

**MINUTES**  
**Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday – March 26th, 2018 6:45pm**  
**Benicia Community Center**

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

**Guests: Rodrigo Escalante, Derek Weldon, James Luka**

**Meeting Called to Order 6:50pm**

**Review March Agenda- Approved unanimously**

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

**Public Comment**

- Reba introduces James Luka, who manages a poker league. Discussion around cost of organizing event. \$150 per table (\$200 if we need dealers). Possibility for donations from local businesses. 50-50 raffles are allowed for sports organization only, but Jim recommends raffling regular prizes. Asking SF Giants or other organizations can get autographed baseballs. Medallions can be had (for \$7/piece) with child picture in back and they can be sold (\$15-20). 2 week turnaround time.
- Possibility for catering by Debbie for \$10/person (taco bar)

**President Report**

- Volunteer positions still needed: is an AFC treasurer needed? Mike D thinks it would be a good idea, especially to track registrations.
- Fundraising coordinator? It is needed
- Kicknic? It may be too much if we are involved in promoting the poker game. Will remain as an option
- Need a U10-19 group coordinator, volunteer coordinator for Rec League (just needs to gather volunteer information from the teams). Suggestion for team treasurer to also do volunteer coordinator.
- Fields and equipment team did inventory. We should be able to get rid of one of the storage units.
- Need someone to draft a sheet for sponsors. Mike D has an old copy (to be distributed to the board).
- List of rec coaches who have not returned equipment: Josh Levine, Noe Pineda, Michael Oreja, Bryan Boe, Myrel Willeford, Jeff Schlosser, Stewert Heredia
- Solano United wants rec leagues to have player cards (\$12/player). Concern from previous year experience about playing with Solano U (many complaints).
- Graham recommends to really push people to sign for rec, with the reassurance that

if there aren't enough players for an age group, the family will have a choice to play in a different age group or get a full refund.

### **Referee Coordinator**

- Good last weekend, just 1 AR missed his game. Full coverage on Saturday. Discussed to Jeff about getting weekly payments. March will be done monthly, then April will be done weekly.
- More people are still needed for refereeing.

### **Vice President Report**

- Volunteer position needed: game scheduler (currently done by Matt)

### **Select Coordinator Report**

- Spring season is going well so far. Good effort on communication. Select committee meeting happened last month to discuss tryouts. Half-way through filling all spots for volunteers. Need for a spirit wear table during tryouts
- Brainstorm on tournament ideas (tournament director was absent). St Pats does no longer rent their field.
- Flyers were distributed to district (who then hands those at school). Jose also contacted Matthew Turner to have the flyer uploaded on the website.
- Permission granted to add pricing for Select on website
- Recommendation for the website around field status (have it directly on the main page, rather than on the dropdown) + desktop version for mobile phone (**Action item for Scott Swoboda**)

### **DOC Report**

- Rain has made spring season challenging. Waiting for BCP to have Friday trainings. Working on it on week by week.
- Registration numbers look good. 233 in rec, 130 for competitive.
- UK coaches contract will be sent for signature
- Watford partnership update: looking at BHS for an ID camp in June.

### **Recreation Coordinator Report**

- U6-7 teams: some requests have been made already, and Rodrigo is already moderating their requests.
- Can coaches come out to Arsenal practices? Of course (Graham replies). Just need to explain that their team may not be coached in the exact same way.
- Is it unrealistic to hope for some rec practices to happen in the spring? So far, yes.

- Carlos is setting up another rec committee date

### **Registrar Report**

- Absent

### **Treasurer Report**

- Discussion on current budget. Very limited activity on rec league registration. Seriously discourages the payment by checks.

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

**Next Meetings: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC**