

SKY RIVER SOCCER CLUB MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Attendees: T.J. Nicholas, Cindy Gobel, Jim Johnson, Bill Coan, Teresa Allen-Martin, Chris Longsine, Naomi Johnson, Angie King, Jane Johnson

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:08
Minutes from the January 2009 meeting were accepted.

President's Report – Present; no report.

Vice President (Naomi Johnson) – *North County report:* Arlington and Lakewood have consolidated their clubs and are now called North Sound Soccer Club. Pacific Premier is now called Washington Rush. North Sound will be hosting a tournament July 9-12 for U11 to U-18 players. There was a lengthy discussion about a rec tournament being held the same weekend as the SRSC tournament. It will be further discussed next month. There will be a \$1.00 per player increase. The US is trying to bid on World Cup so fees may be further raised for all players to help pay for the event. Constitutional Convention wants to make big changes and merge associations. The AGM is in April to discuss issues. Jan Phillips is not running for District Commissioner, but Ron Lambalot. He is currently the district alternate Commissioner. There will no longer be a Soccer Fair and no more national conventions to save funds for the World Cup bid. T.J.'s team made quarter-finals. Jeff's team did not have coaches' cards for a state cup game and were reprimanded.

Treasurer (Bill Coan) – Bill reports there isn't currently a lot of activity.

Vice President Development (Jeff Babin) – Training will begin March 10th for U10 and U11 players at Sky River Park. Cindy said that there are currently 21 players registered. Jeff asked that a letter be sent out regarding dates and location. The U12 - U14 players will do two open training sessions in March and April, tentatively Mondays and Wednesdays for two months. The Husky's are doing open training April 1-3. It's open to all ages.

Vice President Fields (Jim Johnson) – See Field Committee.

Vice President Equipment – There are two coaches with equipment still out. Cindy asked if we should write a letter to them threatening that they will be held "bad standing" with Washington State Youth Soccer Association. What about coaches who don't return equipment – should they receive their stipend? T.J. will call both coaches. Chris had an idea about an equipment swap. Stephanie Wendell thought an equipment swap would work well during the summer carnival using vouchers.

Vice President Referees (Jane Johnson) – Jane reports that there will be a Grade 9 clinic on March 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be a 50 question test at the end, with 75% being a passing grade. There are not many returning referees; Jane is working on recruiting new refs. A Grade 8 recertification class will be held the last weekend of February but is geared toward adults. T.J. asked what the pay is per game: U-17 Center Ref \$50.00, AR \$30.00. Fees are the same for all No. Co. teams. Stephanie asked about how we communicate issues/events such as a need for referees.

Registrars: (Cindy Gobel) – Eighty players are currently registered for spring soccer. We have not received permission from the Snohomish soccer dome to post flyers. Jim suggested composing a letter to Garitt (with Snohomish Youth Soccer) saying, "We assume there is not conflict posting our flyers at the Snohomish Indoor Soccer." Naomi suggested using our leverage with boundaries. Sign-ups will be online, but also at the spaghetti feed and Sky Valley Sports.

Webmaster (Cindy Gobel) – Cindy is trying to stay on top of all website information. She needs contact information for board members.

Secretary - (Teresa Allen-Martin) – Present; no report.

Committee Reports

Field Committee (Jim Johnson) – A dumpster has been delivered to collect garbage at the fields. Jim has been cleaning up and is throwing out old fencing, etc. Jeff said people and their dogs are frequently on the fields. We need to post signs from the county saying the “Fields Are Closed to Public Use.” Jim will call the county. He is trying to secure 2-3 bids for parking. Maybe costs will be down because of the economy. The fields will be over-seeded in spring.

Publicity Committee – Signs are posted. T.J. is meeting with Duane Nicholas on February 21st to discuss theater advertising. The ad will include a 15 second spot for April and May. T.J. requested photos. All photos should be accompanied by parental release forms. Teresa will send press releases to the Monitor and the Herald.

Discipline (Naomi Johnson) – Present; no report.

Select Committee – (Jeff Babin) – Select teams have wrapped up their seasons, excluding T.J.’s team who is still in. Tryouts are coming up in May. LPT dates are now posted on WSYSA website. Jeff is still accepting applications for select coaches until April 15th. A selection committee will be formed and the coaches evaluated.

Tournament (Jim Johnson) – Jim has a bid for new t-shirts. Cindy suggested online registration for the tournament. Bill asked Cindy to set-up separate accounts for specific seasons, tournaments, etc. Fees are up \$5.00 per team.

Scholarship (Cindy Gobel) – No report.

Pictures (Naomi Johnson) – The club will be interviewing a new photographer this year.

Fundraising – Stephanie Wendell presented information on the spaghetti feed and presentation, as well as other fundraising opportunities, including coffee sales and carnival to be held during the summer.

Old Business – Cindy was named VP of Registration. We need to rework the coaching stipend verbiage and make sure it’s included in policies and procedures. Webmaster reimbursement was discussed and approved in the amount of \$600.00 per year.

New Business –

Jim made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.