

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – January 22th, 2018 7:30pm
Benicia Community Center

Board Members Present: Matt Phelps, Mike Distler, Yann Jouvenot, Jose Beltran, Scott Swoboda, Reba Halverson

Guests: Graham Mayle, Jenny Beaumont, Connie Manning, David Balter

Meeting Called to Order 7:30pm

Review January Agenda- Approved unanimously

Review and approve December Minutes- Approved unanimously

Public Comment

- **Connie M:** Will Mike Soto continue as a equipment manager. Answer: probably not. Scott will email Mike to confirm and will advertise the position if new coordinator needed.

President Report

- **Website:** hired Melvin Smith to design the website. Scott will send out link to check progress.
- **Ralphs Pugh cleanout:** need group of volunteer for cleaning.
 - **Action item: Rodrigo to confirm that the space he and Carlos cleaned out is the right one (to be done by Jan 27th)**
- **Canteen room:** needs to be cleared of soccer equipment. According to Wendy, some equipment still remains. Graham pointed out that the green container is not currently accessible. “There is equipment stored on the roof of the office space.” (Wendy). Matt and Scott will check out the space.
 - **Action item: Jose to designate team to help with the task, which will count towards volunteer hours. Will need confirmation from Scott of where to move it to.**
- **Bylaws discussion:** previous discussion was to amend the 2016 bylaws. David needs direction regarding what type of organization the board wants. The addition of “vote by email” would be advised. Not sure if 2016 bylaws were ever adopted. Pete Fiori was contacted to confirm that. Accountant should also take a look at prospective bylaws before being voted on. Suggestion for new bylaws to give more power to the board, given the low turnout for elections. Other amendments: remove ref coordinator from board, as well as select and rec coordinator. Suggestion: conduct vote at Opening Day.

- Action item: Scott to confirm what version of bylaws is current by next board meeting.
- Action item: David B to send current version of bylaws to board (by 2/15)
- UK trainers: Scott asks about any viable alternative. Lack of consensus about value of trainers. Jose expressed concerns about whether they can be afforded (rec program budget is currently looking at ~\$9k deficit).

Referee Coordinator

- Ref classes offered in Walnut Creek (March 1st) and Berkeley (March 2nd). Info at Gameofficials.net
- Decided to do all refs training on one day (Aug 3rd or Sept 22nd)
- Working on getting refs paid weekly by direct deposit
- Suggestion: enforce the requirement for comp teams to have one ref parent per team.
- Motion by Reba to require one licensed referee per rec team (U10 and above) to get volunteer hours (and get full compensation). Each ref should work 3 games per season. Approved unanimously.

Vice President Report

- Nothing to report

Select Coordinator Report

- Reached out of school board regarding flyers. Apparently it is at the discretion of each school. Graham to prepare flyers and contact principals.
- Team managers meeting on Jan 30th to insure they have everything they need for spring. On meeting, needs an update of all select team committee members.
- US Soccer: started process to sanction tournaments.
- Implementation of a player opt-out process. Need internal procedure for removal of player. Need check-out list to refund, or assess volunteer hours.
 - Action item: Jose to propose procedure at next BOD meeting (February 26th).

DOC Report

- Watford agreement all done
- Coaches invitational went well, but poor attendance. Need to change T-shirt sizes (only Youth Large).
- Spring training will begin week of Feb 11th. To confirm availability with Dan Foley.
- Rec coaches meeting on Jan 28-29
- Norcal meeting on Thursday Jan 24th. Tryouts could be as early as April

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Questions still up in air about rec fees and potential fundraisers (in order to afford UK coaches program)

Registrar Report

- In absentia: Jacob is planning on changing BOD teams on Teamsnap and put new members.
- Rec fees: should probably not change.
 - Action item: Scott to contact Steve Torres to determine whether “home-made” player cards would be accepted.
- Proposal from Scott: potentially eliminating Club fee for U6 (except if they don't volunteer).

Treasurer Report

- Discussed report (sent earlier on the same day), approved overhead budget unanimously

Other Business/Calendar Items

Next Meetings: February 26th, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC