

BRS� Board Meeting

June 13, 2012

(approved)

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members: Alleghany – absent; Amherst – Guillermo De Novais; CSC – Todd Mills, Dennis Nagel; Danville – absent; GC United – absent; Halifax – absent; Lexington – Paul Gregory; New River – Jeff Kinney; PASA – Greg Doneghue; PYSL – absent; Radford – Kathy Harris; Roanoke Star – Martin Smith, Graham Maclean; Salem – absent; SML – Scott Dawson, VAFC – Val Karras; Wythe – David Harrison.

President – Gene Harris; V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson; VP Adm. – Steve Gordon, Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger, Treasurer – Nicole Cook; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald; Administrator – David James. Registrar – vacant.

Quorum is determined.

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes posted on the website. Motion to approve. 2nd. Approved.

Introduction of Guests: Brent Bowles, Blue Ridge FC

Officer and Committee Reports

VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson – Competition Committee success is determined by wins/losses and goal differential. Committee will meet again in July to prepare for the fall season – everyone needs to get word out to your managers/coaches to provide as much information as possible about the team when signing up so that they can be placed in an appropriate division.

VP of Administration- Steve Gordon - Will address during budget.

Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger. We have 2 clubs with outstanding fines.

Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Cook– General Fund: \$23,658.08. Player Registrations Account (VYSA): \$2,951.00.

Administrator’s Report – David James. Spring division winners announced on the website. One division had co-champions because rain-outs, reschedules, rain-outs, etc. BRS� U-10 division – all participants received a patch. All spring champion patches were mailed out to clubs.

President’s Report – Gene Harris. He will be attending the VYSA annual meeting this Saturday. Proxy sheets are available and if a member club wants Gene to represent you at the annual meeting, please let him know.

Special Committee Reports – None.

Director of Coaching Report – no new one appointed.

Guest Report: Brent Bowles – Blue Ridge FC. Application submitted to BRSL. They went through a spring season with friendlies. Coaches will be licensed this weekend. They have 3 teams total. U11 boys and 2 U13, boys and girls. Options for playing without being in this league is to play friendlies and pick up games. Teams did fairly well overall. Fields are secured. All coaches are attending the E License course this weekend. Referee Assignor is Mark Ingvaldson. Sportsmanship is good. Teams are learning. They play hard but not unfair. Discussion by clubs: Did the club listen to our advice and do what we asked when we denied their request last year. Comments: they did everything we asked and went above and beyond. They did more than some of the other clubs that have been voted in. Motion made to accept Blue Ridge FC into the BRSL. 2nd. Motion Approved. Blue Ridge FC is welcomed to the BRSL league.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meeting(s)).

Mr. Kinney – New River. Recruitment amongst clubs. New River has been experiencing problems with Roanoke Star. An email is presented where Roanoke Star directly emailed a player asking for a player to come to play from the one club to another. Mr. Kinney just wanted to bring it to the clubs/league attention.

Dennis Nagel opens the floor with discontent pertaining to Roanoke Star recruiting and accepting teams from the Montgomery County area, stating Roanoke Star is giving players huge discounts in fees to play for them. This is considered “un-neighborly”. The coaches that left Christiansburg and have approached and been accepted by Roanoke Star, were asked to leave because of their character and behavior. Roanoke Star responds that the two coaches approached Roanoke Star and asked to participate under the Roanoke Star guise. The league does not have any rules directly related to this. As clubs – if you do not like this you can bring it up at future meetings, you can propose a change in a by-law or policy. A dispute between two clubs is not healthy.

New business:

- a. Review unpaid VYSA fees and fines for the 2011-12 season. Clubs contacted by email and all received but one. David hopes to have everything paid by 06/30/12.
- b. BRSL 2012-13 slate of offices and elections. The floor is open for nominations. Nominations made by the floor: Denise Knisely nominated as Secretary. Todd Mills nominated as Secretary. Still working on getting someone for registrar. Can be added later with a special election. Any additional nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations. 2nd. Approved.
Slate: President: Gene Harris; VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson; VP of Adm. – Steve Gordon; Secretary – Denise Knisely and Todd Mills; Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger; Treasurer – Nicole Cook; Registrar – Vacant.
Our board for 2012-2013 has been elected: President: Gene Harris; VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson; VP of Adm. – Steve Gordon; Secretary – Denise Knisely; Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Rick Harnsberger; Treasurer – Nicole Cook; Registrar – Vacant.
- c. Review proposed BRSL 2012-2013 budget. Budget is presented. Motion to accept as proposed. 2nd. Approved.
- d. Review proposed BRSL fall 2012 timeline. Proposed timeline published on the website – any changes? Discussion regarding moving up deadline for fall team sign ups so that competition committee can meet earlier. Move competition committee meeting to 07/21/12. BRSL Fall team sign ups begin 06/25/12. Fall schedules will be published August 13.

- e. \$2.00 per player fee to VYSA to cover KidSafe background checks.
 - Board proposed one time per player fee of \$2.00
 - Spread the \$2.00 per player fee out over 2 years
 - No per player fee and have all clubs/leagues billed directly for KidSafe checks made by that club/league – a user fee. Clubs recommend that we ask for additional information be provided. Gene Harris will present at the annual meeting.

Proposals for Change of Bylaws, Rules & Procedures:

A. Review proposal to allow executive board members to cast votes for their respective club. Proposal: Currently, Executive Board members (executive committee) cannot cast votes for their club. This restriction is a deterrent for active club representatives to run for Executive Board positions. The following proposal is to change his by law and policy.

BRSL's President, VP Administration, VP Operations, Conduct Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, can vote for their respective club with the following conditions.

1. Executive Board members, when they can constitute a quorum, cannot change BRSL by laws or policies without proposing the by law or policy change at a BRSL Board meeting.
2. The Executive Board member's club affiliation is stated on BRSL agendas.
3. An Executive Board member representing their club also retains their one Executive Board member vote.
4. BRSL's President can vote for their club, however, the President vote is cast only in the event of a tie.

Motion to accept. 2nd. Further discussion: Changes will be made in by-laws and policies. Approved.

B. Review proposal to allow Executive Board to grant a waiver for an existing club to remain in BRSL when the club has only one team.

Current:

To remain an active Club (member) in the BRSL, a Club (member) shall:

Roster two teams in BRSL play each seasonal year, they will lose their Membership in the BRSL. When the Club wishes to return to BRSL play, they must apply as a new Club (member) and meet all the requirements as a new Club (member) for BRSL Membership.

Proposal:

To remain an active Club (member) in the BRSL, a club (member) shall:

Roster two teams in BRSL play each seasonal year, that club must request a waiver from BRSL's Executive Board to continue to play soccer in BRSL. To be re-visited.

Proposal: A motion is made for any club in good-standing 2011-2012 seasonal year shall be granted a waiver to play in the fall 2012 season if they only have one team rostered. Motion to accept. 2nd. Further discussion. None. Approved.

Miscellaneous announcements:

Service plaques awarded to BRSL secretary Suzy Sauerwald and RSC Registrar Tony Akers. Both served 6 years.

Next BRSL Meeting:

- a. 1:00p.m. Saturday, July 28 - Competition Committee – Roanoke's South County Library
- b. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 28, Board meeting – Roanoke's South County Library
- c. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, Board meeting – TBD
- d. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, Board meeting – TBD

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.