



UNIVERSITY PLACE SOCCER CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 8, 2012

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance

UPSC Board Members Present

Scott Falk, Tom Webster, Tricia Lee

Teams Represented

Boys: U-12 Lightning; U-13, Blue Starz '99, U-14 UPSC Fire, U-16 Blue Lasers, U-17 Thunder

Girls: U-10 Firecrackers, U-10 Pixies, U-11 Blue Starz '01, U-12 Breakers, U-13 Eagles-Blue, U-14 UP United, U-15 Stars-Blue, U-15 Stars-White, U-16 Sparks, U-16 Mystics, U-16 Strykers

I. Approval of September 2012 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

A motion was made to approve the draft minutes of the September 2012 UPSC board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

II. Executive Board Reports

1. Secretary's Report (Tom Webster)

There was no Secretary's report.

2. Registrar's Report (Tricia Lee)

There was no Registrar's report.

3. Treasurer's Report (Dawn Decius)

Dawn was not present to give a Treasurer's report. Other board members reported that all July invoices have been sent, but they did not believe that August invoices had been sent to clubs.

4. VP / Judiciary Committee Report (Scott Falk)

Scott, as follow-up to last month's report in which a coach and player from a UPSC team both received a red card during an RCL game, reported that the fine associated with the coach's red card had been waived. The player suspension was reduced from 3 games to 2 games with 1 game deferred. The fine was waived as a result of the RCL not communicating its policies and procedures regarding fines to the team. Further discussion regarding RCL is addressed under New Business, RCL Discussion.



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There was a broad discussion of sideline behavior issues by UPSC coaches and parents. There were reports of unwelcome behavior by parents and coaches from a limited number of UPSC teams.

- Coaches were reminded that they are responsible for the conduct of the parents and spectators for their team during games.
- Coaches should set a good example and may need to speak to parents during or after games to address unwelcome behavior.
- Coaches and parents are reminded that the referees, particularly at the U-10 and below age groups are teenagers just learning their jobs as referees. We lose many young referees due to abuse from the sidelines.
- There was a recommendation that the club send out a blast email to all parents and coaches reminding them about expectations for sideline behavior.

There was a question and brief discussion regarding expectations and policies following a red card. For TPCJSA and District III, the center referee is to notify the league of any red cards. The league will contact the coach/team of the player that received a red card and provide a form that should be signed by the center referee for any games the player is suspended.

5. *President's Report (Chris Lilley)*

Chris was not present, but he provided his report to Scott, who gave the President's report.

Some teams have had issues with opposing teams not having proper player cards and the referee still allowing the team or player to play. There were reports of referees being inconsistent with handling player cards. If an opposing player does not have a player card, the UPSC team does not have to allow them to play. Teams are within their rights to "hold their ground." Teams can take the forfeit if the other team does not have proper cards. Player cards are the only proof that a player has registered, and is therefore insured.

The club recognizes that it has not done a good job of communicating the need for shortening practice times to account for the reduced amount of daylight. Coaches need to work together to adjust practice times, with the earlier practice times needing to end earlier to allow for the later practices to have sufficient time on the fields.

The lock combinations at Chambers Creek have been compromised, again. All coaches and managers are asked to remind other coaches about locking up goals and to remind them to NOT give the lock combinations out to players others who are not representatives of the team. If USPC cannot maintain control of the goal locks, and subsequently the goals themselves, UPSC is at risk of losing its privileges with Pierce County at the Chambers Creek fields. Player MAY NOT open goals on their own.



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Coaches and managers are reminded not to make any changes to home game fields or times without getting approval from Mike Gallagher.

Registration is closed. Teams cannot add players after Oct 31st. If a team needs to add player or move player, contact Tricia Lee before October 31st.

III. Standing Committee Reports

1. *Fields Chair Report (Andrew Torres) -*

Andrew was not present.

Coaches were asked to be careful when moving the goals at Chambers Creek. Several wheels are broken or lose and need to be tightened or fixed.

The chains for the UP Primary goals have been cut

Scott has a couple of liners available, if anyone is in need of one.

2. *Games Chair Report (Mike Gallagher)*

Mike reported that he is getting a few changes, but schedules are mostly set. If teams do have schedule changes due to tournaments or for other reasons, they must contact Mike to work on all game and time rescheduling issues that impact home games.

TPCJSA is planning to address scheduling issues for U-11 teams regarding the additional bye week. Mike has no additional information regarding possible U-11 schedule changes.

Jason will post the UPSC schedule to the website.

3. *Referee Assignor's Report (Richard Wunderle)*

Richard reported that there have been some issues with referee abuse. Teams that were an issue were not present. Richard asked coaches and managers to remind parents, and other coaches, that is not their job to tell a referee how to do their job. Behavior that may be culturally acceptable at professional or collegiate sporting events regarding referees is not acceptable at the youth level.

As reported previously, Richard noted that 50% of referees quit within one year of certification because they don't want to put up with the abuse. The issue of referee abuse seems to be greatest for the U-9 to U-11 age groups. Richard speculated that this was because older teams generally have older referees and few parents attend games for older kids.



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Richard also noted if a coach is concerned for the safety of their players, how the game is being refereed will not necessarily change the safety of players.

4. *Uniforms Chair Report (David Hunter)*

Dave reported that uniforms are all distributed and there are no current uniform issues or activities.

5. *Micro Program Chair Report (Justin Richards)*

Justin was not present. Scott provided some updates to the micro program on his behalf.

As noted in the September 2012 UPSC meeting minutes, UPSC did not join with Fircrest to run a joint league and instead they are playing through TPCJSA.

Scott noted that one G-U6 team was left out of the league this year and that the club needs to do a better job next year with the micro program, even if that means registering teams over the summer before the school year begins.

6. *Website Chair (Jason Halverson)*

Jason was not presented. Scott reported that the club is trying to get the schedule posted to the website.

7. *TPCJSA Rep Report (Scott Falk)*

Joe McNallan reported that there was no official TPCJSA meeting in September as they did not have a quorum. He did report that Don Mears has resigned from TPCJSA.

IV. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

V. **New Business**

1. Stadium Time

Practice time in the Stadium in October is settled with 2 teams practicing from 6-:30-8:00. If anyone else wants time, they will be scheduled for later practice times. In November, Joe McNallan will reschedule/reorder the practice schedule with older teams receiving the later times. The younger teams will get the earlier times.

During the first two time slots, the field will be split into thirds. Currently, Joe has not received much response from younger teams. If your team is interested in practice time in the Stadium, contact Joe.



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It was also noted that the club will need to be flexible with anticipated playoff football games. The Curtis high school football team has been performing well and may extend their season. Also, the renovated stadium meets state requirements for hosting playoff football games, and it is expected to do so. This may impact UPSC practice and game schedules.

2. RCL Discussion

For the first time, UPSC has teams playing in the RCL. Two UPSC teams qualified for the RCL through the Open Cup and another team qualified when the State league closed. There was a general discussion about RCL.

RCL expects that its coaches will know all rules, policies and procedures of the league. The RCL holds parents, coaches, and clubs more accountable than District III or TPCJSA leagues. This includes fining coaches for red cards and rule violations. RCL rules and policies have been distributed to all RCL teams. Under RCL, the person who is fined is responsible for paying the fine.

Teams are responsible for registering their own team with RCL. Registration is not done through the Club Registrar, Tricia Lee.

RCL also offers a spring league and winter season for girls, to avoid conflict with the high school fall season.

VI. For The Good of the Game

With the good weather, fields have been holding up well.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20