

BIFC Board Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2023, 8:00 pm
Via Zoom

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Jeff Shepard, Jim Handy, Brett Deits, Liming McMillan, Maya Fletcher, Amii Thompson, Ryan Daugherty, Greg Troyan, Ian McCallum

Meeting called to order at 8:04

President's Report: Peter reviewed the agenda with the board. He asked that Brett share his WMS update during this time, and that we will share the updated fee adjustment during the financial portion of the agenda.

Peter shared that it was a meaningful weekend for our older age groups, especially our seniors that have been in the Club. Ian, Jeff, Maya and Elizabeth worked hard to make this happen. The 05 vs. the 04 game happened and the 2012 team was recognized for winning the State Cup. Each of the senior players were recognized and it was really moving for them and their families. Jeff was the MC and did a great job! The game was also really fun to watch. Additionally, Peter recognized that Founder's Cup went well and we had a good showing there. Also, that we are nearing the end of our season, and that there is a lot of good work happening behind the scenes to get ready for the new season. Lots of great things are happening in the club and a lot of registrations-close to 90 for the HS age!

Peter transitioned to talking about year round fields. Brett shared materials that have been received to date from DA Hogan, the field design, lights, etc. The discussions have advanced to the BISD Director of Facilities, Dane Fenwick. He is working to set up a meeting with COBI this ASAP, with the goal being to have a meeting this week. The board held a lengthy discussion on this topic, then a motion was made and duly seconded that ***any member in the Club can donate funds in order to further pursue the development of year round fields at WMS in partnership with BISD. The BIFC Board has the authority to direct the use of these funds to the BISD in relation to this project.*** The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Vice President's Report: Jeff shared that Senior Night was awesome. He has been watching this group play soccer for almost 13 years and there were many people in tears. The Manchester Planning meeting tonight (although not Club affiliated) was amazing with a lot of good energy and excitement!

Secretary Report: Liming made a note about the Northwest Youth Soccer Association abbreviation, Amii made the correction. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the January meeting minutes.

Financial Update: Brett shared that it is business as usual. We did purchase some new video cameras and had a very successful campaign with One Call for All, more than we anticipated.

The Board reviewed the letter about fee adjustments, made suggestions and finalized that Ian will share this information tomorrow with families.

Operations Update: Ian shared that Senior Night was so special on Saturday. Lots of tears. Big shout out to everyone for helping, especially Sherry L., Maya, Elizabeth and many other people that helped! Tryouts for tonight and Wednesday night. The sign up for try-outs is different than in the past, with just a Google Form instead of the entire registration process. The feedback has been positive so far. Please help with set-up this week if you are available. Select coaches will be finalized the week after mid-winter break. Tryouts will be held in May for the younger age group. Ian also noted that there are over 150 players right now in DA, the highest number that he can remember.

BIFC HS Boys tryouts are taking place Feb 14-15.
BIFC Winter Development Academy 150 Kids
BIFC Spring registration under way.
BIFC Boys HS Senior Night - Huge Hit
BIFC Boys 2012 were recognized at Senior Night

Ryan had to leave early as he noted prior to the meeting, so was unable to provide an email update, but has been working closely with Skyhawk Press to reduce the number of choices for ordering (ie no need for Men's XL) and to make ordering easier for families. Peter shared his gratitude for Ryan for helping with this and also with working with the Sounders to secure a game for the Club to attend this season.

Ian gave a shout out to the 05 girls for showing up for Helpline House. This group was amazing and worked really hard that night for our community.

Peter asked if there were any additional issues that we need to discuss today or put forward for possible topics in March. Seeing none, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.