



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 14, 2012
APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance

UPSC Board Members Present

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

Teams Represented

G-U10 Firecrackers, G-U15 Sparks, G-U10 Rockets, B-U14 FC Vikings, B-U16 Velocity, B-U12 Lightning, B-U12 Eagles, G-U11/B-U13 UP Blue Starz, G-U13 Rapids, G-U15 Stars – Blue and White, G-U12 Zephyrs, B-U13 Cobras, B-U17 Arsenal, G-U8 Pumas, B-U14 Fire, B-U17 Thunder

I. Approval of February 2012 Minutes

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

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

II. Executive Board Reports

1. President's Report (Chris Lilley)

Chris reported that the Club is getting more organized as weeks go by in preparation for the Fall 2012 season.

Jason is doing good job on website. The Club is open to suggestions on ways to improve communication/ documentation

The Club's main focus as this point is determining what teams are coming back and at what level. Teams that have not indicated whether they are playing or not next year should contact the Secretary, Tom Webster at UPSCSecretary@gmail.com

Chris reported on the discussions at the session for club presidents at a TPCJSA summit meeting a week ago. There was a representative from every club in TPCJSA in attendance.

- Much of the conversation concerned Washington Premier and Harbor and the perception that they want to "take" the best players from the smaller clubs. Both those clubs indicated that they were not trying to "poach" players and they recognize that we invest time in their development. However, they do want those kids that are capable and willing to make the full commitment that playing for their clubs requires, but they both acknowledged that clubs like UPSC having select teams is a key part of maintaining a healthy youth soccer system in our region. They have no desire to keep us from being successful.



- There was also discussion that many clubs are having similar issues around playing fields as is UPSC. These issues concern access to quality fields and maintaining the quality of playing fields throughout the season.
- Mike Gallagher, Fields Chair, also attended Summit sessions and reported that TPCJSA is looking into hosting a tournament. This idea is still in its initial stages. TPCJSA is also considering a spring league, although fields are a primary challenge for spring leagues.
- Clubs expressed an interest in pushing for a 12 game season for the recreation teams, similar to the number of games played by select teams.
- For club registrars and games chair, there will be more information coming out about using the new software TPCJSA will be using for the coming year.

Chris indicated that he is communicating with teams using last year's email lists. If anyone is not getting emails from Chris, please let him know. He will shift to a new mailing list with coaches for 2012-2013 in the next month or so.

2. *VP / Judiciary Committee Report (Scott Falk)*

Scott had nothing to report.

3. *Treasurer's Report (Dawn Decius)*

Dawn will be getting out the last of the outstanding invoices in the next week or so. She would like to clear out all invoices from the 2011-2012 season to make way for the 2012-2013 season. Some teams will receive invoices for referees.

4. *Registrar's Report (Tricia Lee)*

Registration is open and running. Tricia is answering questions from parents and coaches.

For teams that are holding try-outs please send Tricia the list of team members. Parents still need to register their player through the on-line registration system, but having the list from the coaches ensures that Tricia is handling registrations properly.

5. *Secretary's Report (Tom Webster)*

Tom is collecting Team Affiliation Forms for the 2012-2013 season. Five teams have indicated that they are not planning to return next year. Twelve teams have submitted Team Affiliation Forms. Teams that have not completed their Team Affiliation Form or indicated whether they play to field a team in the fall are asked to contact Tom at UPSCSecretary@gmail.com

III. **Committee Reports**

1. *Games Chair Report (Mike Gallagher)*

Mike had nothing to report.

2. *Fields Chair Report (Andrew Torres)*

No report

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



No report

4. *Uniforms Chair Report (David Hunter)*

No report. Instructions for ordering uniforms are being developed and will be posted to the website.

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

Justin is developing a flyer to hand out in schools in early June for the mod program. This is an effort to get mod players to sign up over the summer rather than waiting until the fall.

The Club is also working to get information about the mod program on the website for new parents.

6. *TPCJSA Rep Report (Scott Falk)*

The Club needs a volunteer to serve as the TPCJSA representative. If anyone is interested, please contact Chris Lilley.

At the last TPCJSA meeting, revised by-laws were brought for a vote. UPSC was the only club to vote "no." The new by-laws were approved. UPSC explained the basis for its no vote indicating that the new rules reduce our voting power and concentrate power with fewer people making decisions for TPCJSA.

TPCJSA has a new website.

On June 15th, there is a Sounders U-23 match vs. Kitsap Pumas at Cheney stadium. The cost is \$8. TPCJSA intends to invite the semi-finalist and finalists of the Leann Cup to walk on the field before the game.

TPCJSA will be sending Club Affiliation Forms in the near future.

There are plans for a Washington Youth Soccer Open Cup. This will be a summer tournament, similar to the end of season cup tournament.

- Teams that are successful in the Open Cup could be invited to play in the Regional Club League (RCL) Division 4 or 5. The purpose of the Open Cup is to provide an avenue for non-RCL teams to get into the RCL. If teams are successful in the Open Cup they will be able to play in the lower divisions of the RCL, provided the other RCL teams in a team's association approve their entry. (NOTE: Only particular clubs in each association are allowed to have teams in the RCL. In TPCJSA, the two designated clubs are Washington Premiere FC and Harbor.)
- No matter how well a non-RCL team may do in the District or State leagues UPSC teams can only enter the RCL if they are successful in the Open Cup and WPFC and Harbor approve their entry.
- The cost is \$450 for two tournaments – June 15-16 and then on Labor Day weekend. The June tournament is the event that determines RCL qualification.



- This is an option for teams that are looking to play in the RCL to consider; however, they are encouraged to speak with other teams and coaches to consider all the benefits and limitations before making a decision.

State league is happening this year, assuming there are enough teams. They league will grandfather-in age groups that were already in the league last year.

IV. Old Business

1. Tryouts: Reserving Time, coordinating with other team, advertising.

Tryouts are ongoing. UPSC has booked field time from 11:00 – 3:00pm at Chambers Creek on designated days for try-outs. If your team needs a time outside of this timeframe, please make a specific request to the Fields Chair, Andrew Torres

2. Registration

See Registrar's report.

3. Web site

There was a suggestion to add Jason's name and contact information to the website. Teams that have announcements may contact Jason who can add them to the website.

Team pages still reflect last year's information, but will be updated to switch to the upcoming year's information in the near future.

4. Team Affiliation forms

See Secretary's report.

5. Policy Statements: Fields Policy

Chris presented the Club's Fields Policy Statement. This Policy Statement is provided as Attachment A to these minutes.

There was a motion to adopt the Field Policy Statement, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

There was a question about the status of new turf being installed at the Curtis Stadium. It was reported that installation has either just begun or will begin in very near future.

The Club is currently drafting its Team and Competition policy. A draft of this policy will be posted to the website for review by teams when it is ready.

V. New Business

1. Equipment Chair / Assistant Fields Chair

The club needs another volunteer to help Andrew with getting fields set up. The club will quickly get behind in its efforts to set up the fields for the season if we don't get more help. Teams are encouraged to contact their parents to seek an interested volunteer.



An announcement about this volunteer position, along with TPCJSA representative position, will be posted to the website.

VI. For The Good of the Game

There was a discussion about a recent episode of Rock Center with Brian Williams on NBC about concussions, particularly in girls soccer. Jason will see about posting a link to a video of the show on the website.

A question was posed about the effectiveness of head gear in preventing concussions and whether it is something that teams should encourage. Coaches reported that there is an increase in kids wearing head gear but some coaches felt there was conflicting information about how much difference the use of head gear makes in preventing injuries.

A question was asked whether there is a “hand-me-down” system for coaches that have old or out-grown equipment that can be provided to younger teams. The club does not have a formal system for re-distributing equipment, but coaches can bring the equipment to UPSC meetings and offer it to teams at the meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm