

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – December 11th, 2018 7:40pm
Benicia Community Center

Board Members Present: Matt Phelps, Mike Distler, Darrell Doi, Yann Jouvenot, Jacob Guttenberg

Guests: Jose Beltran, Graham Mayle, Scott Swoboda, Reba Halverson

Meeting Called to Order 7:45pm

Review December Agenda- Approved unanimously

Review and approve November Minutes- Approved unanimously

Public Comment

- Jose B: acknowledge Graham for help with invitational indoor team (girls). First game played successfully. Feedback is that parents and players are hungry for playing soccer during off-season. Graham approves, and points that the main problem is finding fields. Jose opines that rec coaches should be informed of their options. Darrell thinks it should be kept under the umbrella of the club (mainly to protect the coach in case of any liability).
- Jose B: problem with communication. Confusion about who votes, when, etc. It has to be beyond TeamSnap. Need for more avenues of communication (FB, Teamsnap, website). Yann will create a communication subcommittee to coordinate the strategy. Jacob G is in charge of Teamsnap.

President Report / Referee Coordinator

- Confirming dates for planning meeting: Jan 15 and 17th, 2019, at Round Table Pizza.
- Note regarding vote: only 10 votes, therefore the open positions will be appointed. This means that the same positions will have to be voted on next December.
- Wendy has informed us that there is not enough “gym time” for futsal. But the requests are not originated by Arsenal (comment by Graham).
- Ref Coordinator: there were several red cards to players and coach (to the away team).

Vice President Report

- Good season overall. Confirmed by Reba (less complaints from parents). Zero tolerance policy seems to have taken effect.
 - Jose: credit given to the referees, who had proper responses to parents instead of adding to the fuel.

- Credit to Jeff for getting 3 referees to each game.
- Jacob: some issues with parents talking to coaches (directly in front of kids).
- Scott: props to Graham for sending the right message to coaches, parents and all.

Select Coordinator Report

- Absent

DOC Report

- Rescheduling of games was nightmare. Conflicts for high-school aged kids.
- Made progress with the City to commit to better field maintenance. Challenge about field availability.
- High school field is good, but quite expensive. Hope to be able to lower cost. Vice principal has been very flexible about scheduling.
- Darrell commends Graham for making inroads with the city. Concerned about what forms can be signed by him though.
- Watford FC: sent updated agreement earlier on. Coaching webinar can count as mandatory event. Potential for use of High School to host camp. Motion to approve agreement approved unanimously.

Recreation Coordinator Report

Absent.

Registrar Report

- A few rec coaches do not have background checks (6-8). Coaches need to be identified and prompted to do background checks earlier on. Graham recommended to do the check after July 1st.
- Wants to look at fees for next meeting and open registration earlier (Feb 15th). Graham commented that Norcal tryout meeting will be earlier this year but has not been decided.
- Need for more players on certain rec teams. Jose suggested to host a seminar on “what it means to be in Arsenal”.

Treasurer Report

- Discussed report (sent earlier on the same day)

Motion to accept Treasurer Report made by Jacob, Yann 2nd, Motion approved unanimously

Other Business/Calendar Items

- Appointment of new board members by the slate. Approved unanimously. New members will be added to email immediately, and will come on board in January.

Next Meetings: January 15th and 17th, 2019, from 7-10 pm Round Table Pizza