



UNIVERSITY PLACE SOCCER CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 5, 2012

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance

UPSC Board Members Present

Chris Lilley, Scott Falk, Tricia Lee, Dawn Decius, Tom Webster

Teams Represented

Boys: U-11 Chargers; U-12 Eagles; U-12 Lightning; U-13, Blue Starz '99, U-13 Cobras, U-14 UPSC Fire, U-17 Thunder, U-17 UPSC Arsenal

Girls: U-8 Pumas, U-10 Firecrackers, U-10 Pixies, U-11 Blue Starz '01, U-12 Breakers, U-12 Diamonds, U-13 Eagles-Blue, U-14 Venom, U-15 U-16 Sparks,

I. Approval of October 2012 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

A motion was made to approve the draft minutes of the October 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)

Registration is closed. Teams can no longer move or add players for the fall season.

3. Treasurer's Report (Dawn Decius)

Dawn acknowledged that they are a little behind in sending out invoices. She will be getting invoices out as soon as possible and noted that teams may get invoices that cover multiple months.

4. VP / Judiciary Committee Report (Scott Falk)

Scott reported that he was not aware of any player or coach red cards or ejections, although it was reported during the meeting that a U-13 girls player did receive a red card. Scott usually does hear about red cards, but if your team receives a red card, please notify Scott.

Scott sent out an e-mail message to all parents and coaches, except for micros, about sideline behavior. Scott reported that the reaction was mostly positive, although some comments were



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received about including information about specific incidents. He reported that teams seem to be taking better control of sideline behavior.

A question was raised regarding whether the club or TPCJSA has a policy or standard regarding setting up a sideline in terms of where home and visiting teams and parents are located. Neither the club nor TPCJSA has a standard for sideline arrangements. Teams and coaches should use their best judgment in this regard based on the set-up of the field and whether the coach wants to be near parents or have parents away from their team sideline. Regardless of where parents are located, coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents at the game.

Scott also noted that lots of games the past weekend were without officials. For the older teams, this may be a partial reflection of past sideline behavior as referees self-select games to work for U-11 and above.

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

Chris reported that TPCJSA is hosting the annual Leanne Ehnat tournament for U-11 and U-12 teams. TPCJSA is looking for volunteers to help with this tournament, primarily serving as field marshals. Teams, especially U-11 and U-12 teams, should reach out to parents to ask for volunteers. Contact Chris if anyone is interested in volunteering.

III. **Standing Committee Reports**

1. *Fields Chair Report (Andrew Torres)*

Charlie Askins provided the Fields Chair report. He stated that at Chambers Creek, Field A has not improved, but that Field B is in good shape except for one spot with standing water. The club voluntarily moved games off the Chambers Creek fields last weekend to try and preserve the fields.

Game time for playing in the Stadium is filling up. If you want to reschedule any games to the Stadium, please do so as soon as possible or you will be playing on Field A, which could be muddy. The Stadium is \$60/hour without lights

There was a discussion of repairing holes in fields, particularly at Evergreen. Several bags of sand were left by the storage shed. Charlie noted that he has some bags of mulch inside the shed. If you let him know about needed field repairs he will help fill in holes or provide access to the mulch. He recommended a mixture of half sand, half mulch to fill in holes. He also noted that the UP School District has a work order in do work on the Evergreen fields.



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If coaches do any repairs on school fields, they are reminded that they are not allowed on playgrounds before last recess without a visitor pass.

There is a broken goal at Evergreen that needs to be removed. It is a potential hazard and should be stored face frame down until it can be removed.

The Lower Colgate fields may be available for practice or games, if teams are interested.

2. *Games Chair Report (Mike Gallagher)*

Mike reported that he is currently moving games in an effort to preserve fields, but otherwise most of the game schedules are set.

Mike announced that he is leaving his position as games chair and is seeking a replacement. Teams are encouraged to reach out to parents to ask for volunteers. The position does require some time commitment, but does not require any previous soccer knowledge.

A question was raised about whether the club has looked into using Bonzi for scheduling games. The club has not done so, and is unsure how successful it would be given that TPCJSA uses a different scheduling program, but it is something the club can look into to determine if there are benefits when used internally for the club.

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

Richard was not present to give the Referee's report.

If coaches, for U-11 and above, want to check to see if they have referees for their games, they can check the Pierce County Soccer Referee Association website the night before a game. The website is <http://www.pcsra.org/>. A link is also provided through the TPCJSA website.

4. *Uniforms Chair Report (David Hunter)*

David had no uniform report.

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

The U-6 season is complete.

6. *Website Chair (Jason Halverson)*

UPSC game schedule are available on the UPSC website.

7. *TPCJSA Rep Report (Scott Falk)*



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Chad Weber is new TPCJSA representative for UPSC. He reported on the TPCJSA October meeting of which 5-6 clubs attended.

TPCJSA talked about the challenge of getting referees through the qualification process. They also discussed that there is a greater mix of age groups playing on Saturday and Sundays, which is making it more difficult to provide referee coverage.

There is a video on concussions that is recommended for coaches to watch. There should be a link posted to the TPCJSA website.

IV. Old Business

Stadium time is settling down and has been mostly scheduled. If anyone wants practice time in the Stadium, contact Joe McNallan.

Joe was notified that Curtis Jr High soccer has home games coming up that will affect some team practice nights. Joe will notify the impacted teams directly. The days in question are November 15, 29 and December 6.

V. New Business

The Curtis High School girls won in the State playoffs and are continuing to practice. This may result in only half the Stadium field available for practice.

A question was raised about whether the club should change attendance rules for meetings to improve communication and participation in the club. Among the communication issues to coaches and teams was the importance of not "beating up" fields during practice by practicing in the high traffic areas of the fields. Coaches are encouraged to talk to other coaches if they see activities that may be detrimental to fields or to the entire club.

It was noted that UPSC has little control or ability to raise issues concerning inappropriate behavior by visiting teams. If a visiting team is behaving poorly, teams should talk to the game referee after the game about including mention of team behavior in the ref's post match report.

VI. For The Good of the Game

As the fall season starts to wind down, there was discussion about indoor soccer leagues. There was discussion about the three local options for indoor playing space.

- Tacoma Soccer Center
- Pacific Sports Center
- Gig Harbor Indoor Soccer.



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Each location has potential benefits and limitations, depending on the needs of a team. Teams were encouraged to research and visit each location to determine which option works best for your team. Teams were advised to get commitments on schedule before making any commitments, as some locations will schedule games very early in the morning or late at night.

Coupons for the Sports Authority were made available for teams to distribute to their players.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.