



Meeting Agenda

Greater Grand Forks Soccer Club

April 17, 2023: 7:30 pm

1407 24th Avenue South, #328

1. **Call to Order** - at 7:46pm by Miranda Kleven

Attendees: Greg Remz, Miranda Kleven, Heather Reardon, Kim Pedersen, Kari Johnson, Scott Nordin, Sarah Dobrovolny, Nathan Koering, and Katrina Landman

Zoom: Amanda Carter and Matt Strand

2. **Welcome and Public Comment:**

- Nathan Koering attended to learn more about what he can do to volunteer and help where he can. He is interested in helping with the indoor facility committee. He played soccer and currently helps coach his child's team for Recreational with GGFSC. Miranda Kleven will get in touch with him on how he can help.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

4. **Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion to approve - First by Kim Pedersen; Second by Greg Remz

5. **Review/Approval of Reports (note reports received, address discussion items)**

- **President**

- Trademark we should watch for towards the end of May.
- GF Parks and consultants working on an indoor facility. GGFSC provided information on use, revenue, events and attendees.
 - Miranda Kleven will work on setting up a committee for the Indoor Facility. And will contact Nathan Koering to assist.
- Question about allowing players who are currently registered with another club - how does this work and can we allow this?
 - Katrina Landman did some research with US Club

- Players who are registered with another club other than GGFSC but are US Club affiliated, cannot practice with GGFSC. The club the player is registered with is the primary player card holder and carries liability insurance with US Club. There is an option for a dual player card situation that would allow a player to practice with GGFSC. However, per US Club, this is not something they like to do and rarely approve of. Each club would need to pay the registration fee. This does open it up to the player to belong and choose where he/she would want to play and potentially affect teams/clubs. Both US Club affiliated clubs would need to agree to the dual player card and the club requesting it would need to file the paperwork and an approval letter from the primary club with US Club Administration.
 - Players who are registered with a club that is not affiliated with US Club, can practice with GGFSC but have to go through the same registration process as a player registering with GGFSC. And would need to pay registration fees.
 - Player loan form is only for a player to participate in a tournament as a guest player. It will only cover the dates of the tournament.
- **Vice President**
 - Practice squads:
 - Fee \$150 per player - will open registration for U8 and up.
 - Expectation to follow GGFSC's player code of conduct, and compliance. Players on a practice squad should treat these practices as being a part of the competitive team.
 - Will practice with the current competitive team (age appropriate) but DOC will decide which team.
 - Potentially could play in a tournament at the coaches discretion.
 - Kim Pedersen will get something written up and posted to our website by the end of the weekend.
 - Bylaws:
 - End of the summer competitive season we will start to revise the current bylaws to reflect the philosophy of the program from this year (2023), team formations, tryouts (U15), optimal roster size (16 players).
 - Coaching:
 - Players who play with another club because GGFSC doesn't offer what they are looking for can coach with GGFSC (revisited discussion item from previous board meeting(s)). Retaining coaches and training coaches during high school.

- This was discussed and it was decided GGFSC will allow players registered with a different club to still coach with GGFSC.
 - Scott Nordin, DOC, has made the decision to not go forward with hiring coaches who participate with another club this year. We will re-evaluate after the summer competitive season is over.
 - Coaches can't coach with the same sanctioning body.
 - GGFSC Policy states: Head Coaches need to be 18 years of age or older - Teams they coach need to have a 2 year age difference
 - GGFSC Policy states: Assistant Coaches need to be 16 years of age or older - Teams they coach need to have a 2 year age difference
 - Compliance: Greg Remz will work with Matt Strand and Katrina Landman on compliance and enforcing GGFSC's policy on compliance expectations for players and coaches.
- **Treasurer:** will have a detailed report for May's meeting - a lot of refunds for Spring Rec.
- **Registrar:**
 - Competitive coaches - waiting on some to still register. We need to get these coaches to do their compliance. Currently 25 need to get compliance done.
 - Team Managers - 13 need to finish compliance yet.
 - Competitive players - around 29 need to finish compliance.
 - Spring Rec is going to be starting and will be difficult to keep monitoring competitive since Rec coaches now need to do compliance work, too. Katrina Landman is working on competitive and communicating with Matt Strand.
- **Communications Director:**
 - Summer academy is live as of April 15. Registration will close May 20. Will work on sending program information by email and posting to social media.
 - Tournament webpage has been updated.
 - Summer competitive kickoff slides are posted on the website
 - Ref clinic page is updated, and will get the practice squad program uploaded on our website this weekend.
 - Will work on sending out UND Summer Soccer Camp information, information of high school refereeing
- **Secretary/Strategic Planning**
 - Near Term Goals for GGFSC Strategic Plan - discussion on items under priorities 1-6. Some goals have been implemented and GGFSC is working on other line items under each priority. Kari Johnson will continue to keep it on the GGFSC radar and follow up with meeting goals.

- **Equipment/Facilities**

- Ref Clinic Venue - Choice Meeting room reserved for April 23 from 5:30-7:30pm.
 - Katrina Landman will get some snacks and water for the clinic. Sarah Dobrovolny is going to check to make sure it is okay that GGFSC provides snacks and water. She will let Katrina know.
- Booked Memorial Stadium at UND until May 10th. Sarah Dobrovolny will cancel the days we will not need but booked dates because of the wintery spring we are having.
- Park District:
 - Sarah Dobrovolny will talk with Wes on getting the Scheels fields sprayed for weeds. The weeds are out of control currently.
 - Park District hopes to have fields lined by next week.
 - Sarah Dobrovolny will request nets to be placed at Williamson field for another 11v11 field option.
- Equipment needed:
 - cones, pinnies, clipboards, few new tents, and first aid kit stuff.
 - After Summer Competitive and Spring Rec is done, Sarah Dobrovolny and Matt Strand plan to go through Rec equipment.
 - Nets: Sarah Dobrovolny will check on nets. Tom Bures had this on a rotation of ordering new nets.
 - Sarah Dobrovolny will start a new inventory of equipment for GGFSC.
- Pre-season Coach and Team Manager meeting location - Sarah Dobrovolny will contact the Park District to reserve the Community Room and Board Room for May 25th at 7:30pm.
 - Katrina Landman will get food and drinks for the meeting.

- **Tournament Director**

- Tournament invites have been sent out by email and mail. Heather Reardon will send out reminder invites on May 1st, May 15, and May 30
- Some registrations are already coming in. We have 3 Canada teams who have applied and sent in their application.
- Working on committees for the tournament.
- Operational items are coming together and things are going well.
 - CVB has been taken care of.
 - Scheels did \$5,000 to sponsor - will do every year - GGFSC needs to request each year.
 - Tournament gear - Heather is looking into this and will get back to the board on it. Has some ideas and wants to get some information on it.
 - Refs - Connor Dunn has been contacted. Ref fee schedule presented and approved.

- Will get ahold of someone from Altru for Athletic Trainers.
 - Sarah Dobrovolny will make 300 player of the game tags.
 - Heather Reardon will apply for the 50/50 raffle permit.
 - Golf carts - need additional ones this year. Looking at where we can rent them from.
- **Fundraiser Director**
 - Currently focusing on tournament fundraising. Will continue to work with Heather Reardon.
 - Raffle basket for tournament
 - Door prizes for turning in concession stands vouchers again this year.
 - Katrina Landman was able to get a \$250 gift card from Target.
- **Recreational Program Director**
 - Pre-school kick-off tonight at Memorial Stadium went smooth.
 - 18 teams - 144 players
 - Pre-K will be done with Rec season with the original schedule.
 - Waitlist - some players on there still - will be sending out rosters for older age groups this weekend.
 - Rec games to start May 2nd - games for older age groups could run up to memorial day or after. Weather permitting and when fields will be ready to use.
 - Matt Strand will give Kim Pedersent the game schedule for scheduling refs.
- **Director of Coaching**
 - Competitive practices are going ok at the memorial stadium
 - Coach bios - Scott Nordin will get coaches to send their information in for Kim Pedersen to post.
 - Scott Nordin sent coaches a follow up email about compliance.
- **Administrator**
 - Venmo - Business Venmo account has been set up and is ready for use. QR code kit was mailed for GGFSC.
 - Rec Refunds are done as of 4.16.23
 - U16/17 boys practice squad fee was approved at \$65/player. Coaching services for this team were donated to the club by Brian and Nikijo Hull. Player accounts have been updated with the fee. Approval received to reverse late fees for those families on the U16/17 boy's team who registered late. Tournaments will be an extra fee.
 - Sarah Dobrovolny is team manager. Per Sarah at this time Bemidji looks like the only tournament that will work for these boys. Not enough players for Fargo or GF and would need 3-4 guest players to recruit.

- Optional Tournament Fees and Registration: fees are based on the calculation of coach(es) pay, coach(es) stipend pay, registration fee, payroll taxes and administration fee. Teams will go with their current roster team. GGFSC at this time will not be combining teams to make teams for optional tournaments.
 - Bemidji fee was approved at an estimated cost of \$60 per player - 1 coach per team will be sent to the tournament. Scott Nordin will give head coaches the choice first.
 - Fee for U16/17B will be \$35
 - Fargo fee (U9/10 teams only) was approved at \$155 per player. Scott Nordin will be sending both the head and assistant coach for this tournament.
 - Fee for U16/17B will be \$50 (need to have 12 players)
 - Detroit Lakes fee was approved by each age group versus a straight across the board fee that Miranda Kleven suggested. It was opposed by Greg Remz and Kim Pedersen since the older groups would have to subsidize the younger kids teams. Scott Nordin will be sending both the head and assistant coach for this tournament.
 - U9/10 - \$180/player (based on 10 players)
 - U11/12 - \$155/player (based on 12 players)
 - U13-U16 - \$135/player (based on 14 players)
 - U16/17B - \$30/player (need to have 12 players)
 - U16/17B tournament fee for the GF tournament will be \$25/player
 - Per board discussion since they are a practice squad only team and tournaments are optional, they would need to be responsible for part of the tournament fee. Fee is calculated based on tournament ref fee (estimated per game) and fee the park district charges GGFSC for teams, and administration fee.
 - Friendly games with TCU will be held in Fargo on May 24 with a starting time of 6:15pm for teams with the exception of U14 & U16 girls. On June 5, friendly games will be held in GF for all teams. Sarah Dobrovolny will get fields and times lined up and communicate with Kim Pedersen on refs.

- U13 boys team will not have a team for Brookings. Multiple players are gone for a school trip in Washington, DC. The club will refund the tournament fee to those families who were affected by this. GGFSC was going to send the team to Detroit Lakes in place of the Brookings tournament, however it didn't work out for all players to attend.

6. **New Business**

- Practice Squad - see meeting minutes under Vice President report above.

7. **Meeting finalization**

- Next meeting is May 15 at 7:30pm

8. **Adjournment:** at 10:35pm by Miranda Kleven