



# **PALATINE CELTIC SOCCER CLUB**

## **October 6, 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

President Terry Ellis called the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club General Meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Attendance: 25 (four guests, Tony Mulert, Jim Burke, Laurie White and Karen Plager) (18 Voting, 10 Majority Simple, 12 Majority 2/3rds)

A motion was made to accept the August 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes by Terry Ruff, seconded by Mary Mitzner. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mark Dubinski:**

No report was submitted.

Terry Ellis discussed the proposed revision of the Palatine Park District Affiliate Guidelines resulting from the most recent PALS meeting. One point of emphasis was the need for an annual budget and specific additions regarding check signature authority.

### **1st Vice President – Terry Ruff:**

Terry reported the games originally scheduled for Birchwood were moved to Hamilton due to better field proportions on the Hamilton fields compared to Birchwood. The change was positively accepted by the affected teams.

## **Division Director Reports**

**U8 Girls - Larry Marturano:** No items for discussion, all OK.

**U8 Boys – Scott Malak:** No issues of importance noted. Scott did acknowledge there was one incident of a coach entering the field of play to confront a referee about calling of fouls. The issue was addressed with the coach. In addition, teams had been identified to participate in the halftime of the Kinsella Cup match Tuesday, October 7

**U10 Girls - Pam Dubinski:** No items for discussion, all OK.

**U10 Boys – Jerry Milligan:** Jerry noted that there have been several games on weekday evenings where no referees showed up. Also he is watching a few situations where scores have been lopsided.

**U12 Girls – Chris Gattuso:** Chris submitted a report via email, included here:  
"Thanks to all involved for getting the fields moved from Birchwood to Hamilton. Thanks to Mark for going out of his way to measure the fields. The move to the Hamilton field drew a positive response from the coaches. Games have been competitive and the refs have been good. We have had no blowouts."

**U12 Boys - Dee Kohring:** Absent attending a game – arrived later, no report provided

**U14 Girls- Bill Havansek:** Absent refereeing a game – arrived later, no report provided

**U14 Boys – Bob Clancy:** No items for discussion, all OK.

### **2nd Vice President – Emina Zvizdich:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of Player Development – Chris Powell:**

Chris provided a read-out of recent tournament success of the Travel program. He also provided initial feedback on the U8 Academy program, stating that they have received generally positive

feedback and additional interest from people who would like to join. The players participated in a festival in Evanston, and the potential to host a festival with other clubs is being investigated. There are currently 25 players in the U8 Academy.

**Girls Travel Director – Dan Reynolds:**

Dan indicated that home games rained out on the weekend of 9/13-14 have all been rescheduled. He did indicate that some issues with the league regarding other clubs for who our teams' away games had been cancelled were not being rescheduled. Overall, Dan indicated the girls Travel teams are at mid-table or better half way through their seasons.

**Boys Travel Director - Mike Conklin:**

Mike indicated he had nothing to report.

**Travel Coordinator – Mary Mitzner:**

Boys HS Travel Tryouts are scheduled for Sunday evenings October 19 and October 26, with November 2 as the rain date. A request for volunteers will be distributed if needed.

**Park District - Donelda Danz:**

Donelda advised that signs were now posted at Celtic and Hamilton restricting use of the fields to permitted activities. Also, she is awaiting information on the possible request to re-key the Hamilton garage, and she is also awaiting specific fields and appropriate dimensions for fields that have been laid out incorrectly. Juniper was given as one example.

**Referee Director – Paul Ernst:** Paul submitted a report via email, included here:

We have been using the coach feedback on referees to send information to them right after it happens. It seems to be working and is more relevant that way. We also sent back some feedback from the refs to coaches and hopefully that helps the coaches to understand their perspective. Otherwise, we seem to be doing OK

**Equipment Director – Jimmy Messineo:** Items for discussion, all OK.

Terry Ellis discussed the results of some initial investigation he made into purchasing player benches for the fields (approximately 5 fields). Cost was estimated at approx. \$4200. It was discussed whether the folding benches were more appropriate for the Club to buy for teams.

**Match Secretary – Kelly Carroll:** Absent

**Field Crew Director – Mark Fink:** Absent at a game – arrived later, no report provided

**Publicity Director - Liz Allen:**

Liz noted that the format for game reports has been changed and names of goal scorers or other notables are no longer included. The next Footnotes will be distributed electronically in November.

**Volunteers & Activities Director - Tony Lesniak:**

Tony indicated that all was set for the Kinsella Cup at Palatine HS Tuesday 10/7. He and Terry Ruff are to represent the Club. Picture day at Fremd HS for the House teams as successful, and Tony thanked Mark & Pam Dubinski, Dee Kohring, Terry Ellis, Terry Ruff for their help. Others suggested a job well done by Tony.

## **Committee Reports**

**Planning Committee –Terry Ellis:**

Terry indicated that the Planning Committee has not met recently. He did indicate that the Park District is looking at building a shelter at Celtic Park, at the west end of Field 3. In addition, research continued on alternate vendors for website hosting.

**Rules Committee – Terry Ruff:** No Report

**Palatine Celtic Cup Committee:** No Report

**Old Business:**

Dee Kohring and Pam Dubinski were recognized for their work on the successful Club Picnic. Pam also recognized many Board members for their assistance and participation.

Terry Ellis raised the question regarding whether or not our registration dates are too far in advance of the start of the season, leading to registration problems.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Mike Conklin, seconded by Mary Mitzner, as follows: "Move to amend the By-Laws to create a paid Director of Coaching position as described in the document distributed via email from Emina Zvizdich on behalf of the Travel Committee on October 4 and available for review at this meeting. [Also attached to these minutes] Proposed edits to the By-Laws to be developed by the Rules Committee and Travel Committee and be distributed to the Board by October 20." Much discussion on the topic was held, with many participants.

During this time a second motion was made by Jim Messineo, seconded by Bob Haas, reading as follows: "Move to table the current motion until we determine how much the Director of Coaching will be paid, if the Park District will approve that or not, how the club will pay for it, and who is on the Selection Committee." There was much discussion on the points raised in this second motion.

A vote was called on the first motion after discussion. A "role call" was requested. The results of that vote were 12 voting Yes (in favor of amending the By-Laws to include a paid Director of Coaching), 5 voting No, and 4 Abstentions. The motion thereby passed.

As the first motion had been voted on and passed, the question was asked whether a vote on the second motion was possible. Jim Messineo subsequently withdrew his motion.

Discussion then went to scheduling a meeting of the Rules and Travel Committees to draft the appropriate By-Law changes. Terry Ruff requested the committee members email him their preferable dates.

Mark Fink withdrew the motion submitted last meeting for Tony Mulert to be hired as Celtic Cup Tournament Director.

A motion was then made by Mark Fink, seconded by Jim Messineo, to "re-hire Laurie White and Karen Plager into the Celtic Cup Tournament Director and Assistant Director positions for the 2009 tournament. Discussion was held, a vote was conducted. The vote was in favor of re-hiring Laurie and Karen for the 2009 tournament with no opposition.

**Good of the Order:**

Nothing

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Hass and seconded by Terry Ruff. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58PM.

The next Board meeting will be Monday November 3, 2008 7:30PM at the Community Center.

Jim Ehr  
Secretary