BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022, 8:30 PM

Via zoom

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Brett Deits, Sherry LaMonica, Liming McMillan, Ian McCallum, Phil Avison, Ben Dugan, Jeff Shepard, and Ryan Daugherty

President's Report (Peter Murchie): Peter provided an overview of the agenda. He then provided an update on the first tournament up in Skagit. It was great to see all of the teams, coaches and parents competing. The Boarded noted that it will be good to get back out for Crossfire this coming weekend as well. Peter then shared an update on Parks District approval to move forward with design and permitting for Strawberry Field for turfing; the current anticipated plan is that they fields will be available for use Winter 2023. Peter then discussed the importance of the Board being present and volunteering at Island Cup.

The Board will review June minutes and approve them in August.

Financial Report (Brett Deits and Liming McMillan): Brett and Liming reviewed June financials, which remain in good shape. There is more revenue than budgeted for, so the Club should be well in the black at the end of the year.  They noted that there are anticipated expenses coming in terms of field fees and payroll.  The Board asked questions about BIFC’s reserve fund and how we are using that, and Brett and Liming provided clarification that BIFC keeps an operations reserved fund as well as a “fields for future” reserve that can be used for capital expenses and/or field fees at the board discretion.  They next reviewed the financial impact of not hosting Island Shield, which is anticipated to be approximately a 3k hit on our budget, so not too significant. Brett then led a discussion of the status of BIFC’s scholarship requests for this Select Season.  He anticipates up to $23K being requested.  BIFC’s budget for the year is $15K.  The Board discussed where we are seeing that increase coming from.  The Board discussed the scholarship situation and agreed that BIFC should provide an equal opportunity for all children want to play and tryout for the club without consideration of financial circumstances.  Scholarships are to be evaluated after teams formed and on a need basis. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board increased the budget for scholarships from $10k to $25k to cover the anticipated request.

DOC / TD Report (Ian McCallum and Phil Avison): Ian previously circulated a robust report for the Board’s review. During the meeting, the Board discussed planning for the Island Cup and Island Shield. Island Cup hit just under 100 teams (compared to 87 in the past). The board discussed field availability and status. BIFC needs volunteers, including select and recreational families. The committee will be sending out communications. Additionally, the Board discussed referee food delivery and parking patrol. The Board will reach out to the Downtown Association / Chamber of Commerce on positive impacts.

Ian next discussed the Hummel Uniform situation. He has visited Skyhawk Press, and they have had issues with Hummel being responsive.  There has been a lot of email with families on the uniform issues.

Finally, Ian reported on miscellaneous progress of the Club. The Shed has been helpful for Battlepoint; wheels on the goals all so helpful.  Camp went very well and Helpline House food drive was also successful. More camps are coming up, all full; there have been some challenges with staffing

Phil discussed WPL placement of high school teams. Phil looked at the divisions, but it is difficult to get an understanding of the competition and more detail about those teams.  Once this information was available, they came up with League Placement for WPL (04-08 Boys Teams), which is provided on the WPL website.  It will be a 10 game season.  Some teams are in the superleague and will have longer drives to games; others will play locally.

There being no further business, on a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was called to a close at 9:55 PM.