



Grafton Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday December 4, 2011

Board Members Present - Kay Schnell, Don Arnold, Ron Lauters, Sara Rapp, Michelle Pedersen, Julie Demerath, Barb Vandenberg, Kim King, Paul Skalecki, Lisa Zabjek

1. **Call to Order** (Lisa M Zabjek)

- a. Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **Approve Minutes**

- a. October Minutes - Ron motioned to approve minutes. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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

- a. The main focus should be on the October YTD, rather than MTM with an emphasis on "cash" from a balance sheet perspective. Cash is down -\$21,000 over the year, however \$20,000 is due to the field upgrade.
- b. Differences in P&L statements could be due to the timing of the payments for coaches fees. Also, income is down which is likely due to less kids playing, which also lowers fundraising income.
- c. The club is starting to encounter issues with NSF checks, particularly one family who made a \$2,000 gift check purchase. How can this problem be prevented in the future?
 1. Michelle asked if player passes can be pulled and if we should put a dollar limit on gift card purchases. Julie suggested requiring cash payments for gift cards. Kay suggested a more timely method of depositing checks into the club account. Possibly having Tina and/or Marianne have a stamp. Barb expressed concern about over-extending the club account.
- d. Kay mentioned donations from corporations are down.
- e. Michelle asked how much it's going to cost to finish the fields. Kay said \$70,000 total was approved, including the parking lot with approximately \$40-\$50,000 left to finish.
- f. Tax Reports - Kay mentioned the state return was done and awaiting Tricia's signature.
- g. Barb motioned to approved Sept and October financials, Michelle seconded.

4. Indoor Tournament - (Don Arnold)

- a. The indoor tournament has been set for March 23 - 25.
- b. There has been no increase in fees.
- c. An email was sent to all rec families, and NO ONE has responded to help.
- d. Kim mentioned that her son, Daniel had offered to help for volunteer hours and Kim is willing to help co-coordinate with the exception of concessions.
- e. Michelle offered to help with the concessions.
- f. The high school boys and girls are another resource.
- g. Don will be the contact person, Bill will handle scheduling and Ron will handle referee scheduling.
- h. Kay mentioned "Kohl's Cares" helped with last year's tournament.
- i. Don will give fliers out at Uihlein to solicit teams.

5. Old/New Business

- a. Don mentioned the Grafton Recreation Dept. is offering 10 U6 sessions for approximately \$20 . Should fees increase and U6 be merged with club?
- b. Don mentioned a U10 team is having issues with low morale and that some players are dropping out. Michelle wondered if different coaching styles could be the issue.
 1. Barb said her son, Bill, had a positive experience helping a rec coach with a team. Is it possible to have teens volunteering in this capacity?
 2. Don suggesting having a select coach "buddy up" with a rec team and possibly writing that into their contract . We need a better experience for the rec players.
- c. Outdoor NSU Tournament -
 1. The Board is open to allowing NSU to utilize our fields.
 2. Don suggested we charge Uihlein fees for field time (\$45/hour)
 3. Various comments/concerns brought up by the board members :
 - a. How would we handle volunteers at concessions
 - b. Weather related safety- are alarms operable
 - c. Should we be getting a commitment for a specific # of games
 - d. Who handles bathrooms/field lining?
 - e. From a fiscal standpoint, this must make sense for the club.
 - f. Will Grafton be able to have league games scheduled for Sunday?
- d. Indoor Practice Time -
 1. Don mentioned that it's getting more difficult to get indoor practice time as schools are getting harder to get in to.
 2. Kim mentioned the Ozaukee County fairgrounds are building a new facility for curling and bocce ball. Could this be a possible resource for us?
- e. Issues with the U18 girls team - (Julie Demerath) - There have been some concerns among parents about coach Drew missing practice (at least 50%) due to work related issues. How do we prevent this in the future? Drew has been paid for his services. Kay suggested asking him to finish the indoor season for free as a good will gesture.
- f. Barb mentioned there will be no 2nd U15 boys team as there are not enough players.

Next meeting is Sunday January 22 followed by Sunday February 19

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 7:30

