

Panther Soccer Club

Minutes of August 6, 2007 Board Meeting

The Board of the Panther Soccer Club met on Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Civic Center. President Ron Colaizzi called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with the following in attendance:

Board Members in Attendance: *President Ron Colaizzi, Treasurer Maureen Strange, Boy's League Representative Crystal Robinson, Girl's League Representative Laurie Montgomery, Board Members Ellen Poplawski, Ed Bell*
Coaches in Attendance: *Patrick Montgomery, Ed Morton, David Strange, Mike Mockenhaupt, Tim Fell*

Secretary's Report

There was no report as there was not a quorum present for the meeting. The new web site demo was held during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Maureen Strange presented the Treasurer's Report. The notes include Revenue (53% of budget) and Expense (9% of budget), delinquent fees for 07-08 (\$982.50) and total outstanding since 2005 (\$3,812.50), and NISL fees include seeding tournament fees. Additional discussion included the need to add a line item for the concessions from the July movie nights. This will offset additional expenses for coaching certifications, which will run over initial budgeted costs. It was also reported that there are currently 196 players registered for 07-08, with more players still being added.

Board Member Election

Steve Gardner was nominated to fill the position of Board Secretary by President Colaizzi to fill the position vacated by Rene Garren. The nomination was seconded and approved. There is still one at-large board position open at this time. The perfect candidate would be a parent of a player on one of the younger boy's teams, but any interested parent would be considered. Note: the new elected secretary wishes to apologize for not being prepared to record these minutes and promises to try to be better in future board meetings.

Coaches/Teams

The Board discussed the recently completed boys' camp and currently running girls' camp. New players are continuing to come during camps for tryouts. The new trainers are developing relationships with the players. Following the rainout of the second day of the seeding tournament, the Board needs to look into possibility of a refund of team fees. Coaches are working to get the correct seeding for the fall. The Board is recommending two tournaments for fall, Bolingbrook and Galaxy. The club will coordinate payments for all teams registering for these tournaments. Coaches need to get certifications in to league representatives to ensure they get their passes in time for the season. It was reported that the club is KidSafe compliant. Linesmen checks, for U10 and up, will be delivered to coaches during the first week or two of practice.

The club is looking into space for PDP and team training during the winter. Coaches need to inform the club of their plans for winter training ASAP, as space is limited. The club is looking at Junior High spaces. A recommendation was made to add bee sting medication to coaches' medical kits. This will be investigated. Purchase of a replacement metal box for the club's corner flags at a cost of \$424 (within field maintenance budget) was approved by the Board.

Referees

The club will combine with the KSC and TC clubs on a combined website for referee assignments. This is expected to help all clubs to get referees assigned for various games.

Uniform Committee

As allowed in the club bylaws, all teams should determine if they will get names on their new uniforms. Crystal reported that there are 7 players who need to get their uniforms done. All uniform issues should be reported to Soccer 2000. There have been some issues with socks that had holes. It is recommended that you contact Soccer 2000 before going there to ensure that they have in-stock replacements available. There was also concern that the new uniforms will be subject to snags. If this does become a big issue, coaches should report it to the uniform committee. A comment was also made that the new gear bags are of lower quality. Questions were raised as to if we should pursue coaches shirts and raingear.

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Website

After the July demo, the next steps here are to form a Web site committee ASAP. The immediate charter of the committee will be to determine content and calendar functionality. President Colaizzi will lead this effort.

New Business

Crystal Robinson played a video that will be used for club promotion of the Hubba Bubba tournament. The video was well received and many positive comments were made by those in attendance. "Movies in the Park" yielded a profit from concessions, even though the weather caused there to be two movie nights, July 18th and 25th. A motion was made to allow the 3 seniors from the U18 Girls team the option to wear their existing uniforms for the 07-08 season. The motion was approved with the stipulation that the girls may opt to by the new uniforms, if desired. PSC donations were discussed. The Park District and OPD are complete. The OPD donation will be used for kids educational programs. The Church of Good Shepard and OHS presentations will be scheduled and presented by board representatives. Ed Bell mentioned that the board should consider a chartered affiliation with the "Character Counts" organization. This would be a chance to give positive recognition for club members who do community service outside the club. Ed Bell also discussed the clubs potential partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods to do in-store registration. Ed has also procured coaches kits from Dick's, and there is more potential for future partnership with the club.

Other Business

Being that there was no other business, the general meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Following adjournment of the regular meeting, the Board went into "closed session" to discuss how to handle 2 cases of delinquent fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Gardner,
Secretary