

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – March 23rd, 2021 6:30pm
Remote meeting

Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Derek Weldon, Mike Distler, Marissa Murphy-Becerra, Mike Munn, Rodrigo Escalante, Zoraida McNorton,

Guests: Graham Mayle, Jeff Kuta, Scott Swoboda, Cecilia Wright, Paul Gigliotti, Gia Quinn

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30pm

Review March Agenda- Approved unanimously

Review and approve February Minutes-Approved unanimously

Public Comment:

- Cecilia Wright- Yes to volunteer coordinator for next season! Yay!!!
- Scott & Jeff (And Dave Shaffer) commented on the unsafe conditions of Field 1 and 3, especially Field 1. Scott suggested soccer community comment via letter to the city: Wendy Monahan, Mike Dotson, Anne Dunleavy. Per Graham: Field 2 also bad. Every year little or nothing done to fields. Per Yann: Hold out on letter campaign for now. Graham will take this up with the city based on email from Scott.
- Thanks to Mike & Gia for Top Soccer work!

President Report

- Feedback of first weekend of games- Nice to have kids back at play.
- Rod had a question on comp team travelling outside of county. Per Graham, Nor Cal paired with bordering counties (Sac County). Next round of league games will be Contra Costa County.
- Mask policy and communications around it: Yann-Emphasize mask policy likely short lived. Communicate it is state and Nor Cal regulations and not clubs. Point out mask options and provide solutions. If parents still have complaints, refer to Yann. Graham- Cannot control other clubs, must follow rules given by state. Rod: Suggested changing the mask narrative to switch it up, consider dissecting the state's recommended guidelines to put a hand in the choices we're making for the players. Graham- accept the policy based on the subject matter experts' conclusion of what's best. Jeff and Scott- from ref perspective: refs should not police mask wearing, however- Scott suggests adding as part of pregame chat to set the tone for the game.
- Update on volunteers- Have a volunteer for signage; will get with Scott on this. Volunteer for Tournament Coordinator- Kathryn Osmer!

Vice President Report-Game on Saturday was good!

Referee Coordinator- 8 Weekend games went well with 3 refs per game. Looks good for season, fully assigned except 1 spot. Propose all 11v11 scheduled games move to Field 3 to reduce safety hazard.

Select Coordinator Report

- Volunteer Field Liners- Email Connie Manning ensure lining done for this week. (Schedules for Friday)
- Field Marshals- For spectator enforcement only! Ensure 6ft and face coverings (Graham: Refer to spectator section of pdf protocol). Field Marshals vests required. Put vests in green shed so they have access. Possibly in R43 storage. Ask: Jose Beltran, Mario Osejo, Tim Miller. Scott to send email addresses to contact to return their key.
- Clarity on Sanctioning-US Club soccer needs to sanction the games. Marissa to get in touch with Dora to go through the sanction process. Yann to send contact email.
- Jersey/Uniform Update- 1 pickup. Email from David Re: Uni template. Will demo. \$\$\$ is much higher.
- Kudos to Michael (including a nice, tall cold one) for hard work on Player Cards!
- Kudos to Rodrigo for saving the weekend with buckets and flags (a cold one for him too).

DOC Report

- Re : Rec Program combine with Solano and American Canyon (Athletica) U12 and up to compete.
- Tryouts May 10- June 6. No open tryouts, open training sessions only. Coaches will coordinate regarding inviting players. Dates not firmed up yet, but should be between 5/10-6/6. Waiting for letter from Nor Cal before posting dates.

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Thanks to Mike, Yann and Scott for helping with Rec Registration. Just marinating until the fall.
- Give freebee hoody to Jared Slate and refund money. Unanimously approved. Graham to send screenshot of hoody style.

Registrar Report

- Discounts for multi-player family (3 or more players select or rec) 20% discount on total at time of registration. This is to be advertised. Refer to Yann's email for details. Unanimously approved.
- Player with adult family Licensed Refs U10-U19, 5 games or more in a season. Will receive 10% refund at the end of the season. Paid Ref games only. Refer to Yann's email for details. Unanimously approved.
- 105 early bird registrations, 7 mid-spring comp sign-ups, 195 active comp players, 1 Top Soccer Reg.

Treasurer Report-Got money coming in from early registration for Rec and Spring Comp registration.

Other Business/Calendar Items

Next Meeting: April 20th, 2021, from 6:30-9:00pm via Zoom.