

MINUTES -- MARCH 13, 1989
BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Cathy Schourek. Members in attendance: Shelly Chapple, Jayne Peck, Kim Walsh, Terry Orie, Cathy Schourek, Mary Beth Compton, Denise Fitzpatrick, Niza Hoft, Penny Long, and Pam Godfrey.

1. Secretary Report -- Jayne

- ° The minutes were distributed to the Board and members were asked to review and approve at the next meeting.
- ° Team Rep Sign-In Sheet -- Jayne will send a copy to the team reps who were not present at the meeting and request they sign and return to Jayne for the record. After all the copies have been returned Jayne will contact Sally Entlich and tell her which team reps do not want to be included in the mailing list.

2. Treasurer's Report -- Penny

- ° Bad Checks -- Penny has received two bad checks. One for insufficient funds (Pat Gray/White Division). She is going to redeposit the check and see if it goes through. The other check was returned saying "referred to maker" (Cindy Evans/White Division). Penny can't tell why the check was returned this way. Niza is going to check with her bank to try to find out why this check was returned.

Penny will let Sally know so she can take these two women off the "paid players" roster.

- ° Refunds -- Penny will be out of town from 2/22 through 3/2. She told Commissioners to take all refund requests and hold them until she gets back. When Penny issues a refund, she is calling Sally to let her know to take these people off the "paid players" roster.
- ° Patches -- The patches ordered for Fall 88 came in, but the store was going to return them because they said "Fall 89". Penny told the store not to return them because we will need them for Fall 89. Penny went ahead and ordered patches for Fall 88, Spring 89, and Fall 89 since the order takes so long.
- ° Sue Fekishazy of Bordeaux Bleus requested a refund for the Fall 88 season because of injury. This was discussed at the 12/07/88 Board Meeting (see notes). Penny informed Bordeaux Bleus that no refund would be made and that Sue would be informed in writing. Bordeaux Bleus felt the Board handled this poorly because no one responded to Sue in a letter. Sue's letter requesting this refund was given to Denise (who was secretary at that time). Shelly will write a letter to Sue.

- ° Storage Space -- We are paying month-to-month. Penny received a letter from Public Storage Management Inc. asking us to close out our present lease in the name of Mary Goff and sign a new lease with whomever is responsible, Kim or Shelly.

Kim said she went in to do this in March, but the office said not to worry about it this month and to come back in April.

Kim will sign new lease in April. Penny will pay for the storage unit for the months April, May and June.

- ° Referee Question -- Question was asked at one of the meetings as to why the women pay \$2 more than the men for games. Penny called Anita (coordinator for the referee association) and asked. Anita informed Penny that the women pay \$2 less than the men. Penny asked Terry for more details so she could discuss this with Anita with more information. Penny gave Jayne a copy of our current referee contract for the record.
 - ° 1989 Annual Report -- Robert Whitestone forwarded to Penny the 1989 Annual Report which must be completed and filed by 4/1/89. Jayne will do this and send a copy to Penny.
 - ° Bank Signature Authority -- Penny mentioned that with the switch in positions that Shelly does not have authority to sign checks. This was discussed, and the board decided to leave the signature cards the way they are for this season and update them after our elections in May. This should be done on an annual basis.
 - ° Income Statement -- Penny provided the Board with a cash balance sheet. She mentioned that 9 months of this sheet was done by Maggie Massey (the previous treasurer).
- + Suggested that we should change our calendar year to June to May so the Treasurer must close out each year in May before she leaves office. This would make it much easier for the new Treasurer.
 - + Suggested that we break down the reportings to seasons, i.e. spring, summer, fall, winter, not winter/spring and summer/fall. This would give us a better idea of what our expenses/income actually are for a given season.
 - + Suggested we adopt an accrual method instead of a cash balance to give us a true picture of what expenses actually are for a season instead of being rolled into whatever season the bills actually catch up with us.
 - + We presently have \$15,000 in the Field Development account. Penny can't find in Maggie's books how this money was rolled into the Field Development account. It is our understanding that any monies left over from a season, t-shirt sales, tournament, etc. are to be rolled into the Field Development account. We need to establish a guideline.

- + Checking account had \$5,000 at the end of 1988. With the spring registration money deposited, we have approximately \$18,000.

Tabled discussion concerning changing the calendar year, method of reporting until the next meeting. This will give Penny time to research further and give recommendations as to how she feels this should be done. Other board members are to give their recommendations as well.

- ° Refunds Made To Date -- Cathy Austin & Elaine Harris.

3. Fields Commissioner Report -- Kim

- ° Kim has a new address effective 3/17/89: 13625 Bent Tree Circle
Centreville, VA 22020
H: 818-1867
- ° New Net Bags -- Purchased new net bags. Each net will have an individual bag. This will make the bags much lighter and they should last longer because they won't be dragged on the ground.
- ° Liners -- One of the liners is missing from the locker. It disappeared sometime between end of last season and beginning of this month. Kim purchased two new paint machines instead of replacing the stolen liner.
- ° Field Equipment System -- Kim has worked out a color-coded system. Each of the five fields has been assigned a color. All equipment to be used on each field has been marked with the corresponding color. Teams must pick up equipment designated for a particular field and equipment must be returned within 24 hours of the last game. Kim will check the locker every Sunday to make sure all equipment has been returned. Teams must also call Kim on Saturday evening to leave a message that they have returned the equipment.

Kim will not be available for the first weekend of the season. Shelly told Kim to have the team reps call her with their message.

- ° Lining Fields for First Game -- Five fields have been assigned to the following:

Luther Jackson -- KITG
Glasgow Back -- Blue (Astros II)
Whittier -- Masters A (Herndon)
Glasgow Side -- Red (Prime Time)
Langley -- Masters B (Shadies)

- ° Mowing -- Barbara is not in the area any more. Fairfax Police Youth Club is going to give Shelly the name of the person they hire to mow their fields. Kim is going to advertise for help.

- ° Locker Combination Lock -- Discussed need to change the lock after each season in view of the fact that a liner is missing. There is no need for anyone but the Board to be in the storage unit between seasons.

Board decided to change the lock after each season.

Field Development Report

- ° Shelly has received more estimates for our fields (see attached list). We need to get the grass growing and make a few decisions. Suggest three seedings: early spring, early fall and winter rye grass.
- ° The County will not release the fields to us until the middle of April because Davis (company that installed irrigation system) has to repair some damage they caused to the fields and test the irrigation system in April.
- ° Most of the companies suggested we wait to open play on the fields until Spring 90. We won't be able to have the tournament at the new fields.
- ° Shelly has tried numerous times to get in touch with Ken Jones with no success. The Stars are now playing at Woodson High School, no longer at Fairfax High School. We wondered why.
- ° Shelly has been in contact with WAGS and Fairfax Police Youth Club and asked about their interest. They have too many teams, and it would not be possible to schedule a select few for games.
- ° If we sign a contract for turf maintenance, we will need to raise registrations fees to cover field expense. If we sign a contract, do we want to sign it alone and be responsible for the total fee? Then we will have to find partners and collect money from them. The men's league has not been responsible enough to have them go into the contract with us. Shelly is going to see about having a lawyer advise us on this issue.
- ° Parking Lot -- Department of Public Works and the Design Development Department are arguing about the parking lot. At this point, it sounds like the County is not going to put in a paved lot.
- ° Stanley Martin (company that gave us the fill dirt -- with all the rocks, concrete, etc.) is opening an office in Northern Virginia. A public relations firm has contacted Ruth Walton as advised they would like Stanley Martin to be part of our opening ceremony and contribute \$5,000 to the field development project on an annual basis for good community relations.

MOTION: FWSA should go ahead and do the seed and turf maintenance.
Seconded.

Vote: For 9; Against 1 -- Motion carried.

MOTION: Give authority for Shelly and Jayne to use their discretion in negotiating the turf maintenance contract. Seconded.

Vote: For 9; Against 0; Abstain 1 -- Motion carried.

- ° Ruth Walton is setting up a meeting with the County to re-introduce Board to project. Shelly will be in touch with Jayne as to where and when this meeting will be held.

4. Division Reports

Blue Division Report -- Terry

- ° A few refunds are expected.
- ° Sweet Poison has had trouble getting their uniforms, but they are OK now.
- ° Three teams have had their player passes signed.

Red Division Report -- Mary Beth

- ° Footloose -- Mary Beth received a check for a returning player last week for \$25 with no registration form. We advised Mary Beth that player cannot play on Saturday because the team rep needs to forward to Mary Beth the player's registration form and \$15 late fee.
- ° Bordeau Bleus -- Linda J. Hook, a player on Bordeaux Bleus, wrote a letter to Shelly outlining a game which took place last season in which the game was stopped by a County official during the second half. That game was considered complete and was not rescheduled. Linda feels the game should have been replayed or eliminated from the standings entirely. Apparently, they tied with Kicks for last place (see copy of letter attached).

Shelly poled Board members over the phone because she had to get the schedule underway. She got in touch with six board members (2/3 majority) and all members unanimously agreed that Bordeaux Bleus should remain in the White Division for Spring 89.

Mary Beth said Lisa Ziegler, Bordeaux Bleus Team Rep, has not even mentioned the subject.

Anita Hood said she would like to know who the referee for that game was. Jayne will pull the Blue Card and mail it to Shelly.

Shelly is going to write Lisa Ziegler a letter expressing the Board's decision.

White Division Report -- Niza

- ° All of her teams have between 17 and 20 players.
- ° One of the players returning from the Havoc team, Maggie Taylor, just got in contact with Niza. Apparently Havoc split up this season and Maggie did not receive her Goal Post with the registration enclosed. She didn't have a form and didn't know when the registration deadline was. She is registering to play with Mayhem.

Niza asked if she could pay \$25 instead of \$40 due to these extenuating circumstances.

MOTION: Agree to let Maggie Taylor, a returning player, pay a registration fee of \$25 versus \$40 because of the extenuating circumstances outlined in the above discussion. Seconded.

Vote: For 10; Against 0; Abstain 0.

Masters A Division Report -- Cathy

- ° FMSL -- The Fairfax Masters Soccer League (FMSL) Board has elected to legally dissolve their association. For the two years Michelle Dupre was the President, no records were kept and what records there were previously were lost. The signature cards from the bank were never changed to the new Board (Michelle never took them to the bank). Cathy found out that the original President was Sandy Bond, Treasurer is Penny Long, and the Registrar is Judy Fleming. The FMSL Board has not had a meeting in over two years.

After much research and back tracking, Cathy has discovered: 1) FMSL bank account totals \$893.57; and 2) their back dues owed to the USSF total \$1,039.00.

Cathy asked the Board to consider allowing FWSA to pay the difference of \$145.43 so they could legally dissolve the association quickly and easily without having to go back to the Masters A Division and ask the teams for the additional money. The problem therein being many of the teams have changed players since this money was assessed. It would be very difficult to collect this from present teams.

MOTION: FMSL should be responsible for their debt. FWSA not pay the difference (\$145.43) FMSL owes to USSF. Seconded.

Vote: For: 5 Against: 4; Abstain 1 -- Motion carried.

Board continued to discuss this situation. Cathy explained to board members that even though FMSL is a separate organization to enable Masters A teams to be affiliated and enter tournaments sponsored by USSF, it comprised of Masters A teams which are part of FWSA. Therefore, it is fair to ask FWSA to help "bail them out" of this situation.

MOTION: In the best interest of FWSA, it is recommended that FWSA give to FMSL \$145.43 (the difference they owe to USSF) so that the Masters A Division may legally dissolve FMSL as soon as possible. Seconded.

Vote: For: 8; Against 2 -- Motion carried.

Masters B Division Report -- Denise

- ° Dual Registration Proposal -- Received a letter from Barbara Bartlett/Team Rep for Shadies. Barbara is requesting the rule concerning dual registration in Masters B be changed to allow dual registration (see copy of letter attached). Denise is going to write Barbara and tell her she could address this issue at the General Meeting in May and also send in an article for the Goal Post so there will be discussion at the General Meeting.

Jayne is going to research the minutes to see when dual registration between Masters and the house actually began and who petitioned for it.

Shelly is going to find out how many people are dually registered for Spring 89.

Discussion tabled until after we have researched the above items.

- ° Shadies have changed their team color to turquoise.
- ° Masters B Friendship Tournament -- Everything is going fine. Deadline to register is 4/2/89; players should send checks to Penny Schulstad, made payable to FWSA; limit to 80 players; fee is \$10.00 (pays for shirt and referees).

Traveling Division Report -- Pam

- ° Everyting is OK.

Over-40 League -- Pam

- ° Everying is OK.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- ° Schedule -- Jayne typed and it was mailed out today to all team reps.
- ° Summer Tournament -- We have use of County fields through July. The Pine Ridge fields will not be ready.

Set date for June 24 and 25.

Terry needs to get volunteer list from Sally

- ° Referee Clinic

Pam is having no luck getting in touch with Sue Frank. (Dan Sorez cannot do it and asked Sue Frank to step in and run the clinic.) Shelly is going to keep all the information and try again for next season.

- ° General Assembly Meeting

Date has been set for Wednesday, May 17th. Jayne will schedule Luther Jackson. Need to start thinking about items for the agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- ° Nominating Committee -- Bonny Forst volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee. So far the people interested in running are the present board, Sally Entlich, and Mary Cate Rush. Terry expressed concern over the number of Board members who play in the Blue Division. Discussion seemed to sway toward we are hurting for volunteers and we can't turn down an interested person because we may have too many commissioners from one division.

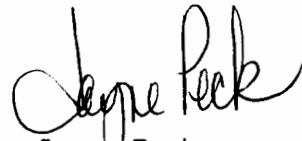
Shelly stressed everyone to be aware that we need volunteers and actively be involved in helping the Nominating Committee search for nominees.

- ° Registrations -- How did registrations work this time around? We need to acknowledge Sally for all the work she has put into this project. Penny will write an acknowledgement to Sally for publication in the Goal Post.

- ° Practice Fields -- Kim has practice fields to give out.
- ° County Residence -- Question was raised concerning Monty and possibly Sockers eligibility to play on Fairfax County fields. The majority of an FWSA team must reside in Fairfax County according to Fairfax County Department of Recreation Rules. We will discuss this issue at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Niza will check the rosters for addresses for both Sockers and Monty.
- ° Fairfax County Athletic Council -- We need to attend these meetings. Find out when and where they are. Jayne will attend.
- ° Fairfax July 4th Parade -- Any interest? Suggested we mention the parade in the Goal Post and see if anyone or any team is interested in representing FWSA.

Next Board meeting will be held at Shelly's house at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 1989.

Meeting adjourned.



Jayne Peck
Secretary, Spring 1989

NOTES:

Board meeting changed to Monday, April 10, 1989, 7:30 p.m. at Shelly's house.

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