BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019, 7:15 PM

Marge Williams Center

Board Members in attendance: John Thornton, Ron Piland, Ben Dugan, Elizabeth Chambers, Peter Murchie, JP Werlin, Greg Troyan, Liming McMillan, Sherry LaMonica, and Ian McMillan

Guests: John Decker

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM. Elizabeth Chambers took the minutes.

President (John Thornton):

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the August 10, 2019 minutes and the September 25, 2019 retreat minutes, as previously edited by Peter Murchie earlier that day via email.

The Board discussed the upcoming Annual General Meeting, which it agreed to hold at 6:45 PM on November 18 at the BHS library. Positions up for election at the AGM meeting will be President, VP of Recreational Soccer, Treasurer and Registrar. JP (Treasurer) and John (President) are not planning to run for re-election. Elizabeth will send the agenda to the membership prior to the meeting, and Liming will post notice of the meeting on the website this week (before October 18).

Vice President (Ron Piland):

Ron Piland introduced John Decker to the Board, who has graciously assisted the club with volunteer architecture advice. The Board discussed a meeting with the City about a possible new urban soccer park. The Board discussed hurdles, as well as that a conditional use permit would be required. Next steps would be pre-approval, conditional use permit, building permit, then building the urban soccer park. Peter will look at potential capital campaign in the event that this project moves forward.

Ron next discussed a possible club house at Battle Point Park and whether there is a way to “stub out” the club house in connection with the building of new bathrooms.

VP of Select Program (Ben Dugan):

Ben reviewed the Media Consent form and Social Media Policy that Elizabeth circulated in advance of the meeting. The Media Consent form is what the parents approve during sign up. Peter made a motion to approve the circulated consent with the addition of a sentence indemnifying the Club from use of the media. The motion was seconded, and the Media Consent was unanimously adopted by the Board. Ben will send a copy of the consent to Liming to include in the next appropriate registration sign up process.

The Board next turned to the proposed Social Media Policy, which would ultimately be placed on the website. This Policy explains that that the Club is bound by the Safe Sport conduct code. On a motion made by Peter and seconded by Sherry, the Board unanimously approved the Policy as circulated with the change of the word “professional” to “club related” and a hyperlink to the Safe Sport Act. Ben will send a copy of the final Policy to Liming for posting on the website.

Treasurer (JP Werlin):

Liming circulated the financials as of 9/30/2019, which JP reviewed with the Board. The Club is on track for 2019.

Registrar (Liming McMillan):

Liming is working on when to change our registration system.

VP of Recreational Soccer (Greg Troyan):

Greg has been looking at technology and performance. He is impressed by a product called Trace, which feeds information to kids, coaches and parents. It’s a one stop shop that tracks players with a camera and a strap on the player’s calf monitoring their actions. It then provides video, metrics, effort, etc. (see traceup.com). Greg will work with Phil to review this product and other competitive products and bring recommendations and costs back to the Board.

Director of Fundraising (Peter Murchie):

Marshall Hotel is interesting in sponsoring BIFC, in addition to others. We need to know sponsor logos by February; Peter will work with potential sponsors to timely line them up for the new uniform kits.

Director of Volunteers (Sherry LaMonica):

Cookie Dough distributions will be on November 8th at Woodward; volunteers already lined up.

Director of Coaching (Ian McCallum):

Ian reported out on his efforts with programs on the peninsula. Ian met with Pt. Townsend and Sequim who asked us to run a summer camp for them. There were also discussions of kids with higher aspirations doing some training with BIFC. Additionally, Ian discussed a futsol league for development academy with Kitsap teams. Ian has circulated bylaws proposed changes, which the Board will consider at a future meeting. Any changes would take place after a meeting and approval by members; such a meeting can be a special meeting in the future.

Finally, Ian and Ron met with Parks and Rec about Spring Rec Soccer and a trial period for the coming Spring Season. Discussions with Parks and Rec were that Parks would take registration and BIFC would oversee the program. The proposed economics discussed by Rec at a meeting earlier that day would be: (a) Saturday program (up to 2nd grade) - 70 BIFC / 30 Rec spit; (b) Monday / Weds. program (above 2nd grade) – 80 BIFC / 20 Rec split. The Board had a robust conversation and debate surrounding BIFC’s role and relationship with Parks and Rec, particularly surrounding registration. Ian and Ron are going to discuss next steps and outline a MOU with Parks and Rec to bring back something for consideration to the Board.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:48 PM.