

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

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Jeff Shepard, Jim Handy, Brett Deits, Liming McMillan, Maya Fletcher, Ryan Daughtery, Greg Troyan, Amii Thompson, Ian McCallum, Phil Avison, Elizabeth Patterson, Ben Dugan

Guests: Mark Nowak, Madi Williamson

Meeting called to order at 8:05

President's Report:

Welcome to Madi & Mark! Peter asked for a roll call in order to provide introductions for Madi & Mark. Peter and Brett provided a report on the Year Round Fields Coalition. Peter and Brett met last week with the Parks Department to review the Strawberry Hill project with youth sports organizations, BISD, and the Battlepoint Park neighborhood association and BP Astronomical Society. Additionally, an update was provided regarding the potential partnership between BIFC and the BISD on fields between Sakai and WMS. In other positive and exciting news-Peter shared that he was able to call Peter Hoepfinger & Mia Hale to let them know that they were BIFC Scholarship recipients!

Vice President's Report:

Jeff gave a report on the UK trip and reiterated how good of a time everyone had. Jeff also mentioned that he helped with intake of the tryouts last week and said that there was such happiness and enthusiasm-"it was so great to see the kids out enjoying themselves, even despite the crazy weather!"

Secretary Report:

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the April meeting minutes.

Sponsorship Report:

Ryan provided a uniform update. The royalty agreement has been reset with Skyhawk and BIFC receives 10% of what is sold. Ryan is not sure if these are up yet, but the shop at Skyhawk Press will also have some great Fan Gear for sale!

Financial Update:

Liming sent out the May financials in advance for review. Brett reported that we are still in a strong financial position-no material income or expenses because it is early in the year.

Operations Update:

Ian gave a huge shout out to Madi and how helpful she has been! Ian and Phil also provided an update about 2012 & 2013 tryouts-they went really well and we have really strong teams and a good showing, with the most teams we have had at this age level. More tryouts are coming up this week, with solid numbers at these age groups as well. Great news! Having Mark and Madi on board has allowed Ian and Phil to think creatively and to get access to other tournaments and valued experiences for our teams. Examples include a tournament that some of our teams will access in Vancouver in August or September. Ian is really wanting to support and celebrate the community, and as a part of that has recognized community members with "of The Year" awards-"Referee of the Year", etc. Also, Ian and Peter shared about our 40th Birthday for BIFC, and ways in which we can celebrate it in correlation with Island Cup. Ian gave big shout outs to Phil for holding so many Open Houses leading up to tryouts, and for putting together so many graphics for our social media presence. Lastly, Ian mentioned a smaller group meeting before our next Board Meeting in order to be a part of the conversation regarding Manchester Trip planning.

Peter asked if there were any additional issues that we need to discuss today or put forward for possible topics in June. Seeing none, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.