

**MINUTES**  
**Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday – April 30th, 2019 6:45pm**  
**Benicia Community Center**

**Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Jose Beltran, Scott Swoboda, Carlos Martinez**

**Guests: Rodrigo Escalante, Derek Weldon, Jeff Kuta, David Balter, Graham Mayle**

**Meeting Called to Order 6:45pm**

**Review April Agenda- Approved unanimously**

**Review and approve March Minutes- Approved unanimously**

**Public Comment**

- None

**President Report**

- Motion to formally change name from “Benicia Youth Soccer” to “Benicia Arsenal Futbol Club” on all official documents (and pay the fee associated with the name change, reimbursing David Balter). Approved unanimously.
- David will investigate need for a fictitious name for the corporation.
- Motion to appoint Derek Weldon to Acting VP. Approved unanimously
- Sponsorship document to be resent. Minor modifications done, approved unanimously
- Still need help finishing certain pages of the website.
- Jeff Kuta: club could make a donation in the name of Joe Connell. Motion to make a \$100 donation to the charity chosen by his family (Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation). Approved unanimously.

**Referee Coordinator**

- Jeff Kuta, in lieu of Reba Halverson, introduced the concept of sideline manager. The role is to model good behavior and help channel parents emotions in a more positive way. Training can be provided. Sideline manager can help diffuse situations. Scott suggested emphasizing the need of having more licensed referees (parents) in order to help with this issue. Jose mentioned the fact that these types of problems had been decreasing over time. Scott suggests to continue this discussion at next board meeting.

**Vice President Report**

- April 14<sup>th</sup>: incident in 06 Girls team, involving 2 parents being vocal and overly abrasive. Discussion around how to improve sideline attitudes.

### **Select Coordinator Report**

- 35 people at informational night. Went well. Majority of parents showed up at tryouts.
- Tryouts went very well (some problems with field lights on first night). Venue was great. Spirit wear did ~\$300-400. Rodrigo suggested to have talk with kids ahead of time in order to make new kids feel more welcome
- Tournament planning under way. Little competition from other tournaments as of now.
- San Jose Earthquakes offers development academy at no cost (for players and coaches)
- Reached out to Nike, but size of club won't qualify for Nike's interest.

### **DOC Report**

- Tryouts for older ages will be split between high school and Community Park
- Need link for kids to register and make first payment. Suggestion: first payment by 1<sup>st</sup> of June.
- Spring League is going well.

### **Recreation Coordinator Report**

- Numbers are not looking as high as last year (although Top Soccer was not counted). Some players are still waiting to hear from Competitive program.
- Meetings for rec program are set.
- List for ordering material is not finalized.

### **Registrar Report**

- Registrations are within 5-10 players away from last year. Not concerned about overall numbers.
- Rec coaches must collect birth certificates and insurance cards at first team meeting
- Want to move to Sports Engine (and transition away from Team Snap on January 1)

### **Treasurer Report**

- Absent, but documents were sent. Any questions can be addressed to Mike D.

### **Other Business/Calendar Items**

**Next Meetings: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC**