

Grafton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2011

2010/2011 Board Members Present: Tricia Wessel-Blaski, Christi Klaus, Kay Schnell, Barb Vandenberg, Don Arnold, Bryan Demerath, Julie Demerath, Ron Lauters, Sara Rapp, Paul Skalecki, Jeff Gauger, Peter Kugi, Michelle Pedersen

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

- A. Tricia called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Minutes (Christi Klaus):

- A. February and March 2011 Minutes: Tricia asked that a motion be made to approve the February and March 2011 minutes. Barb made a motion. Ron seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report (Kay Schnell):

- A. February and March Financials:
 - i. The cash position is a little misleading due to the timing of the gift card deposit.
 - ii. The indoor tournament expenses are not included.
 - iii. The coaches have been paid and the checks for the Ref fees have been distributed.
 - iv. Kay looked at our basic operating expenses compared to revenue and we are at a negative \$16,000 if we take out fundraising.
 - v. Tricia asked that a motion be made to approve the February and March Financials. Barb made a motion. Peter seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Registrar (Michelle Pedersen):

- A. Update on League One Registration for 2011-2012:
 - i. Michelle has submitted the outline of how registration should look for the upcoming year. The test should be coming soon.
 - ii. The Rec close date is July 11th.
 - iii. The U11-U14 Select registration will open June 19th with the offers going out on the 20th. The late fee will be assessed starting June 27th and registration will close on August 15th.
 - iv. Once these dates are confirmed a blast needs to go out to the families. The families also need to be made aware that we will not offer onsite registration this year.
 - v. Payment is credit card only. Registration can be paid in full or in two payments, the first installment being the day of registration and the second on 9/1/11. There is no extra cost to do so.
 - vi. League One will assess a payment processing fee of \$9.01 on a \$190 full-year registration and \$6.44 on a \$125 U15-U19 half-year registration.
 - vii. Sara asked about Family Credit. After some discussion, Kay said it would be possible for families to submit the Family Credit Request Form to her and she will then issue a check to the family so that they can complete the online registration process.
 - viii. U6 registration will remain open through the end of August. Michelle also indicated that this group is exempt from volunteer hours and the mandatory fundraiser.
- B. Multiple Children within one Family Policy:
 - i. Last year the discount was:
 - 2nd child – 10% off \$190
 - 3rd child – 30% off \$190
 - 4 or more children – 40% off \$190
 - ii. This year, we would like make it a little more simplistic and make it a flat 10%/child after the first child.
 - iii. Kay made a motion to change the family discount policy to a flat 10% after the first child and every child thereafter. Ron seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Fundraising Report (Peter Kugi):

- A. May 2011 Vegas Party:
 - i. Ticket sales are down from last year.
 - ii. Team baskets seem to be going well.
 - iii. Michelle is helping coordinate the volunteers. All spots are full except for clean-up. She is having issues with this shift, which starts at 11:30 p.m.
 - iv. There was discussion regarding the cost of the after dinner tickets. It was decided that we will charge \$15/ticket.
 - v. Donations are down. Some of the bigger items are: Wave season tickets, Wave Camp, Admirals Box, Brewers tickets.
- B. Fields Update:
 - i. It is estimated that we can plant seed in August.
 - ii. The estimate for the parking lot is \$16,000, which we can start on soon.

- iii. Bryan reminded everyone of the Town meeting on May 4th.
- iv. Quality Landscaping has been doing the mowing. The fertilizing issue is still being worked on – the KEI contract has expired.

VI. Direct of Select (Barb Vandenberg):

- A. Select Committee Recommendations:
 - i. Coaches have been tentatively named. As a courtesy, Don will be speaking to them to verify their spots before this is posted.

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

- A. Volunteer Coordinator Update:
 - i. Tricia has been working on obtaining the volunteer hours/information, but not sure how accurate the results will be. She has received push back from some families.
- B. AGM in May: Don will look at dates.
- C. Need for new Board members – we need to promote the open positions:
 - i. Vice President
Volunteer Coordinator
Someone to coordinate/plan the May Party – we also need someone to coordinate the mandatory fundraiser.
Tricia would like to see a Director of Academy and a Director of Rec Soccer (similar to the Director of Select position).
- D. Select Program 2011-2012 Discussion:
 - i. Tricia presented her proposal regarding the need of a Director of Coaching/Mentoring Program. The potential hire would be paid at equivalent rate of a coach for 2011-2012 year (would be using current DOC funds and then additional funds needed).
 - ii. We have coaches that need mentoring and assistance with running practices, communication with parents, disciplining the kids, etc. The concern is that if we do not elevate our coaching, we will not continue to grow and/or maintain our select program at a level expected.
 - iii. Barb mentioned that the topic was discussed at the Select Meeting and all members in attendance agreed that this is something needed. We would then be looking at hiring 3 new coaches.
 - iv. Tricia would like suggest Don as the Director of Coaching. He has solid coaching experience, he is in a position of authority within our club, and this is his last season with his current team.
 - v. Bryan agreed that Don is a solid choice.
 - vi. Michelle would like to see us reach out to the Rec coaches as well – they are the ones developing the players that move to the Academy and Select Programs.
 - vii. After some discussion, it was decided that Tricia will email the job description for the Director of Soccer, as some board members are unsure of the duties associated with that position. She will also forward a more concrete proposal for the Director of Coaching position. We may need to hold an e-vote. Peter would also like to see a benchmark of time involved. Kay thought that more time would be spent with the younger teams/coaches. They will need more mentoring than the more established teams/coaches.
 - viii. Tricia agreed that we do have some time to make the decision, but we need to have the coaches named before tryouts.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Field Closing Policy:
 - i. Don would like there to be a chain of people to make the decision to close Zaun. There could be times when he and Bill are not available. It was agreed that we need to look at finding a 3rd person.
 - ii. It may not be realistic, but we should try to make these decisions by Friday night.
 - iii. Ron can provide the schedules that he has, but they are not all out there yet. He will include Barb and Kim in any emails.
- B. Audit: Kay indicated that in the by-laws, she should be audited. This should be a future agenda item.

IX. Future Meetings:

May 25, 2011, 7 pm Grafton High School Library (Annual General Meeting)
 June 19, 2011, 6 pm Lower Level, Legion Hall
 July 17, 2011, 6 pm Lower Level, Legion Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
 Minutes Recorded by Christi Klaus, Secretary