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November 8, 2011, 6:30 pm  
Bellefonte Middle School Cafeteria  
Minutes

#### **A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Charlene Gaus. Other Board members in attendance were newly appointed Vice President Eric Persic, Treasurer Robert Henry, Coach Coordinator Shawn Packer, and Secretary Nancy Long. Also present were Frank Hipple, Jeff Dawson, Stefanie Redfern, Jarrod Stahlman, Jeff Denger (PV), and Rich Gadsby.

#### **B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 14, 2011, meeting were available for review. There were no comments.

#### **C. Acceptance of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Shawn Packer and a second by Robert Henry, the minutes of the October 14, 2011, meeting were unanimously accepted by the Board.

#### **D. Reports from Officers and Committees**

##### **1. Eric Persic appointed as Vice President**

Charlene Gaus said that she has met with Eric Persic and is happy to announce he has accepted appointment as Vice President.

Charlene recounted her success in obtaining 'emergency' porta-potties at the last minute because they had been collected prior to the end of the season's last games. Robert Henry will call to have the porta-potties removed (Walker, Payne and Governor's Park).

Shawn Packer reported that the coaches meeting went well. He said there is good interest and he expects to have many coaches continue in the Spring. He will touch base with potential coaches prior to the season via email.

Robert Henry stated that the account balance is \$17,159.51. There are still some outstanding bills such as referee payments, Soccer Shots, and trophy reimbursements. Charlene added that porta-potties will be approximately \$700. Charlene is trying to touch base with PA West to determine whether or not the insurance has been paid. She is expecting a call back.

Stefanie Redfern mentioned that it may be worthwhile to include zip ties with coaches equipment at the beginning of each season in case quick fixes need to be made to nets.

Jarrod Stahlman will get the flags and nets into storage for the winter. He recommends replacing the poles. Rich Gadsby will research goal anchors for Spring season. Rich added that more size 4 balls are needed.

Jarrod Stahlman inquired about corporate soliciting. He said he knows businesses such as State Farm may be willing to provide balls, etc. Eric Persic said he is trying to recruit a parent to help out with corporate solicitation. Shawn Packer was planning to tackle it but simply has too many other responsibilities to give it the attention it deserves. Charlene Gaus said that the top two volunteer

**D. Reports from Officers and Committees (continued)**

positions that she'd like to see filled are a rec scheduler and a field scheduler (for practices/makeups/games, etc).

Frank Hipple reported that he had done some research about uniforms and said that he was able to find pricing for both jerseys alone and kits, some as low as \$15/\$16 each. He looked at other clubs and sports and researched how they issue uniforms and if they require return at the end of each season. If return is required, he said a deposit check could be held for the season and only used if the uniform is not returned. Jarrod Stahlman stated that many parents may prefer to buy the package instead of worrying about returning it. Charlene Gaus said that the 'buy or borrow' option will have to be discussed further. Stefanie Redfern suggested that families could participate in fundraising to go to uniforms with the option of paying a certain amount to opt out. Shawn Packer wondered about keeping the same uniform for 4 years (potential life span of a uniform) because of teams being restructured, i.e., rec team members being moved to a different team, and/or rec players moving to travel. Eric Persic suggested considering two colors or perhaps reversible jerseys. Charlene Gaus recommended revisiting the discussion at the January meeting.

**E. Old Business**

1. Winter League Registration date and format confirmation:  
Tuesday November 15 & Wednesday November 16 – NEED VOLUNTEERS

Charlene Gaus handed out the flyer for the Winter League.

Jeff Denger, from Penns Valley Soccer, stated that they would like to bring probably two U14 indoor teams. He will put the word out to Penns Valley contacts and he added that he will coach again.

Jeff Dawson said the league will need to purchase two new indoor balls. Jeff suggested adding Saturday, 11/19, to the registration dates since we are unable to complete the winter league registration online.

Jeff Dawson recommended reducing the referee payments for winter league and suggested reducing registration costs in turn. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of lowering registration fees and payments. Shawn Packer said a lower registration fee could potentially draw in many additional players. Jeff Dawson said that due to gym time it may be necessary to limit the number that register but said that the elementary school is available as back-up gym space at the U8 age. Robert Henry said that first come/first served would be one way to approach that; once the maximum number of participants was reached for a particular age, that registration would close. Eric Persic wondered what would happen if any unexpected costs came up such as major field maintenance or goals/net replacement and the money wasn't in the budget to cover it due to a fee reduction. Shawn Packer, on the other hand, said, that if there is an excess left over in the budget, the association should do something for the kids. Charlene mentioned that the Board has also been considering volunteer incentives (registration breaks, etc) and that will have an impact on the budget too.

Charlene Gaus made a motion to set winter league referee payments equal to regular season center referee payments. The motion does not include any change to winter league registration fees. Eric Persic seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Referee courses updates

Stefanie Redfern said that December 10 is the referee recertification course. She said BSA definitely needs more referees for Spring and that game schedules may need to be adjusted to accommodate the limited referees available. She is putting out feelers for additional referees. The recertification course information will be posted to the website. Additionally, when the initial course is posted on the PA West referee calendar, that information will also be posted. That

**E. Old Business (continued)**

## 2. Referee courses updates (continued)

course will likely be held locally in February. Stefanie noted that the referees just finished up this past weekend and she will tally the games and get the information to Robert Henry for payment.

**F. Proposals for Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules**

## 1. Vote on new agenda item: "Action Item Review"

Charlene Gaus moved to include "Action Item Review" as an agenda item as prescribed in the Association's by-laws, with a second by Nancy Long. The motion was passed unanimously.

**G. New Business**

## 1. Spring registration dates

These dates will be set at the January meeting.

## 2. Presidents' meeting, 11/19 (non-mandatory, proxy attendee?)

As this is not a mandatory meeting, and there are no Board members available to attend, Charlene will get the minutes from the meeting and share the information at the next meeting.

## 3. FAQs for website

Jill Sanderson will develop a list of FAQs for the outdoor seasons. Jeff Dawson will post FAQs for the winter league.

## 4. Action Item Review

Robert Henry

Call about porta-potty removal

Match winter league referee payment rates to that of regular season center refs

Charlene Gaus

Send out information about the winter league via Affinity

Add Saturday, 11/19 to the registration flyer and check with the Township on availability

Eric Persic

Provide information to Jeff Dawson to update the website

Doug Redfern

Provide back-up for the PA West insurance payment to alleviate relying on PA West to investigate on their end

Stefanie Redfern

Talk to Katina Pacella re: pictures

Jeff Dawson

Complete winter league FAQs for posting to the website

In cooperation with Robert Henry, purchase 2 indoor balls

Jarrod Stahlman

Take down nets and store for winter

Check clips / zip ties

With Rich Gadsby make replacement inventory (include zip ties for coaches)

Rich Gasdby

Look into goal anchors for Spring

**H. Adjournment**

At 8:05 pm, upon a motion by Shawn Packer and a second by Eric Persic, the meeting was adjourned.