BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023, 8:00 pm

Via Zoom

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

Guests: Mark Nowak and Madi Williamson

Meeting called to order: 8:05

President’s Report:

We’re already halfway through the year, and all is well so far. The Select teams have started practicing. Madi and Mark doing well in their new roles. The Adult league just ended, and all went well. Peter thanked and acknowledged Ian for his thoughtfulness with regards to all club members, especially the high school seniors.

Additional Business:

Jim asked that we set a date for the club’s anniversary party. After some discussion, it was agreed that August 23 is a good date. Ryan, Madi, Maya and Elizabeth agreed to help with the party, in addition to Jim and Linda Yasutake.

Secretary’s Report:

Peter asked for questions about the May meeting minutes. There were none. A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes, and it passed.

Vice President’s Report:

Jeff has received lots of positive feedback about the coaching staff. There has been great energy from the coaches, and he is looking forward to a good season.

Financial Report:

Brett says lots of registration money is starting to come in from Select and DA, and the club is in the best financial position it has been in. The club has received 15 scholarship requests, and has granted $18,000 in scholarships so far. The club has budgeted for $25,000 in scholarships. We are expecting a large payment from Parks.

Liming brought up that we need to double-check our budget for international travel, both for UK and Vancouver trips.

Fields for the Future:

Things have continued to progress. Brett says the City has approved replacing the old field with turf, and infrastructure is fine.

Brett answered questions from the Board about the process.

Operations Report:

Phil has been doing lots of off-field work over the last month with tryouts, uniforms, website updates, summer camps, etc. Select teams have started practicing and DA will start next month.

Madi is finishing up the report regarding Rec League surveys. Overall, responses were positive, and there was good constructive feedback. She’ll send the report out soon.

Mark has been meeting everyone within the club, and started goalkeeper training last week. He is building the curriculum based on feedback from the coaches.

Ian complimented Mark and Madi for doing well in their new roles. “They are off to a great start.” The club has tournaments over the next two weekends. Registration is open for the 2024 UK trip. We have six kids signed up so far, but many more are expected. Ian is taking applications for chaperones. He will start contacting UK clubs when the Premier League and Championship schedules are released later this month. Ian spoke about the importance of purchasing insurance for international travel.

Liming indicated that Island Cup is filling up faster than usual. We have 72 teams signed up so far.

Ian says that MOST fields look good so far for Island Cup.

Peter asked if there were any additional items to discuss. Peter indicated that we should have an in-person meeting in September, and the Board agreed.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:13.