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Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – July 23rd, 2019 6:45pm
Benicia Community Center

Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Jose Beltran, Mike Distler, Reba Halverson, Derek Weldon, Jacob Guttemberg, Scott Swoboda, Rodrigo Escalante

Guests: Graham Mayle, Jeff Kuta

Meeting Called to Order 6:50pm

Review July Agenda- Approved unanimously

Review and approve June Minutes- Approved unanimously

Public Comment:

President Report

- Need to ratify the bylaws for voting by the membership. Recent comments were added.
- Motion to ratify the approved the amended bylaws, under the stipulation to change all mention of “Select” to “Competitive” and “House” to “Recreational” to designate the leagues. Also need to amend Section 7 to say “No participating family shall have more than one vote...” instead of “No person shall have more than one vote...”. Approved unanimously. **Action item for Scott: amend the bylaws. Action item for Yann: send them to the membership.**
- Is licensing of team referees paid for by the club? Yes, but shouldn't. Could be replaced by a bonus for first game refereed.
- Discussion on how to encourage more adult referees. Reba makes a motion to accept the proposal made in June (new adult refs would get a \$300 refund on registration fees after refereeing a minimum of 5 games at any level in the fall season, capping the program to 16 refs. This also fulfills the volunteer hours for a family). Approved unanimously.
- Discussion on potential discount for families with more than 2 players in the Competitive program. Multiplayer discount cannot be cumulated with financial aid. Can include players in Rec and Competitive. **Action item (Mike D): estimate number of families affected by policy.**

Referee Coordinator

- Boys tournament: should have coverage for all 42 teams.

- Opening day: ref classes to be schedules
- Poker tournament: still need 6 more volunteers (**action item for Scott S**). Signs to be printed and set up at strategic locations (print signs without dates, to be able to reuse them)

Vice President Report

Nothing to report

Competitive Coordinator Report

- 213 registered players to date. Player passes are being printed out.
- 42 teams signed up for tournament. Brackets still need to be finalized.
- Food trucks are being brought in. Medals, trophies, banners are ordered.
- Canteen (or some sort of food supply) will be open at high school
- Volunteer sign-up is to be released this coming Monday. Schedule will be released by Friday. Jacob suggested extending volunteer requirement to Rec parents.
- Contacted Adidas to work on uniform contract. Current uniform good for another year. Will continue line for 4 years.

DOC Report

- NorCal meeting: trying to implement a referee program. However not much has been done in the past 2 years. Discussion around tryout window for all clubs. Need to have the tryout dates earlier.
- Watford coaches webinar at the Benicia library. Great experience.
- Rec coach training held for 2 nights. Good attendance (also picked up equipment). On field sessions coming next year.
- 550 kids registered for Rec program.
- 20% more kids at Competitive tryouts. 10 kids less than last year (linked to the loss of a team).

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Great numbers (550 kids). Coordination has been great.

Registrar Report

- Registration is going well, but 2-3 Comp players are still missing. Player cards are mostly doing well.

Treasurer Report

- Report will be sent out by noon tomorrow.
- Working on team refunds from last season

Other Business/Calendar Items

Next Meetings: August 27th, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC