

**MINUTES**  
**Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 6:45pm**  
**Benicia Community Center**

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

**Guests: Graham Mayle, Melissa Voyvodich, Roxane and Jamie Passama, Robert Gibbs, Dan Nieuwenhuis, Louis Fraire, Melissa Ramirez, Jeff Kuta**

**Meeting Called to Order 6:54pm**

**Review October Agenda- Approved unanimously**

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

**Public Comment:**

Incident in 07 Yellow team: communications with kids were pretty poorly handled. Information was not transmitted correctly to parents either. Shane held a practice 48 h after the yellow card. The decision was not run by the board (which it should have according to the disciplinary code). The decision to upgrade to a red card was taken afterwards, upon consultation with the Board President.

Reba pointed out that Jeff K was informed on Sunday night about the yellow card. Feeling from parent side is that team or parents may have been pinpointed for previous history. Scott insisted that prior history was not shared. Communication was poorly handled (self-acknowledgement from Scott).

Concern about safety of children since ref call is seen as unsafe play.

Request to have adult refs on games at this level. Scott explained that due to shortage of overall refs, sometimes that will not be possible.

**President Report**

- Incident with 07-Yellow Boys team has triggered need for revision of PAD (Protest, Appeals and Discipline). Jacob requested to define “dissent” in order to clarify what justified the disciplinary action. Potential discrepancy between by-laws and USO policies. Jose pointed out that the delay between the discipline and the appeal period makes it unfair for the person being disciplined. Graham is also advocating not using the “no practice consequence” too lightly, especially given that the hearing was not had and it hurts the kids directly.
- Who is responsible to communicate with the families? Coach, DOC, Board? Coach needs to communicate with families, but DOC needs to make sure that communication has happened.

## **Referee Coordinator**

- Poker tournament was a great success. On the night before, only 45 signed up. On the day of, 83 people were there.

## **Vice President Report**

Nothing to report

## **Competitive Coordinator Report**

- Tournament season is over. Great turnout for Girls tournament (31 teams). Arsenal teams did very well. Probably not a great money-maker though. Registration should be revisited (up) next year. Referees cost, high-school rental did put a dent on the budget. Problems with volunteers.

## **DOC Report**

- Possible dates for U8-14 tryouts: week of May 4th
- Possible dates for U15-19 tryouts: week of May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with DOCs from other clubs.

## **Recreation Coordinator Report**

- Season is going well. Rankings are being done.
- Awards are ordered for Coaches invitational. Shirts are ordered.
- Coaches are willing to extend season (indoor/futsal). Need to put information about options.
- Academy is doing well. Contacting other local clubs to organize a “jamboree” (set of friendly games). Only need center refs. U12 and U10 only. Budgeted to take players to 2 tournaments.
- Can Rec players tryout for spring season with Comp teams? Yes, based on space on teams.

## **Registrar Report**

Nothing to report

## **Treasurer Report**

- Discussion of numbers circulated earlier on today.

## **Other Business/Calendar Items**

**Closed session**

Moving to closed session at 8:42

**Next Meetings: November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC**