

Berkshire County Youth Soccer League
BOD Meeting
September 25, 2007

Present: B. Farley, D. Belcher, D. Larocque, C. Schnopp, J. Hunt, B. Monteleone

Prior meeting minutes have yet to be reviewed and accepted.

A quorum was declared present. Meeting convened at 7:17 PM.

Old Business(July 31st meeting agenda continued)

Adams/Pittsfield conflict: No other issues have presented. Columbus Day Tournament should be an indicator of any continued problems.

Ref. Evaluations: BOD agrees it may be worth while to create a member review panel to assess submitted evaluations and establish a protocol for routine feedback to officials regarding performance. Will discuss with Head Ref. B. Koziara. D, Belcher suggests new protocol be put forth by the president. Annual referee recertification meeting may be a practical time to address evaluations, provide any new information and familiarize officials with BOD members.

Newsletter: still waiting for article submission from B. Koziara and G. Nowicki. Other possible pieces: ref. evaluation with feedback; photos. President welcomes ideas.

Open Advisory Seat: Rob Swan of Williamstown was offered the open seat by B.Farley.

Age eligibility: What would be the impact on clubs if the minimum age of U10 division players was limited to age 8 and if a U8 division was added to the league? BOD is interested in TC input and will solicit opinions. BOD is considering the addition of a new clause to the bylaws to regulate “bring up” players; younger player would only be allowed to help fill team rosters not replace available “age eligible” players. Clubs would be required to submit in writing, to the BOD, a reason for bringing a player up.

Length of regular BOD meetings: There will be a two hour maximum.

Delegation of BOD duties among members: to be addressed at next meeting.

Number of allowed blackout dates. Possibly eliminating Sunday games for older divisions.

New Business

Accommodations for MAPLE: scheduling adjustments would be necessary. Will conduct a TC inquiry as to what number of club players participate in MAPLE to determine the level of need for accommodations.

Mergers: Would fees be too costly for some if a single club was the only alternative? Though aid is available, people are too proud to ask.

D. Larocque motions to remove club merger deadline clause from bylaws. D. Belcher seconds the motion. Unanimous vote to remove clause.

Co-ed divisions: girls playing on boys teams vs. boys playing on girls teams in a case of stranding. waiver language change; “age divisions to “age and gender divisions”. This will clarify that girls play on girls teams and boys play on girls teams.

Action Item

B. Monteleone will draft basic language for stranding and co-ed waiver issue.

Meeting Schedule

The next BOD meeting will be held Tuesday, October 30th
@ The Rainbow Restaurant, Pittsfield

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Schnopp
Secretary, BCYSL