

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday - August 24th, 2021 6:30 pm
Remote Meeting

Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Derek Weldon, Mike Distler, Mike Munn, Zoraida McNorton

Guests: Graham Mayle, Jeff Kuta, Scott Swoboda, Cecilia Wright

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35pm

Review August Agenda: Approved unanimously

Review and approve July Minutes: Approved unanimously

Public Comment: Cecilia still needs final Rec Roster! ***Action Item Rodrigo:** Email Rec Roster to Cecilia.

President Report

- **Opening Day Update:** Postponed due to delayed uniform delivery (unis scheduled to arrive tomorrow). **NEW DATE: OCTOBER 17TH.** Barbara McBride has HELPED A TON! Kudos are in order! 10/17 chosen because it's the only Sunday Shooting Stars could fit). Board asked to vote on approving a 'suggested' surcharge for the cancellation up to \$1 per player. Board has asked Yann to shoot low, however, Mike Munn motioned, Z 2nd the motion, Mike Distler and Yann voted in favor of the motion, Derek voted against the motion. 4 to 1, Yann to proceed with caution per Board, as well as Scott Swoboda advising on previous Board's lackluster impression of photo quality in the past. In addition, if we are caught in a bind, Scott Swoboda may know another vendor for 10/17.
- **Field lining:** Still an issue. Planning to focus on lining just BCP; Yan/Rodrigo will spearhead the lining. Per Graham, there should be enough supplies (50 cases of paint in mini storage). Yann will send receipts for measuring equipment as needed. First practices of day start at 4pm and 5pm. ***Action Items Graham:** pdf of field dimensions for U6 and U7 fields, confirm paint supplies in mini storage.
- **Competitive League discussion update:** Strategic vision of club meeting with steering committee didn't go well and got a bit heated. Marissa has decided to step down as Select Coordinator.
- **Pictures:** Scheduled for 10/17th. Hopefully at minimal surcharge cost. If need to find a new vendor, we will refer to Scott Swoboda.
- **COVID:** Our protocol hasn't changed but it may with school starting and school has a different protocol. Graham will need clarity to pass on moving forward. ***Action Item Yann:** Draft a message to parents regarding COVID protocols- basically summary of BOD discussion.

Vice President Nothing to add now.

Referee Coordinator Report

- **Game Day Protocols (with respect to COVID):** Need clarification for rec teams so Refs have proper info. Per Graham: California ruling has been retired as of 6/15. Other than general population rules, masks are optional; recommend no handshakes or high fives.
- **# of referees on small-sided games (rec and comp):** Will be challenging. Arsenal program: 3 refs for U9 and U10, U10 Rec might only have 1 ref. Per Graham: When we can put 3 that's great, but 1 is acceptable.
- **Rules of Competition for Recreational League:** Need rules from Rodrigo. ***Action Item Rodrigo:** Email Rec rules to Jeff ASAP. Scott is working on game schedule and will get out ASAP, possibly before Friday. Might only schedule first week of games. Expected games for 8/28: Per Jeff: Six(6) U10 games are scheduled for 8/28, beginning at 8am and run every 75 minutes.

Select Coordinator Report Not much to report currently.

DOC Report

- **Soccer Pro:** Girls practice jerseys are in but need patches; will distribute this week. Boys will take longer, ETA October but at no cost. Game unis should be in by end of month. Soccer Pro has been great.
- **Goals:** Rod arranged for Victor to weld: DONE. Coming back to file and cap bolts. Goals still need addressing: bolts on back bars loose and need reattaching, wheels stuck and need fixing, nets need attention.
- **Academy:** Have issues to address with the Academy but will wait for Rod to join meeting to address these with him.
- **Teams:** Most teams (except a few rec teams) are already out on the fields.
- **Field availability:** Ordered porta-potties for Liberty and Henderson as backup. New person with City for field scheduling but having difficulty getting what we need. Field shortage, field condition and maintenance will be discussed during a meeting with Mike Dodson and Dominguez.

Recreation Coordinator Report Will attend meeting late.

Registrar Report

- **Total registered players:** 764 players. Breakdown: 572 Rec, 167 Comp, 25 Top, and 15 on the wait list to potentially add.
- **Player passes:** 2 player passes to print and a few coaches to approve and then DONE! Graham: I have some assistant coaches coming your way!
- **Registration Next Year:** Yann: Will registration be through GotSport? or SportsEngine? Will discuss soon.
- Yann: What is the period of closing registration to start of season? Scott Swoboda: Typically, by June 1, latest June 30, so you have time to meet with coaches, coordinate

teaming, uni orders in and distributed, etc. Most hectic month is August- need to make sure everything is situated: game schedule, field lining, pix, teams...

- For future, normal year, Close Registration earlier, no later than 6/30.

Treasurer Report

- ***Action Item Graham**: Email number of players per team to Mike Distler to make sure not spending more than allotted for tourneys.
- **Field Use**: School wanted numbers for invoicing. ***Action Item Rodrigo**: Email Graham and Mike Distler ASAP age and at which fields so Mike can update the budget.
- **Rec Background Checks**: ***Action Item Rodrigo**: Update on Background Checks; Coaches need background checks before hitting the fields; Need to purchase more tokens for background checks.
- **Bills coming in**: Uniforms and other bills slowly coming in and will update, but we should be \$7K in the black on the Rec side. Field rentals are already considered on the Comp side.
- **Overhead**: Budgeted fundraising but if no fundraising programs, both Rec and Comp programs will be hit for about \$5K each.
- **Treasurer position transition**: Transition training with Paul is going great. Will likely let Paul take over and walk him through and have an overlap for a bit.

Other Business/Calendar Items:

- Solicitations for Secretary position for the Board: Please solicit interest for the Secretary position. Z will man the post until we can get another volunteer in.
- Yann: There will be a few positions coming up for: Vice President, Rec Coordinator, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are planning to leave before the end of term, notify ahead of time so we can get volunteers to shadow and overlap the positions to make the transitions easier.

Closed session

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 6:30pm