



Present: Tricia Wessel-Blaski, Kay Schnell, Don Arnold, Bryan Demerath, Julie Demerath, Ron Lauters, Sara Rapp, Paul Skalecki, Michelle Pedersen, Kim King, Julie Gramoll, Missie Braaten-Krueger, Paula Race Mantel, Paul Skalecki, Barb Vandenberg, Peter Kugi, Jeff Gauger

GRAFTON SOCCER CLUB BOARD MEETING

Sunday July 31, 2011 @ 6:30PM AT THE GRAFTON Legion LOWER LEVEL

1. **Call to Order** (Tricia Wessel-Blaski)

a. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Tricia shared that we are still looking for two board members, vice president and secretary board positions. Kristi is looking for a replacement because her son has decided to not play soccer this year.

2. **Approve Minutes**

a. AGM and June Minutes

Ron Lauters made a motion to approve AGM and June minutes, Paul Skalecki seconded it. Motion passed to approve minutes as written.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (Kay Schnell)

a. Team Treasurer Reporting

- A quick summary was shared on where we are at financially; a formal report will be shared next month. Our registration income is down due to fewer people registered.
- Enrollment in GSC is down slightly at all levels. Since families are paying online registration fee and family discount is not as significant of a discount this year, we are not down financially quite as much.
- Discussion regarding mandatory Charitymania fundraising requirement and if it is effecting enrollment. Perhaps after fields are done, fundraising requirement should be reduced or no longer mandatory. It will be looked at again next year.
- Streamlining of registration process this year and coaching fees being collected at team meetings went well.
- Discussion regarding online fee and amount charged not always being consistent; depending upon whether fundraising buyout was done, family discounts, etc... We will not worry about it for this year, but will look at it to try to make it more consistent next year.
- Discussion regarding team treasurers' checks and balances procedure-- It was suggested that we should make an accountability form that team treasurers fill out and give to board treasurer and team families so that we have more of a checks and balances system in place at that level . Team treasurers will be asked to communicate the amount of money spent/collected with team periodically.
- Discussion will occur at the select and academy team treasurers and managers meeting explaining club policies so that there is consistency on what is paid for coaches and the rate they are paid.

4. **President's Report** (Tricia Wessel-Blaski)

- a. Team Photo Dates – Wed. 9/21 and Thurs. 9/22 approx 5:00-7:00 pm. There is not a team photo person anymore. Tricia will set up the times for each teams' photos. She will look at general practice schedule once it is compiled to try to make it convenient. Managers will coordinate distributing flyers. We will

look for a volunteer to distribute the photos to each team. HS boys select teams will get their photos taken in spring.

b. **Soccerships Update**

Soccerships are not intended to fund an entire select experience. Fundraising and gift cards are available to help offset the costs. Most families that applied and received soccerships accepted them. A few families that originally applied had their situation change and they no longer needed the assistance, so they did not accept the soccership. We helped at least 12 families and over 25 children to be able to play soccer this year. Using tax forms made it easier for the committee to make the process fair and balanced. ~\$4,000 was approved and accepted at this point. There is a potential of up to \$2000 pending. This is more than the committee originally intended to allot, but the need was there and the money was available so the committee felt it was appropriate to use it.

c. **Need to fill board positions**

We have the VP and Secretary positions open. Tricia knows of one person interested in a board position. We discussed other possible candidates, as well as specific description of VP duties.

d. **Discussion of U15 Boys tryouts**

It was unfortunate that not enough kids were there to continue with 2 teams. There are 7 kids that tried out that are looking for a team. We are doing everything we can to find additional players to form a second team and will do so if the numbers allow. Don will send out an email to the families who did not make the U15 team explaining what we are trying to do. We also need a few more players for a U18 boys team.

5. **Soccer Update** (Don Arnold)

a. **Plans for Kick off Camp**

Kick Off camp for rec kids is August 1-4 at Zaun from 6:00-7:30 pm. U8 kids will be Monday and Wednesday, U10 kids will be Tuesday and Thursday. U12 kids can go attend all nights. Coaches will have training sessions as well. Wednesday (U8) and Thursday (U10, U12) kids will have

b. **Other**

We need a storage equipment box that would have a lock on it for Zaun to store some speed and agility equipment that we recently got through a donation by Dick's Sporting Goods. This would allow for coaches to access it for training purposes. Paul will get some quotes. We also need a pair of U12 soccer goals, which run \$1200-\$1800 a pair, for the tournament. Don will coordinate purchasing the goals. Nets are also going to be replaced in the coming years, so we should plan for that.

6. **Select Soccer** (Barb Vandenburg)

a. **Coaches Meeting**

5 coaches attended a meeting tonight. Coaches' contracts are ready. Academy coach pay was discussed. Coaches' fees were raised for academy families this year so that academy coaches pay will be increased for the upcoming year. U8 coaches will have one rate, U9 and U10 coaches will have another rate.

b. **Coaching fees outside of contract**

Manager and Treasurer manuals are being finalized and fees paid to coaches outside of fall/spring season was discussed. Coaches will have to be paid for indoor and practice sessions; they should not be donating your time. Currently coaches get \$25 an hour for extra practices, \$40 for games during off season. A Potential pay increase will be discussed at a future meeting as well.

7. **Kick Up the Heat Tournament Update** (Missie Braaten-Krueger)

a. **Update on Tournament**

Missie shared that we have 36 accepted teams right now. Some of our club teams are not able to play in it because we don't have enough teams to have those brackets. Whenever possible if GSC teams can play, they will be expected to play in our tournament.

- b. U12 Girls and U15/16 bracket teams are still getting finalized. If brackets don't work out, we would go down to ~30 teams.

8. **Volunteer Coordinator** (Paula Race Mantel)

- a. Update on the volunteer situation

We clarified which teams will be required to volunteer for the fall tournament. We also discussed the volunteer policy and possible rewording of it for next year to make it clearer as to the difference between a job and a 2 hour commitment. Not all academy teams had a select rep, but that is ok because they are under the rec program. Two select and academy teams are still in need of a volunteer coordinator.

- b. Rec teams

Sara has a list of potential volunteer coordinators for rec teams. Charitymania volunteer will not be needed for rec families.

9. **Summer Fundraiser Update** (Kay Schnell & Julie Demerath)

Tickets are ordered, will be distributed next week. Tickets need to be entered into the system by September 10. Final ticket activation date is October 29. Julie and Kay are working on finalizing the details.

10. **Recreational Registrar** (Sarah Rapp)

We have three U8 teams, four U10 teams, and hopefully one U12 team.

11. **New Business**

Discussion on paid or unpaid coaches and volunteering—if you have a child in the club, family is exempt from the volunteer commitment.

12. **Old Business**

None

Minutes submitted by Kim King, substitute secretary.