

Longview Soccer Club Meeting November 14th 2011

Meeting is called to order by Vice President Tony Werner, in President Seth Cockrill's scheduled absence. Minutes will be kept by Webmaster Julie Watson in Secretary Jennifer Cockrill's scheduled absence. In attendance: Tony Werner, Fabio Aloe, Jak Massey, Dom Liberatore, Julie Watson, Cathy Reynolds, Pam Fierst, Destry Fierst, Mike Sanders. Quorum is met.

From the Floor: Guest Mike Sanders (Certified Referee, and Referee Trainer for WASRC) was given the floor. Mike spoke about the topic of referee abuse, and brought articles to share on the subject. The goal of Mike coming to the Longview Soccer Club meeting was to heighten awareness of the situation, and to clarify the Referee Association's stand of abuse. Referees have been given to authority to abandon the match if referee abuse occurs. Mike acknowledged our zero tolerance policy, and thanked Longview for their continued education of coaches, and support with this matter by following up on incident reports. It is his goal to help increase communication between the Referee Association and the clubs. Mike also wanted us to know about a referee recertification clinic on December 3rd here in Longview.

President's Report: (Tony Werner) Tony congratulated Cathy and Kelso High School on a great and well publicized fall season. He also gave congratulations towards our support and endorsement of newly elected city council member Tom Hutchinson. Our local GU14 Timber Barons 97 recently won the Oregon State Championship, and he mentioned that they have been invited to the upcoming CYSA meeting to be recognized. Tony also mentioned that we have 6 Longview teams competing in the Washington State Rec Cup, and that we will be hosting the GU14 age division here at 7th avenue on November 19th and 20th. All board members generously donated their time to field monitor games for the Rec Cup, and Tony pointed out that our area is being noticed as competitive at all levels of both select and recreational due to the dedication of our board members, parents, coaches and players.

Vice President's Report: (Tony Werner) There have been quite a few incident reports this season. The most recent ones have been handled. Two more were just turned in, listing referee abuse. Tony will follow up on them immediately. There was conversation regarding how to handle incidents involving teams from other clubs. It can be problematic to handle incidents that happen on fields other than Longview, or teams other than Longview. Questions for future discussion: 1) Perhaps CYSA will implement an incident reporting procedure, or disciplinary policy for all clubs? 2) Should LSC have a disciplinary policy in place, especially now that we have standings? **Table this policy discussion for new Business in January.**

Registrars' Report: (Jak Massey) Things are going well; the season has been wrapped up. New rosters and players cards were created for all the tournament teams for the upcoming Rec Cup. Dates have been set for spring season. Registration will open January 16th, and close February 29th. CYSA will have the same dates for all clubs. Longview will have open registration walk- ins on Thursday January 19th, Saturday February 4th, Saturday February 18th, and Wednesday February 29th. Emails will go out to registrants and coaches after Christmas, and flyers will be distributed to all schools. (Julie will make flyers)

Treasurers' Report: (Cathy Reynolds) All of the bills/accounts are current and Cathy distributed copies of the current treasurers report. All expenditures are well within budget at this time, and Pam made a motion to accept the report as written. Jak seconds the motion, a vote is taken, and the motion passes. Cathy mentioned that she would like to schedule a budget meeting prior to the January LSC board meeting, the date and time will be determined.

Field Report: (Fabio Aloe) All nets are down, with the exception of the two fields that will be used for the Rec Cup. All garbage cans and equipment have been organized and out away. Fields have been repaired, fertilized and fed for the wet winter season ahead. TPI will be leaving bathrooms up for the Rec Cup, and will remove them after that. The building still needs to be winterized, and Fabio mentioned that he needs to set a date to take down signs for winter storage.

Concessions Report: (Marv) New Song Ministries is pleased with the way things went for fall season, gross sales of Saturday concessions are approximately \$5000.00. ***After receipts and bills, net profits will be determined and reported by Cathy Reynolds, Treasurer.*** New Song Ministries will do concessions again in spring season.

Equipment Report: Jenn Jolly not present.

New Business: Discussion regarding setting some sort of parameters for number of games for each age group. Things seemed to be unequal, and the Longview would like to have a structure in place that designates a certain number of games for each age group. In addition, games went on too long for the older age groups this fall, and there was discussion about having the older age groups play weeknight games or more double headers. Overall the schedule as good this season, but there were some problems with the schedule regarding game times being adjusted for darkness, we had several complaints regarding player safety. Longview would also like the referee assignor and game scheduler to meet and work together to schedule for spring, to have the best possible flow for referees between games. Scheduling of both things is a huge task, and much appreciated. It was also suggested that they come together to a board meeting, and to be involved in these discussions with the board so that we can all give input and help with the process if possible. There was much discussion about having the fall jamboree prior to Labor Day. This would help move games up by two weeks and give us more daylight hours, therefore helping to alleviate the scheduling problems with darkness. **Game scheduler (Nikki Meredith-Hayes) and referee assignor (Stacie Harris) will be invited to the January meeting to compare scheduling ideas. Fall start times/dates and game schedules will be tabled for the January meeting when Nikki and Stacie can be there.** January meeting is Monday January 9th at 7:00 pm.

Longview Board December Meeting: Board members and their spouses will meet on Friday December 2nd at the Backstage Café on Allen Street. Business will be taken care of at 6:00 pm; spouses will join us at 7:00 for dinner and a comedy show to be enjoyed at the Kelso Theater Pub.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.