

SKY RIVER SOCCER CLUB MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2009

Attendees: T.J. Nicholas, Cindy Gobel, Jim Johnson, Bill Coan, Teresa Allen-Martin, Chris Longsine, Naomi Johnson, Ryan Carlisle, Kevin Karels, Angie King, Brian Meyers, Kim Stanger, Ron Meyers

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:28 pm.
Minutes from the December 2008 meeting were accepted.

President's Report – Present; no report.

Vice President (Naomi Johnson) – *North County report:* Tyne Castle was voted into No. Co. They are not on probation but will have to meet certain conditions to ensure their membership in No. Co. They will be playing in the Silver Lake area. They are not active members of No. Co. until tryouts take place. The state addressed No. Co. grievances about field use.

Treasurer (Bill Coan) – Bill presented the financial statement for 2008, including cash accounts and the upcoming budget. We have \$3K in the bank going into 2009. Jim explained that the reduction in the bank balance was due to Fairfield Park development and a tractor purchase. Bill stated that \$43,000 is not enough to cover this year's cost of the park. Bill discussed how we'll budget for a \$10K deficit, and the costs for the summer tournament, fall registration, and select registration. There is currently \$10,800K budgeted for training, \$2,000 more than budgeted last year. Kevin Karels asked if our fees are in line with Snohomish fees; Naomi said our fees are close to Snohomish's. It was discussed that this is a "preliminary" budget; if we want to see an increase in fees, we can do so. T.J. said that people may not want to pay additional fees when the fields are not yet complete, nor be played upon. Teresa asked when the proposed increases would take place; Jim responded that they would be incurred in the fall. He said that the county would rather not use the fields for 2 years. T.J. asked if families would receive a "break" for a certain number of players. Jim proposes accepting the proposed budget with a \$10.00 fee increase, capped out at \$30.00 per family to begin with the fall season. Those fees would be considered a "field use" fee. Bill said there will need to be a new budget item added. Item No. 4011 will be changed to "Field Use Income" on the revised budget. Kevin was concerned that we were only having online registration.

Vice President Development (Jeff Babin) – A coaches' U10 and U11 meeting will be Wednesday at Alfy's. Jeff met with the tryout committee. Jeff doesn't believe we need to send out a tryout flyer. He said we only promote other teams by sending out mailers. Teresa asked about advertising in the Monitor and Herald. Jeff said that Sultan schools will advertise in their morning announcements in classes on May 15th and May 19th.

Vice President Fields (Jim Johnson) – Jane asked if the fields were in disrepair following the heavy snow we've had; Jim said they were in fine shape. T.J. asked if the berm will be altered; Jim said no. The county may grade the corner so that it's "flush" with the rest of the field. Bill asked about the soccer schedule for Fairfield Park; no dates are set. \$450K grants are no longer available. Tom Cock has been unavailable for discussions of financing. Bill asked what is the minimum amount needed for parking. Jim said that any gravel that is put down will have to be removed. The costs for parking and the road is approximately \$150,000. Jim has a contact who said they can perform the work for \$100K.

Vice President Equipment – Four coaches have yet to turn in their equipment.

Vice President Referees – There is a recertification class on January 24th at the No. Co. office. On March 14th there will be a Grade 9 clinic from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. The Grade 8 clinic will be held the last weekend of February at the No. Co. office. Naomi asked that we recruit referees.

Registrars: (Cindy Gobel) – A spring letter with instructions for registering online will be in the newsletter. Cindy is looking at two sites to hold on-site registration for those who don't have internet

access. There will be a coaches meeting on March 25th at the PUD at 7:00 pm.

Webmaster (Cindy Gobel) – Cindy asked for teams to apprise her of schedules and standings for state up. It would be nice for visitors to be able to attend games. Teresa will add spaghetti feed flyer information to the newsletter. Kevin asked if he could have tickets for his players to sell. Cindy told Kevin to contact Stephanie Wendell. It will also be posted on the website. The date is February 21, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per person, \$12.00 at the door, and \$30.00 for a family of four or more. Children under 3 are free. Cindy asked about the scheduled open training sessions for select teams (current teams only) to it can be passed on to the board.

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

Committee Reports

Field Committee (Jim Johnson) – No report.

Publicity Committee – The board discussed advertising at the theater (for both spring and fall), as well as sending press releases to area newspapers for registration.

Discipline (Naomi Johnson) – Present; no report.

Select Committee – (Jeff Babin) – Two teams had state cup wins last weekend. T.J.'s team will play this weekend.

Tournament (Jim Johnson) – No report.

Scholarship (Cindy Gobel) – No report.

Pictures (Naomi Johnson) – Naomi suggested that we look into having a different photographer this year. This past season's photo sessions were not as efficient as could be.

Fundraising – No report.

Old Business – No report.

New Business – Board positions were discussed and voted upon. Those voted into office for a 2 year term include: Naomi Johnson, Vice President; Bill Coan, Treasurer; Jim Johnson, Vice President of Fields Operations; Jane Johnson, Vice President of Referees; Cindy Gobel, Vice President of Registration; Chris Longsine, Vice President of Equipment.

Jeff Babin made a motion to nominate Naomi Johnson for Vice President; Teresa seconded the motion. Nominations closed for Vice President.

Jim Johnson made a motion to nominate Bill Coan for Treasurer; Naomi seconded. Nominations closed for Treasurer.

Naomi Johnson made a motion to nominate Jim Johnson for Vice President of Fields Operations; Bill seconded. Nominations closed for VP of Fields Operations.

Nominations were made for Jane Johnson and Kevin Karels for Vice President of Referees. A vote of board members and club members left a 4-4 tie. T.J. Nicholas was the tie-breaking vote for Jane Johnson as Vice President of Referees. Nominations closed for Vice President of Referees.

Jim Johnson nominated Cindy Gobel for Vice President of Registration; Jeff Babin seconded. Nominations closed for Vice President of Registration.

T.J. Nicholas nominated Chris Longsine for Vice President of Equipment. Jim Johnson seconded. Nominations closed for Vice President of Equipment.

Naomi attended a business meeting with the IRS at a recent conference. She said that more non-profits will be audited and reviewed. Bill said historically all financial issues are in place. Kevin asked about 1099 forms; Naomi said that Sky River Soccer Club is not responsible for those forms but that coaches are.

Naomi asked that any team or player receiving corporate matching funds let the club know in advance. There has been some confusion as to which teams the funds should be directed. Naomi suggested that we develop a form for distribution of funds which team coaches or parents can fill out and submit to the club. The club treasurer should receive notice that he should be expecting a check.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.