

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – February 25th, 2020 6:45pm
Benicia Community Center

Board Members Present: Scott Swoboda, Mike Distler, Rodrigo Escalante, Melissa Voyvodich, Erica Bunch, Derek Weldon, Reba Halverson

Guests: Graham Mayle, Nick Voyvodich, Cecilia Wright, Mike Munn, Jacob Guttenberg

Meeting Called to Order 6:50pm

Review February 2020 Agenda-

Motion by Derek to approve. 2nd by Mike D. Approved unanimously 6-0

Review and approve January 2020 Minutes-

Motion to approve by Mike D. 2nd by Melissa. Approved unanimously 6-0

Public Comment

- No comment

President Report

- Finish Planning Meeting Agenda
- Referee Program
Only need one class. Schedules for July 2020. We have an exact date but can't recall at the moment. Reba will let us know. One day class taught by Jeff.
 - Preseason spring training scheduled on March 4th, 2020 7-9pm
 - Need a preseason fall training too. Date TBD
 - Reba suggested game shadowing for some of the newer refs to help them train for their own games.
- Academy Program –
Rodrigo states that his plan is to get expenses, collect from parents and pay the club that way. Should balance out to zero. Scott mentioned that we want to increase fee for Rec Tournament for 11/7 and 11/8 so we can make money as a fundraiser.
 - Hoping to get fields for Spring and Summer for practices.
- Top Soccer-
 - **Action item for Scott - Will connect with Gia about what she might need.**
 - Erica to send link to Gia and Scott to test Top soccer registration
- Fields –
 - We get priority July 1st
 - Spring season field allocations:
 - RS – Sat/Sun

- JH – M-F and Sat/Sun
 - BCP TBD. City is suppose to tell us any day. Last season we rotated between two fields one month and the other two fields the next month.
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Vice President Report

- Nothing to report

Referee Coordinator

- want higher level refs for Spring
 - Can Jeff ref more games in Benicia? Reba thinks he's needed more in Napa
 - **Action Item for Reba – Ask Jeff about him refereeing more games in Benicia**

Competitive Coordinator Report

- wrapping up uniform contract. Will get it to Scott for signing when done.
- tournament sanctioning progressing. Need fees. Wendy from Parks and rec has been told about tournament dates.
- Review and establish fees for the upcoming season 2020/2021. Will discuss at March meeting. Graham states we need to have fees set by April.
 - Jacob suggests a 3% increase to keep up with inflation. He also suggests that we could have members pay the credit card fee to save us \$13K per year (BAFC has paid it in the past). Most board members agreed this was a good idea.
 - Total cost for each player comes out to about \$1500/player.
 - **will revisit at March meeting and make motion to approve.**
- Tournament entrance fees for both tournaments
 - Need to increase to cover costs of refs as we lost money on tournaments last season.
 - Suggestion to sell spirit wear at tournaments. No dates on them so can sell them the next year too.

Motion by Melissa to increase tournament entrance fees by \$100 for each age division both boys and girls. 2nd by Reba. Motion passes 6-0

- Discuss and approve fees for players wanting to play Spring League only.

Motion by Melissa to establish a policy to discount 75% for players wanting to join a team for Spring with the following conditions: Player has to be offered a spot on the team, it's a one time only offer to the player, Club fee applies, does not include State Cup games or tournament games, does include 2 practice jerseys. 2nd by Mike D. Motion passes 6-0

Doc Report

- Marketing, Communication and PR – relating to effectively utilizing the website, Facebook page, and email blasts.
 - Competitive tryouts page needs to be back up on home page of website
 - Website needs pics with players wearing our colors

- FB page should be used to promote club. Asking for volunteers should be email blasts only.
- Final approval for the Watford camp
 - High cost for using BHS
 - July 13th week for camp
 - 4 day camp- \$165
 - 5 day camp - \$195
 - Coaches from Watford will run camp
 - Players get a T-shirt
 - If a player is good enough at BAFC camp, could get an invite to Watford camp
- At Norcal AGM:
 - **Action item: Graham to send out compliance info**
 - Fundraiser ideas like Kicknic
 - Business sponsor ideas for our club. Need to ID those businesses willing to sponsor or make donations.
 - Scott reiterated that we now have a fundraising coordinator- Rachele Dunn

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Rodrigo thinks it's be good to have a team parent meeting prior to the season. Erica mentioned that U6 parents didn't understand who was suppose to do what. Scott said U6 parents never know what they're doing. That's what the age group coordinator is for.
- proposal to have U6/U7 parent meeting prior to season. Maybe in July
- Erica propose putting a program on the website to choose volunteer positions and track on website but will have admin control.
- **Action item: Erica will research programs that will give members the ability to sign up for volunteer positions**
- put Academy pics on academy website page
- flyers going to businesses and schools. Amy Hirsh coordinating and has 3 volunteers to help out
- Mare Island complex closing. GVRD looking for alternate place for those sports. Turf replaced 2 years ago. Can we do anything to host something like what GVRD was doing at Mare Island? No facility yet. Fields advocate committee meetings being held monthly to discuss just that.
- Do we want to continue to play Solano United teams for certain Rec divisions? Yes. Do we want to open it up to other clubs? Rodrigo to research the possibilities and get back to us.

Registrar Report

- 40 players registered as of this meeting.
- SportsEngine is easy to use
- TOP soccer reg run through by Gia and Scott. Erica will send link
- Jacob asking if Rec player cards will be needed. Scott concerned about added

cost. Last check, Rec player cards were \$25 each.

Treasurer Report

- reviewed and propose to approve all budgets for 2020

Motion by Reba to approve proposed budget for Rec, Comp, and overhead for 2020 pending two line items: Reg fees and team tournaments in comp budget. 2nd by Melissa. Motion passes 6-0.

Plan to finalize those two line items at our next BOD meeting

Other Business/Calendar Items

Next BOD Meeting:: March 24th, 2020 from 6:45-9 pm, at BCC