



PALATINE CELTIC SOCCER CLUB

July 7, 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

President Terry Ellis called the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club General Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Attendance: 21 (24 Voting, 13 Majority Simple, 16 Majority 2/3rds)

A motion was made to accept the June 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes by Kelly Carroll and seconded by Tony Lesniak. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Dubinski:

Mark provided the following report:

- The Club had a net loss for the month of \$(8,204), and year to date net income of \$39,026.
- In addition to our recurring monthly interest income, general operating expenses and various travel expenditures, we received \$31,741 in park district registration fees, \$80 in revenue sharing, made a \$2,996 deposit for the upcoming Celtic Cup tents and paid several expenses relating to the house tournament.
- Cash increased during the month by \$3,671. Travel receivables decreased by \$12,533 for the month. The negative travel accounts receivable as of May 31, 2008 of \$(2,506) represents the net balance of receivable due the club and balances due back to players for Manna credits and refunds of tournament entry fees previously paid, yet canceled and refunded to the Club. The players were provided an option for refund or application towards their deposit for the upcoming travel season.
- The 2007 audited financial statements and tax return are in the auditor's final review stages and should be available within the next couple of weeks. The tax returns are on extension until October 15th.
- We also received a refund check from Crown Trophy for the return of the excess house tournament trophies in the amount of \$472, which will be deposited and reflected on the Club's books during the month of July

A motion was made to accept the May 2008 Financial Statements by Paul Ernst and seconded by Chris Powell. The financial statements were approved with one abstention.

1st Vice President – Terry Ruff:

- Terry presented a review of the House program status.
- A document was distributed and reviewed which attempted to allocate the full costs of operating the House program. In discussion it was determined that costs incurred that support the travel program (lighting, field preparation) was not separated out, so there were some costs incurred for the Travel program that were not excluded.
- Terry further mentioned that he believed increased numbers of player participating in the Travel program would likely result in a reduction of players in some House age groups.

Division Director Reports

U8 Girls - Larry Marturano:

- Mentioned that the participant numbers seemed to be down.
- Indicated that he was expecting to need additional coaches.

U8 Boys – Scott Malak: Absent

U10 Girls - Pam Dubinski:

- Indicated that she expects 12 teams, and was good with coaches for them.

U10 Boys – Jerry Milligan:

- Mentioned that he needs additional coaches.

U12 Girls – Chris Gattuso:

- Indicated that he has 144 girls registered, expects to have 10 teams and has adequate coach numbers.

U12 Boys - Dee Kohring:

- Mentioned that she is looking to get 1 or 2 more coaches.

U14 Girls- Bill Havansek:

- Indicated that he has 136 players, expects 8 teams and is OK on coaches.

U14 Boys – Bob Clancy: Nothing to Report

2nd Vice President – Emina Zvizdich:

- Provided an overview of the recent history of the travel program and the current status.
- Provided an update on progress documenting a proposed Director of Coaching (DOC) position. Indicated that the draft position description will be available for review and discussion in advance of and at the September Board meeting.
- Reported on the travel tryouts – 476 players attended, 67 at the Girls High School level. 44 players declined offers to join team. 12 boys teams were registered, and 15 girls teams (3 at high school age). 25 players joined the inaugural U8 Academy program.
- Results of the teams that went to the Kalamazoo tournament in June were reported. None of the multi-club team Celtic players participated on under the FCX banner advanced. The Celtic U17 Boys Select team won the tournament in the age group.

Director of Player Development – Chris Powell:

- House Coaches Clinics are being scheduled for Thursday and Friday August 14 and 15 at Hamilton Park. The 8/14 session is focused on coaching methods and techniques for the U8 age group, the Friday session for the U10 age group. However, coaches are welcome and encouraged to attend either or both.
- Open soccer for all ages is played every Tuesday at Celtic Park, 6:30 – 8:30PM

Girls Travel Director – Dan Reynolds:

- Reiterated that 15 girls teams have been registered with the IWSL, with seeding meetings scheduled for July 26.

Boys Travel Director - Mike Conklin:

An email report was provided. It is included below:

- Signup night completed the majority of players are registered with the club.
- We have placed two boys teams in the NISL. The U13 boys Select and the U11 Boys select. The remaining other 10 boys teams have been registered in the YSSL.
- The registration for the two teams in the NISL is complete.
- The registration for the ten teams in the YSSL is still in progress. Since we moved this year, all new photos and birth certificate copies are required. There are still a half dozen stragglers that are working to get this material to me.
- Scrimmage day work is in progress. I expect Emina will speak to this as needed.
- I was unable to get a referee re-cert clinic in the fall. The ISRC requires all clinics after April to be at the Arlington Heights ISRC facility. We can schedule one in Palatine after

Jan 1st 2009. There are other clubs complaining about this, so maybe there will be reconsideration if demand continues.

There was discussion regarding the reason(s) most boy's teams were moved to the YSSL. The Travel Staff indicated that a number of reasons, including other clubs leaving NISL, reduced costs, quality of play, and negative experiences with the NISL ownership combined to make the transition the right thing to do.

Travel Coordinator – Mary Mitzner:

- Indicated that sign-up nights completed successfully, and current activities focused on obtaining remaining missing paperwork from a few players.

Park District - Donelda Danz: Absent

Referee Director – Paul Ernst:

- Targeting August 26 or 27 for the Fall referee meeting – working with the Park District staff for assistance in obtaining a meeting space with adequate room.
- The Park District will present the processes and documentation for becoming an employee and submitting time sheets.

Equipment Director – Jimmy Messineo:

- Indicated that the process for bidding out and ordering the House jerseys was underway.

Match Secretary – Kelly Carroll:

- Scheduling of the House games is underway. Requests that coaching conflict request be very limited due to the complexity of trying to address every one.

Field Crew Director – Mark Fink:

- Discussion was held on whether or not the nets should continue to be left up.
- Discussed maintenance of the fields in general, and specifically the Park District's plans to seed certain fields and sod areas of other fields. As part of this discussion the need to approve or reject and expense not to exceed \$5,061.50 for the purchase and installation of sod in selected areas of the fields as determined by the Park District was discussed. Motion was made by Jim Ehr and seconded by Chris Gattuso to approve the expense. Discussion revealed concerns that the Park District may not place sod at appropriate locations. It was agreed that any individuals concerned with the Park District's specific sodding decisions could contact Corey at the PPD and gain an understanding of their detailed plans. The motion passed with Chris Powell and Mark Fink opposed and all others in favor.

Publicity Director - Liz Allen:

- Request was made for articles for a July edition of Footnotes. Discussion was held regarding the future need to continue mailing a printed copy, rather than emailing the newsletter and posting it on the club web site.

Volunteers & Activities Director - Tony Lesniak:

- Picture days are scheduled for September 6 for Travel, September 13 for House.

Committee Reports

Planning Committee –Terry Ellis:

- Terry reviewed the ongoing discussions regarding installing FieldTurf at selected fields, and stressed the need for funding, likely through sponsorship and fundraising.

Rules Committee – Terry Ruff:

- Terry presented a set of edits to the Club By-laws and House Rules of Play discussed and agreed upon by the Rules Committee members. Motion was made by Terry Ruff, seconded by Mary Mitzner, and approved unanimously to accept the following changes:
- By-Laws Article IV, Section 1(b) Item #12 – eliminate the position of Registrar.

- By-Laws Article IV, Section 2(q) Items 1-3 – Add to the description of 1st Vice President (previous registrar responsibilities).
- By-Laws Article IV, Section 2H – Change the name of the Director of Volunteers and Activities to Director of Special Projects
- Waive the requirement that the Director of Player Development have a minimum USSF “C” coaching license for the 2008-2009 playing season.
- House Rules of Play Section 4, Law I, Item b – U10 field size length to be changed to read “between 50 and 60 yards”.
- House Rules of Play Section 4, Law I, Item c – U12 field size to be modified to read “its length to be between 70 and 80 yards and width between 50 and 60 yards”.
- Any decision on proposed changes to House Rules of Play Section 4 Law III was deferred to the August meeting – these changes were not part of the motion and were not approved.

Palatine Celtic Cup Committee – Laurie White: Absent

- Terry Ellis advised the Board that after this year’s Celtic cup current Director and Assistant Director Laurie White and Karen Plager are resigning their positions. The Board thanks them for their years of dedicated service to the tournament and the Club.
- The next meeting of the Celtic Cup committee was July 15 in Meeting Room C of the City Hall.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bob Clancy suggested the Club pursue purchase and installation of a Celtic Soccer trophy case in a Park District facility. Terry Ellis will follow up with the Park District.

Good of the Order:

- None

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris Gattuso and seconded by Kelly Carroll. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

The next Board meeting will be Monday August 11, 2008 7:30PM at the Community Center.

Jim Ehr
Secretary