

**UPSC Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2011
Draft Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes from October, 2011 meeting

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the October 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved with no objections.

Attendance

UPSC Board Members Present

Joe McNallan, Scott Falk, Tom Webster

Teams Represented

G-U15 Strikers, B-U13 Fire, B-U16 Thunder, G-U11 Thunder, Eagles, UP Vikings, B-U10 Predators, B-U12 Cobras, B-U16-Arsenal, G-U12 Eagles (Red, White, Blue), UP Sea Wolves, B-U15, UP Velocity, U-18 Blue Lasers, B-U11 Lightning, B-U13 FC Vikings, G-U9 Rockets, G-U9 Firecrackers

Reports

Joe McNallan, President's Report

For teams that are planning to practice in the Stadium after Thanksgiving and through Christmas, UPSC will try to keep you in your same practice slot, but some adjustments to the schedule may be needed. This is due to fewer teams practicing and trying to keep two teams in the Stadium at a time in order to reduce costs.

Joe has received a request from three NORTAC teams for practice time in the Stadium and these teams will be scheduled to help fill in any gaps.

There are 9 UPSC teams playing in various state cup tournaments. UPSC is planning on playing most of these games in the Stadium.

Dawn DeCius, Treasurer Report

No treasurer report.

Jade Coughran, Registrar Report

No registrar report.

Scott Falk, Fields Chair Report

The fields at Chambers Creek are closed for the remainder of the season.

Any teams still practicing at Evergreen should use the South field.

Fees for using Chambers Creek Play fields will increase next year. The new fee is expected to be \$12.50 per hour. Clubs should plan for these increased fees.

Tacoma Baptist football is still playing and they have been using the Curtis Stadium, which has caused conflicts with some practices for club teams.

MOD Report

The Mod season is over. Scott Falk will take down goals and lock them up. There is one more weekend of games at Drum, so he will wait until after those games are finished before taking down all the mod goals.

Dave Hunter, Equipment Report

No equipment report.

Mike Weaver, TPCJSA Report

There are plans to open new soccer fields at Five Acres Park in Fife. A new facility at Brown's Point is also under development.

There was a discussion about "Zach's Law" which concerns anchoring goals. The law requires goals to be anchored rather than using sandbags. This law has not yet passed in Washington State, but it is expected to become an area of increased attention.

Joe McNallan noted that it is a WYSA rule that kids are not allowed to move goals. Injuries related to goals most often occur when kids try to move the goalposts. For the safety of players, coaches and teams should be diligent in enforcing this rule. At Chambers Creek, Evergreen and Curtis Jr. High, the club has invested in Scoremaster goals, which have wheels, making them easier and safer to move.

There was a discussion about referees requiring sandbags on goals. If sandbags are needed for the goals at Colgate, they can be found in the Stadium.

For the State Cup, TPCJSA has dropped the Girls U-14 and under for participating due to lack of teams.

Richard Wunderle, Referee Report and Games Report

Richard suggested it would be a good idea to have another referee clinic next year.

He indicated that the format for referee clinics is changing. They will be moving from 3 days of instruction down to 1 day with an on-line component that must be completed prior to attending the clinic. The details are still being worked out, but it should reduce costs and time spent in clinics.

The club has referee coverage for about 95% of its games, which is pretty good compared to other clubs.

A participant raised an issue of inconsistency among referees, particularly at the U-11 level, in handling off-sides, throw-ins, and goalie control of the ball issues. Richard indicated that coaches should convey any concerns/observations to him.

A question was raised about whether there is a rule concerning the placement of players and spectators during games. Richard indicated that there is no rule about where parents and players must sit, but this can vary between leagues. In post-season games, it is the rule that both teams are located on one side of the field and parents are on the opposite side.

WYSA hired an employee to be in charge of referees.

Scott Falk, 1st VP/Judiciary Chair Report

There was a discussion concerning concussion requirements. Coaches are reminded that as long as there is a suspicion of a concussion, the player needs an evaluation and written consent from a qualified doctor before being allowed to return to play. This is for the protection of both the player and the coach. Coaches that have qualified doctors as parents may want to have blank concussion release forms with them during games, so that if a qualified doctor is attending the game, an immediate evaluation can be completed.

Richard Wunderle, Games Report

Due to the fields at Chambers Creek being closed, games that were schedule for these field are being rescheduled. Most games will remain at the same time, but at a different location.

For any UPSC team that is playing on one of the various state cups, contact Richard if you need to schedule games or referees.

There was a question about how the Founders Cup works. Teams are generally placed in a four-team pool and play 3 pools games. Teams are responsible for costs associated with pool games, including fields and referees. If a team makes it to the elimination round, **the tournament picks (?) up** these costs, but teams should still let UPSC know about schedule, including any revisions that occur after initially informing UPSC. .

There was a question about why UPSC games were not showing up on the TPCJSA website. Once teams receive their schedule, they need enter this information into the TPCJSA website through the team log-in. There was an initial delay in the ability of UPSC teams to do this, as TPCJSA needed to enter the UP fields into their system, but that process is complete.

Old Business

None

New Business

The UPSC Annual Board Meeting will be held in February. The President and Games Chair are both stepping down. Teams are strongly encouraged to find nominees to help fill Board positions.

UPSC will have a December meeting, but will not meet in January.

Good of the Game

Several UPSC teams are having strong seasons, including the B-U12 Cobras who are currently undefeated.

Adjourn:

7:45 pm