BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022, 7:45 PM

Via zoom

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Elizabeth Chambers, Ian McCallum, Phil Avison, Sherry LaMonica, Liming McMillan, Ben Dugan, Jeff Shepard, Ellie Murray, and Savannah Mabee

President's Report (Peter Murchie): Peter provided an overview of the agenda.

Elizabeth previously circulated a copy of the June and July minutes to the Board. Peter noted a change to the number of scholarships from 2 to 3 from the June meeting. All Board members agreed, and on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the June and July minutes.

Financial Report (Liming McMillan): The Club remains in a strong financial position, and payment plans appear to be working well. July shows a $54,000 A/R coming from the Parks related to World Cup camp and Spring recreational soccer, which was received today. Liming explained that several payments need to be made by credit card, and Brett and Liming will go to the bank to discuss credit card options; Peter will join as may be needed. Before the next meeting, Peter, Brett and Liming will work together on placing appropriate controls on use of the credit card and proposing a policy to the Board.

DOC / TD Report (Ian McCallum and Phil Avison): Ian reported that because Island Shield was not feasible due to lack of numbers, BIFC has shifted the teams to Tyee Cup. On Saturday night, the tournament let BIFC know that there would not be a bracket for the 2005 girls team, and Ian is working on a new plan for that group. A number of the other teams are going. Ian then noted that for the high school age group, there have been some issue with the 2004 boys having a full roster, as several boys have not completed registration. BIFC will work with them to assist with the process. In late August, the 2004 and 2005 boys may need to combine for certain games. The younger teams have all been placed within the leagues and have their schedules coming into place. Fall recreational soccer registration is underway. Uniforms are now being delivered, slowly but surely. It’s been a rough roll out, but people seem to be happy with the uniforms received. Finally, Ian noted that he heard from the school district that the high school field will not be complete as scheduled, but will be one more week. The Board has concerns about the poor quality of the school district grass fields.

The Board then turned to a discussion of the upcoming Island Cup. The Board discussed fields and the status of grass fields and alternatives at some length. Ian thanked Sherry for pushing for volunteers. Liming and Phil are working on registrations, and BIFC has workable brackets for all the age groups. There are 95 teams, whereas last year was 86. The schedule will be shared shortly. Sherry discussed recruiting volunteers and asked the Board to contact their teams. Ian reiterated that the Board should look for opportunities to help as well as be visible during the tournament.

Ian next discussed coordinating the Sounders tickets for families to attend in October, possibly October 9. Ian is looking for a volunteer to assist in coordinating this; Peter will follow up.

Finally, Ian next mentioned that he’d like the Board to assist with fundraising for the Manchester trip. Peter will work with Brett and Ryan to present options to the Board in advance of the next meeting for review for potential approval.

The Board then went into a brief executive session.

There being no further business, on a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was called to a close at 8:52 PM.