grass Cutting/Fertilizing Update:
 - i. Grass Cutting:
 - a. Jeff has received quotes.
Currently paying: \$247/cut (ELS)
\$315/cut (Quality Landscaping)
\$368/cut (La Rosa)
 - b. Flexibility was a problem in the past.
 - c. Quality is willing to be flexible and may reduce their price.
 - d. Peter asked if this would include the overflow parking lot. He also thought we might want to give ELS the spring to fix the issues we were having with them.
 - e. Jeff made a motion to research Quality Landscaping as long as they fall under the current numbers. Peter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Fertilizing:
 - a. KEI currently handles the fertilizing.
 - b. We could possibly do it ourselves if we buy the materials. The H.S. indicated that they would assist us with recommendations as to what would need to be purchased, etc.
 - c. Jeff will call KEI to find out if the contract us up. Kay will also look to see if we are on an installment payment schedule.
- C. Field Addition Updates:
 - i. Bryan reported that there have been many meetings with the DNR, town, etc since the board approved an initial \$10,000 to push forward last fall. Farhad has also done a great deal of work.
 - ii. Bryan has met with the school's finance committee and our plans passed without an issue. It now moves onto the full school board for approval.
 - iii. On May 4th, there is a Town of Grafton Planning Commission meeting. This is open to the public for feedback. The end goal of this meeting would be formal approval of the project and then permits could then be pulled, which would include any approvals needed by the DNR.
 - iv. Bryan's question to the board is whether or not we move forward with the project, before the lease is legally extended. The current and proposed lease both have a 90-day out clause, so we wouldn't be introducing any more risk than we already have.
 - v. After discussion, Bryan made a motion to discuss with the school board obtaining 7 additional years on the lease from the current lease date of May of 2015, which would take us to May of 2022. Peter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. It was also discussed that the initial \$10,000 that was approved for this project will be depleted soon. Peter believes we have approximately \$40,000 benchmarked for this project.
 - vii. Bryan mentioned we will have a good idea how we can proceed after the May 4th meeting. Next month, Peter will also have a better handle on how the May party looks.
 - viii. Nothing needs to be signed before the next meeting. If something comes up, we may have to handle via email.

VI. New Business:

- A. Code of Conduct:
 - i. Ron had emailed a code of conduct document for our review. Having a code of conduct policy was discussed during the last OSD meeting. Port is looking to adopt this policy, but it would mean more if the district was on board.
 - ii. Everyone agreed it is a good idea. Barb thought we could include it in the pre-registration email.
 - iii. Ron will contact Chris Clark (President of the Waubedonia Club) for more information.
- B. Julie mentioned that there is a 24-page booklet that is used at the girl's games. She would like the club to place an ad (\$250). Peter will get her the ad early this week.
- C. The next meeting is the weekend of the Reddan tournament. Tricia will look at an alternative date. Please think about the open board positions.

VII. Future Meetings:

April 25, 2011, 7 pm, Lower Level, Legion Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Minutes Recorded by Christi Klaus, Secretary