

MINUTES
Benicia Arsenal FC Board Meeting
Tuesday – October 26th, 2021 6:30 pm
Remote Meeting

Board Members Present: Yann Jouvenot, Mike Distler, Mike Munn, Zoraida McNorton
Rodrigo Escalante

Guests: Graham Mayle, Cecilia Wright, Paul Gigliotti, Mel Ramirez

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40pm

Review September Agenda: Approved unanimously

Review and approve August Minutes: Approved unanimously

Public Comment:

President Report

- **Arsenal Day-** Recap: Great in spite of lack of volunteers & last-minute cancellations! 😊
- **Spirit Wear-** Need to reorder more items.
- **Goals Update-** On route in Cincinnati, just asked for customs fee. When they arrive, need a team of volunteers to set up and take down old goals.
- **End of Fall Season-** See recaps on refs, teams, coaches, fields, goals, and upcoming end of year tournaments in below reports.

Vice President Absent.

Referee Coordinator Report Still having trouble recruiting. 45% experienced Refs have not returned.

Select Coordinator Report Still looking for a Select Coordinator! Please put out the feelers.

DOC Report

- **Ref Assessment:** Re-emphasized the shortage but kudos to Jeff Kuta who is doing a great job overall! 😊
- **Team Assessment:** Overall the teams are all doing good and appropriately challenged.
- **Coach Assessment:** Overall the 3 new comp coaches are doing good. The rec coaches are doing good aside from a few hiccups that have worked themselves out.
- **Field Assessment:** Fields closed and had to cancel games due to rain. Field 3&4 may open sooner, Field 1&2 will take longer. 11v11 scheduled at the High School.
- **Coach sub** for Johnnie until February.

- Rodrigo: Received backlash/complaints on field allocation with Graham's notification that teams were not to practice on field, then comp teams took over rec fields. Comp has longer season than rec and rec teams needed to prepare for Solano final games. Parents were livid over this. Graham: Semple only field available. There were 3 comp teams and 2 rec teams and he gave rec equal or more space.
- Rodrigo: Liberty fields were waterlogged even before the rain. City needs to turn off sprinklers! Graham: Liberty: should be good tomorrow. Henderson: Maybe. BCP 3&4: Maybe. Coaches should avoid water spots on fields.

Recreation Coordinator Report

- Having a blast doing soccer this season. Even with the status of the goals and fields, the quality of the soccer has stepped up.
- Soccer Fest went great- thanks everyone for volunteering. We will do better next year.
- Solano Tournament: 10/30 and 11/6. Scott should get schedule soon.
- Coaches Invitational: 11/8-11/10. Wrote a blurb and will ask coaches to get player rankings done. Need players soon.
- All Out Shoot Out: 11/13-11/14. Got the Field Liners lined up, now working on making competition even by keeping at Rec Level, maybe Copper Level teams. Put the Word out to send their "Rec Champion". Dialogue with Jeff on Ref coordination for this. Awards: lining this up too. Will coordinate with Mike Munn on registration. Cecilia: Need Team Info with list of players on it. Can send directly to coaches, just need email addresses. Rod to send info to Cecilia.
- Rain: Got concerns over tournament. Status of fields in School District for backup? Graham: Semple and High School can be made available. Graham: If water continues: Can do a night at Dan Foley but would have to wait until January as a backup.
- Spirit wear: Vendor is non-committal. Rod to give Yann info on local vendor. For Coaches Invitational, we can try Express Printing (Industrial Park). Distler will give info.
- Medals and Trophies: U8's and under are available. Older teams: coming later this week.

Registrar Report

- All registration closed except for comp in case we have a guest player. Will prorate registration.

Treasurer Report

- Will also be looking for a Treasurer! Please put out the feelers for this too!
- We had some extra income come in for the Spirit wear sales.
- Mike will prepare the Projections for end of year after running some numbers. Just have a few more expenses to close out, such as trophies, port-a-potties, etc. But looks like Rec will be positive. Comp is coming in a tad short.
- Remind families we have a little room in the Financial Aid bucket for any families in need.
- Mike Munn- Propose no longer accept checks. ACH payments are a nightmare. Mike Distler second, and Board approved unanimously.

Other Business/Calendar Items:

- Z: Voting email needs to go out 30 days before closing. Yann to get candidate list soon.

Closed session

- BOD to stay for 5 minutes for a quick closed meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 6:30pm