

BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

Marge Williams Center

Board Members in attendance: John Thornton, Sherry LaMonica, Ben Dugan, Elizabeth Chambers, JP Werlin, Phil Avison, Greg Troyan, Ron Piland, Bill Lesko and Ian McCallum

Guests in attendance: Cilla and Leif (Cross Cultural Journeys)

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM. Elizabeth Chambers took the minutes.

Presentation on Manchester: Cross Cultural Journeys (Cilla and Leif) presented on the trip to Manchester; 31 kids and 15 adults, including 10 chaperones, attended. Next year, some of the fees associated with planning will not be charged. Next year's trip will be April 2-12. Possible changes: no airfare as a mandatory expense to allow flexibility for families where chaperones are travelling or where families want to use mile, etc.; working directly with one club to set up friendly matches; JP Werlin and Elizabeth Chambers suggested that the Board should review input from the parents who attended to seek out opportunities for improvement. The Board will review the MOU and vote on it at the next meeting.

Reports:

President (John Thornton)

- After a motion made and seconded, March minutes were unanimously approved.
- After a motion made a seconded, the Board approved scholarships for Grant Wolff and Noelle Lipschutz
- John will follow up with Justin Marshall to confirm his resignation

Vice President (Ron Piland)

- Working with Sounders to work in advance on "dream team" walk out, pre-game holding the banner, etc.; Ron has asked to understand in advance how many tickets we need to buy, etc. Working on developing a stronger relationship.
- Sakai property – going to final design approval with Board of Commissioners next month, will be phased in over time. Top priority will be athletic center.
- Working with a few existing summer camps (e.g., Peter Fewing) on discounts
- Concussion baseline – looking at how to reasonably / feasibly look at concussion baseline testing. The Board debated various tools, parent education, and whether other clubs have concussion baselines. Ron will continue to review and research and bring to the Board anything worthy of consideration.
- Club warm up / injury prevention policy – Ian and Phil to discuss what they would like to see – but Ron believes we should make sure to bake in a warm up to prevent injury. The

Board queried whether it would make sense to add time to practice to allow for this, and providing an appropriate structure.

- Meeting with Parks and Rec regarding building a club house in connection with rebuilding bathrooms. This would be a space owned by BI Parks, but BIFC would have to clear/have veto rights for others to use it. Also, Parks wants to redesign fencing so Ron talked to them about design and whether BIFC would look at donating some amount to assist with this.
- Other

Treasurer (JP Werlin)

- Review of March and April financials (circulated by Liming);

VP of Select Program (Ben Dugan)

- Reported initially on select try outs – excellent turn outs
- Other

VP of Recreational Soccer (Greg Troyan)

- Met with Liming to get an overview of the position
- Offered to assist with Admin for email

Secretary (Elizabeth Chambers)

- No report

Technical Director (Phil Avison)

- Select Tryouts – Phil and Ian discussed process for kids try outs; not as many teams as hoped – 22-23 teams all in, but it's as many or more than last year. One more batch of tryouts with high school girls this week. Final reports on tryouts following conclusion and feedback from all involved.

Director of Coaching (Ian McCallum)

- Adult soccer – sign up closed; big rosters, but needs flexibility for conflicts etc; adults are having fun
- Coach education coming up
- Referees – instituting mentorship, involve in scrimmages
- Rec Soccer format – how to bridge the gap for kids who are not making select; looking at a 5th-8th 6 v 6 league for more touches on the ball and no driving off the island.
- Discussed training opportunities / practice squads – offering some kids to come train with the team for the summer to allow kids to catch up on a case by case basis; goal to keep every committed kid in the program as long as they can. JP asked that Ian and Phil bring a proposal to the next Board meeting a more formalized plan for practice squads.
- Drew Keller – taking over the scheduling

Trustee (Bill Lesko)

- No report

Director of Volunteers (Sherry LaMonica)

- Island Cup Planning – circulated Island Cup Report summarizing information on sponsorships, entertainment, food vendors, shirt vendors, team recruitment, referee assignor course, garbage and sanitation. Camping reservations are almost full.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:15 PM.