



Rio Rapids Durango-----Board of Directors Meeting Minutes FINAL

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 6:30pm—Wells Group Durango

In attendance: Kate Kelly, Sean Ackerman, Kathy Anderson Wilson, Justin Osborn, James Hall, Kim Whipple, Joanna Tucker, Chris Zoltowski, Marietta Linney, Kasey Rey, Alicia Romero, Janet Mosher, Becky Eisenbraun

Proxies: Doug is proxy for Charlie Milliet, Marietta is proxy for Jen Heinicke

Absent: Jen Heinicke, Charlie Milliet, Melissa Halonen

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Doug Wallis

I. Approval of December 2022 Minutes – Kasey Rey motioned to approve the Minutes, Kasey Rey seconded. Approved.

II. Club Business

1. Communication from the Audience

2. Kat Katsos--Bookkeeping Report – Postponed until March Board Meeting

3. Facilities / Fields update – According to the staff at the school district, 9R's new insurance carrier will not allow RRDSC soccer trainings to be held in the school gyms. The Durango schools will not be an option for indoor RRDSC practices. Staff is working on other options in Bayfield and Sky Ute Casino. Doug and Kate will pursue a conversation with Karen Chesser. Parks and Rec space has been secured.

III. Executive Director Report—Kate – Kate is working with Fort Lewis to provide additional trainings for selected players at the elite level. Sean Ackerman has helped recruit new coaches mostly in assistant coaching positions. Kate has been granted permission from the Colorado Rapids to sell the front space on jerseys for advertising.

IV. Directors of Coaching Reports

a. U9-U12--Joanna Tucker- There are a few new players for the Spring Season. There are a few girls on the waitlist. Three coaches have stepped away for the Spring Season. Six new coaches across the younger age groups have been placed. Coaches are starting to reach out to their teams. Joanna and Kate will continue to work on securing indoor space. Joanna has spent quite a bit of time speaking with individual families who have expressed wanting to leave the program. She has asked these parents and players to trust the process. She is working on retention efforts by educating the parents, staying positive and

assuring parents that the Club always has the best interest of the players in mind when making program decisions.

b. U13-19--Jimmy Hall – Jimmy has had several conversations with both parents and players regarding their concerns over the Club's ability to meet their individual child's needs. Quite a bit of time has been dedicated to the High School Boys teams: setting-up the younger and older HS teams and schedules. Jimmy will be coaching the U14B team. There are a couple HS boys playing with the ECNL teams and participating in the ID events with Rio.

c. Director of GK Report--Janet Mosher One coach from Ft. Lewis has committed to coaching. Riley Dastrup has indicated that she would be interested in coaching.

d. Bayfield Director Report--Chris Zoltowski – Chris will be working with the middle schools soccer programs in Bayfield – offering support and recruiting for the Club.

V. Committee Reports

-Executive Committee (Charlie, Marietta, Kathy, Doug W)- none

-Fields Committee (Doug W, Jimmy, Kate) -none

-Survey Committee (Kate, Jimmy, Marietta, Melissa) -none

-Parent & Player Liaison / Disciplinary Committee (Kathy, Marietta, Justin, Alicia, Becky) -none

-Scholarship/Refunds Committee (Jen, Alicia, Kasey) 9 scholarships were awarded since last meeting. Almost all of the registration scholarship funds have been awarded. There is about \$4k in team fees funding still available. New qualification criteria for scholarships will need to be identified since now, all students qualify for free and reduced lunch. The scholarship committee will come back with recommendations on how to evaluate need for scholarships.

-Expansion/Club Goals Committee (Alicia, Doug W, Charlie, Jen, Kate) n/a

-Risk Management Committee (Doug W, Joanna, Kathy)- Our insurance policy does not currently include property and casualty. Staff will research a rider to cover property and casualty which may be able to extend to the indoor space (gyms) 9R?

-Budget Committee (Doug W, Kathy, Kate, Joanna) - Budget Committee is reviewing the current status of the Budget and they will report back at the March 8th meeting.

-Durango Shootout / Durango Soccer Awards / Publicity PR Committee (Kathy, Kate, Kim, Kasey) – There are 18 teams already signed up for the Shootout.

-High School Sub Committee (Jimmy, Marietta, Jen, Kasey, Melissa) Main Goals is to promote timely club registration so teams can be prepared to register for tournaments. Deadlines for registration need to be enforced.

VI. Financial Reports The Budget for this year is currently at a negative \$6900. Reasons for the deficit: 1) there are fewer registrations, 2) a large, cumulative 2 year invoice from Park and Rec, 3) practice jerseys are much more expensive. 4) refunds given to more players than expected. Even with the budget deficit, bank accounts are healthy.

VII. New Business

a. Club's 30th Anniversary – staff is working on promotional opportunities for the 30th Anniversary. Signs, video clips, etc..

Alicia motioned to adjourn, Kasey Rey seconded. Meeting adjourned

VII. Executive Session – Personnel matters were addressed.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 8 , 2023 @ 7:30 pm Location: Wells Group Durango

Board Members: Doug Wallis (P), Charlie Milliet (VP), Marietta Linney (Sec), Kathy Anderson Wilson (Treas.), Justin Osborn, Jen Heinicke, Alicia Romero, Kasey Rey, Melissa Halonen, Kim Whipple, Becky Eisenbraun

Club Coach Staff: Kate Kelly (EXEC. DIRECTOR), Joanna Tucker (DOC/ADMIN), James Hall (DOC), Janet Mosher (GK DOC), Chris Zoltowski (Bayfield DOC)

2022/2023 Voting Members = 11 2022/2023 Quorum = 6

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