



BONNEVILLE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Board Meeting Minutes
Jan. 12, 2016
Time: 7pm
Location: Broulim's

Board Members in Attendance: Brandon Lee, Dan Beck, William Athay, Judy Brower, Ron Stewart, Bryce Burtenshaw, Abe Romo, Julian Milano.

Others in Attendance: Jason Child, Ryan Cook, Monica Bitrick (YMCA), Olivia Skousen (YMCA)

Prior Minutes. The October 2016 and December 2016 BYSL Board Minutes were ratified. The 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes were ratified as amended at the meeting.

Discussion of January Agenda Items:

1. Financial reports were circulated by Judy Brower.
2. **YMCA.** Monica Bitrick and Olivia Skousen came to present on the YMCA indoor soccer program. They noted that Joe Huskinson had approached them about concerns with lights, etc., and wanted to discuss improvements at the YMCA. Monica discussed the replacement of lights and ongoing needs for replacement of nets, etc. Monica also discussed future plans for the indoor facility, YMCA staffing, improvements to coach and parent communications and use of the new Sports Illustrated Play system for team management and communications.
3. **3v3 Fundraising Proposal.** A third party (3v3live) has offered to host a 3v3 tournament for ages 5-adult if BYSL markets and provides fields, etc. They will provide officials and registration, etc., and give BYSL a percentage of tournament revenues as a fundraiser. Jason Child suggested the Aug. 6 weekend before HS tryouts as a possible time if BYSL is interested. The proposal is under consideration and BYSL is also considering running its own tournament. The discussion was tabled for a month.
4. **Update of BYSL Rules and Regulations.** Brandon Lee opened discussion on the draft revised Rules and Regulations he had earlier circulated.

Comments:

- Dan Beck provided numerous comments on the content for discussion and provided a hard copy of his comments to Brandon Lee.
- William Athay discussed reconciling the recruiting policy in the Rules and Regulations with the rules posted on the BYSL website.
- Ron Stewart provided numerous comments on the content for discussion and will work with Brandon to incorporate his remaining changes into the draft.

Action items:

- a. Brandon Lee will revise the Rules and Regulations based on the feedback and may meet further with Ron as necessary and then circulate another draft to the Board.

YDP. Brandon Lee introduced the prior recommendation of not offering a U6 and U8 YDP league in Spring 2017 as no one has volunteered to run the YDP program. The proposal was that the Board instead work towards re-launching YDP for these ages in Fall 2017 with a revamped structure designed to better align with the competitive goals of BYSL that is differentiated from other local offerings. Judith Brower expressed an interest in keeping YDP and others also expressed the concern that putting YDP on hiatus for a season may necessitate a complete rebuild of the program.

William Athay suggested that BYSL consider hiring someone to run YDP for Spring 2017. Various names were suggested by the Board and Ryan Cook is considering the position. If he declines a search will be undertaken with local HS soccer coaches as a possibility. The compensation is still under consideration.

Because the decision was made that YDP will be continued, it was decided that registration will soon open.

Action items:

1. Ryan Cook to decide on his interest in the YDP spring position within one week.
 2. Jason Child to update all registration info pages on the BYSL website.
 3. Jason Child to finalize and distribute a flyer with registration information on the BYSL website, BYSL Facebook page, and other locations TBD.
 4. Jason Child to open Spring YDP and U11/U12 registration on GotSoccer.
5. **Training.** There was a brief discussion of upcoming training.
- a. There will be an NSCAA Level 6 coach training session on/around March 2-4. BYSL will pay for BYSL coaches to receive this training.
 - b. There are upcoming refereeing courses in February and March.
 - c. Brandon or Jason will draft and send out an email blast through GotSoccer to '04 and up to players, parents and coaches with information about the upcoming coach and referee trainings.

Brandon or Jason may take out a newspaper advertisement about referee training opportunities.

6. **Play up policy.** The Board again discussed proposed play-up policies. Last Fall, no play-ups were allowed at certain ages (U10 to U11 and U12 to U13) based on the combined ages in Snake River League play (e.g. U11/U12 league) in order to avoid 2 year play-up mismatches. Ron Stewart expressed his concerns that 2 year play ups be avoided at young ages and that making teams better is not a valid reason to have a play-up. William Athay expressed his concern that last season several players chose not to play BYSL soccer because they were denied the play-up opportunity and that a play-up policy needs to be quickly adopted so parents and coaches can make spring soccer plans before registration. The Board agreed that Brandon Lee and Jason Child will draft a proposed BYSL play-up policy to permit play-ups in certain limited circumstances so these players are not denied competitive learning opportunities that play-ups are generally designed to facilitate.

Action items:

- a. Brandon and Jason to draft a play-up policy within several days.
- b. Brandon to circulate the draft play-up policy to the Board with the intent that amendments be quickly made and a motion passed to adopt the new play-up policies before registration opens, or at the least within several days of it opening.

Next meeting date: February 2, 7pm at Broulim's.