

BIFC Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2023, 7:30 pm  
In Person - Peter's Home

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Jeff Shepard, Brett Deits, Liming McMillan, Ryan Phil Avison, Elizabeth Patterson, Maya, Mark Nowak, Jim Handy, Ian McCallum

Greg Troyan, Amii Thompson not in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

President's Report:

Peter recognized the progress the club is making on a variety of work including advancing our year round fields with start of Phase 1 beginning in October with anticipated use end of November, a very successful Island Cup as well with record levels of teams and games along with a fantastic 40th Club celebration, and a successful summer tournament season and the beginning of the fall season. The Board recognized Elizabeth and Maya for their great start of the BHS Girls Soccer season and their strong role on the Board and volunteering their time and ideas.

Peter thanked all of the Board and staff for their good work and for being able to attend in person to also to celebrate each other and hopefully make this a standing tradition in September of getting together as a group with staff.

Peter also reminded the Board that the AGM is coming up in November. We are not planning for any changes to the by-laws but we do have 3 Board positions up for election - President, Treasurer and Vice President of Recreational Soccer. Peter and Bret indicated that they plan on continuing in their roles. Peter is going to check with Greg. Either way the Board is always open to interest from Members in joining the Board so if anyone has suggestions please let Peter know.

Peter also provided an overview of the reporting related to one of our coaches with Peter calling a special session of a subset of the Board - that body recommended the removal of that coach which was done the following day with messaging related sent out to the two teams Team Snap messaging and to all of the coaches. Peter and Amii are setting up a meeting with the Women coaches in the club to hear more from them and get input on next steps the Club can take to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

Reminder was made for all Board members to finish their Safe Sport training and certification.

Vice President's Report:

Jeff reiterated the success of the summer season, Island Cup and the 40th celebration.

Financial Update:

The board reviewed the August financial report ahead of this meeting and Liming provided a quick review. The Club continues to have a strong financial position.

Operations Update:

Ian provided more detail on Fall league season progress and end of summer tournament in BC.

Madi provided an update on the Recreation program - going very well with strong showing with adult soccer and mini kickers. Doing some strategic planning for rec program with availability of Woodward for spring rec - potential to not have rec offering through BIPRD.

Some discussion about uniforms. We were reminded that we are in the middle of a two year sponsorship cycle and we also have a contract in place with Skyhawk/Hummel for uniforms for the next three years (4 year total). Skyhawk is holding significant inventory anticipating new players and other needs during this cycle..

Motion to Adjourn was made and approved at 8:45pm