

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – September 24th, 2019 6:45pm
Benicia Community Center

Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Mike Distler, Scott Swoboda, Reba Halverson, Rodrigo Escalante

Guests: Graham Mayle

Meeting Called to Order 6:53pm

Review September Agenda- Approved unanimously

Review and approve August Minutes- Approved unanimously

Public Comment:

President Report

- Apparent “clunkiness” of payment for certain comp teams. Mike disagrees about this, explains simplicity of system for registration (just forward email with payment information). May need additional explanation to the team managers who may experience difficulties in registering for tournaments (and getting paid back by the club).
- Goal setup personnel is complaining about Bownet goals at Liberty field. Clearly the goals were bent during improper setup. Demonstration videos had been sent and specify that 2 people need to be used for setup. Instructions could be plastered on goal bags. **Action item: Scott to email club detailing the need to pay close attention to equipment.**
- Last minute cancellation: how are refs paid. Graham: team that cancels needs to pay for refs if the cancel less than 96h before game.
- Awards: discussion to be had when Rodrigo and Derek are present
- Mid-season player addition: Scott proposed a tentative policy (see below). Graham asked to minimize gray areas (“Roster too small” “injury”). Yann suggested to change 2/3 vote by simple majority and specify that e-vote is accepted for this. Mike asked to have some language for families that arrive late in summer or early fall (missed the tryouts).



Mid Season Player Addition Policy

- 1) The price to join a team for the fall season after the season has already begun is the same price as if the player joined at the beginning of the season up until December 31st
- 2) If a player joins a team at anytime during Spring Season, he/she will pay a prorated amount based on the current overall fee to be determined by members of the executive board of directors.
- 3) If a player is recruited by a team at any time of the season to play on that team because of a small roster or to replace a player that got injured, that player will play at a prorated amount to be determined by a member of the executive board of directors. Each case will be individually evaluated to determine if a prorated amount will be considered.
- 4) The above policies can be discussed and changed on a case by case basis with a 2/3rds majority vote by the board of directors.

Referee Coordinator

- Mentor program is looking successful. It's possible to push some up to BCP.
- Poker tournament: 33 signed up. Need 40 to break even. 4 core volunteers have been helping in a tremendous way. Still asking for some donations. Need for large coolers.

Vice President Report

Absent

Competitive Coordinator Report

Submitted *in absentia*

- 30 teams registered. All but 2 have paid.
- All 53 games will be played at BCP.
- All Benicia teams are participating, except U17 and U9's. U17's were not advertised and not enough teams signed up for U9's.
- Food vendors have been confirmed.
- Continue to have a challenge with obtaining volunteers, but it is going smoother than the boys tournament with the sign up process.

DOC Report

- Update on field committee: promising conversation around renovation of Henderson. School district seems on board to do something. Potential futures site by the Arsenal.
- Plan to attend Parks and Recreation meeting in January (possibly on the 8th) to explain needs for soccer league.
- Watford: trying to schedule of ID camp (for advanced players). Should be possible at BHS field
- UK trainers are on last week. Good feedback so far. Clinics were very well attended.
- Competitive teams are well under way. 6 teams have won every game.

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Concern on number of players past weekends.
- Some practice and game cancellations due to heat.
- Great experience with UK coaches.
- Awards: should be medals and 1 cup for 1st.
- Start planning coaches invitational.

Registrar Report

Absent

Treasurer Report

- Review of reports sent earlier today

Other Business/Calendar Items

Closed session

Next Meetings: September 24th, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC