BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022, 7:30 PM

Via zoom

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Elizabeth Chambers, Sherry LaMonica, Brett Deits, Ben Dugan, Ian McCallum, Jeff Shepard, Phil Avison, Liming McMillan, Savannah Mabee, Ellie Murray, Greg Troyan, and Ryan Daugherty.

President’s Report (Peter Murchie):

Peter reviewed the evening’s agenda. Peter acknowledged that over the last few weeks we’ve had a lot of activity: boys’ try outs for BIFC and BHS, President’s Cup and Founder’s Cup, and even world events (Ukraine) that have impacted soccer. Generally, he has been hearing from community members that there are positive feelings around what the club is doing. Peter’s focus over the next few weeks will be on Fields of the Future. We’ve requested to be in an upcoming Parks meeting to further discuss solutions and urgency of the issue.

Peter noted that the Vice President position is open on the Board; it is up for elections at the General Meeting, but we can appoint someone between now and January. Peter welcomed suggestions from Board members of anyone who might be a good candidate.

Financial Report (Brett Deits and Liming McMillan):

BIFC ended January with no financial surprises; January is heavily focused on operating expenses / wages. Brett noted that we did not raise as much in One Call for All, and Liming raised that we should promote donations through this avenue as well.

DOC / TD Report (Ian McCallum and Phil Avison):

The Board next reviewed the DOC and TD Report. Ian and Phil reviewed activity on the myriad BIFC programs, including summer select tournaments, wooden spoon, BIFC Select Uniforms, BIFC logo competition, an international tour to Manchester 2023, coach education, winter development academy, recreational soccer, TOPSoccer, and mini kickers. Since the last Board meeting, 5 BIFC teams went to semifinals in Founders Cup, with 3 advancing to finals. In the Presidents Cup, BIFC had 2 Championships. BIFC had try outs a few days later for the boys, forming 04-06 teams. Ian next reviewed coach education; BIFC will offer online training classes in May, and a field test in June.

Sponsorships (Ryan Daugherty):

Ryan updated the Board on securing sponsors for the next cycle of jerseys, including expansion to have different sponsors for home and away games, and he introduction of training jerseys. We’ve had expanded interest from 4 to 7 or 8 sponsors for this cycle. The Board applauded Ryan’s work on this front. Ryan next described working with One Call for All; Coach’s gear will have the One Call logo on it.

Peter reminded the Board that Phil did amazing work during COVID on how the Club’s player could support the community, and that these could be good options for the club even moving forward in connection with One Call for All.

Ryan also asked about our prior uniforms and a plan for donations of the items, which the Board discussed.

There being no further business, on a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was called to a close at 8:30 PM.