



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2012

Terry Ruff called the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club General Meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Attendance: 14 voting and 1 non-voting member

Officers:		Present	Directors:		Present
President	Terry Ruff	Y	Girls Travel	Chris Gattuso	N
1st VP – House	Matt Roberts	Y	Boys Travel	Joe Soltykiewicz	N
2nd VP – Travel	Tony Mulert	Y	Match Secretary	Kelly Carroll	Y
Secretary	Larry Marturano	N	Referees	Mike Conklin	N
Treasurer	Shawna Brauer	Y	Fields	Jim Burke	Y
House Directors:			Director of Special Projects	Dee Kohring	Y
U 8 Girls	Josh Langell	Y	Immediate Past President	Terry Ellis	Y
U 8 Boys	Rob Rogers	N	Non-Voting:		
U 10 Girls	Sara Kasanders	Y	Park District Liaison	Donelda Danz	Y
U 10 Boys	Brett Soukup	Y			
U 12 Girls	Jen DeFranco	Y			
U 12 Boys	Bob Haas	Y			
U 14 Girls	Mark Fink	Y			
U 14 Boys	Alan Burton	N			

Also in Attendance:		Present
Director of Coaching	Derek Niepomnik	Y
Celtic Cup Director	Laurie White	Y
Asst. Celtic Cup Dir.	Karen Plager	Y
Travel Business Mgr	Pam Dubinski	Y

Guest: Scott Malak

*Motion was made by Bret S to approve the **August** Board meeting minutes, seconded by Jim B.*

No discussion.

13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Shawna Brauer

1. Annual Audit & Tax returns for 2011 are complete
2. June & July Financials



3. Shawna announced she will no longer distribute the Monthly Check Details to the Board of Directors via email. The check details will be available for Board Member review at the monthly Board Meeting.

*Motion was made by Kelly C to approve the **December 2011 (revised), June 2012 and July 2012 Financials**, seconded by Sara K.*

No discussion.

13 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Abstained

Motion passed.

4. Finance Committee update

A motion was made by Tony M to amend the by-laws to add a Finance Committee to our club. The Finance Committee would be chaired by the treasurer and include 2-5 members, including the treasurer. The members of the Finance Committee can be board members, non-board, club members, and/or non-board, non-club members. The members of the Finance Committee will be chosen by the Treasurer and no board approval is necessary to accept or change Finance Committee members. The objective of the Finance Committee is review and advise on all financial aspects of the club. The motion was seconded by Sara K.

No discussion.

14 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained

Motion passed.

5. Annual review of Policies
 - a. Conflict of Interest
 - b. Document Retention
 - c. Whistleblower
 - d. Soccer Goal Safety & Education
6. As of August 2012, all independent contractors have been transitioned to direct deposit payments direct from PCS (vs. checks from PPD)

HOUSE

1st Vice President – Matt Roberts

1. The start of the house season games took place without any major problems or incidences to report. Division Directors should remind their coaches that the teams for the first game of the day should put the corner flags up and the teams for the last game of the day should put the flags away and lock the field box. Extra keys to the field boxes are available for those that need one. Also, remind your coaches to submit their match reports promptly so the scores and standings can be updated and also if there were any problems so we can have enough notice to try to correct them before the next game.
2. As of last week, we have 891 players in our House Division. This is down by 43 players compared to last year, with the largest decreases occurring in the U14B (25 fewer players) and U8G (14 fewer players). We do have a few players on the U8B and U10B wait list, so overall the number of players interested in playing in our house division has not changed that much from last year. Once again late registrations were a problem this year for most divisions. Next spring we should send out a few mass email messages to past house players to remind them that registration is open and when the deadline is.



3. Palatine's Quest Academy is interested in scrimmaging more of our U14 teams (boys in the fall and girls in the spring). One of our U14 boys teams scrimmaged against them last week and it was a good game for both sides. Quest is constructing a new senior sized soccer field which will be ready later this fall or next spring. They can host some of these scrimmages on their field and there could be an opportunity for us to use that field for the Celtic Cup as well.

Division Director Reports

U8 Girls – Josh Langell

1. U8G - Currently at 12 teams of 8-9 players each. First games over the weekend went well, no issues.

U8 Boys – Rob Rogers

1. U7s - Six teams, 54 total players
U8s - Seven teams, 65 total players
2. Coaches have been extremely complimentary of house development activities. Coaches raved about training session run by DOC (Derek) on equipment night. Lots of positive feedback on Keeper Clinic and looking forward to the Player Clinic.
3. We've had an unusually high number of late registration requests post Labor Day.

U10 Girls – Sara Kasanders

1. Nothing to report

U10 Boys – Brett Soukup

1. Would like to spend the next year exploring options for waitlist kids. Can we expand team sizes above 12? Can we play 8v8 if needed? Can we put U10s on a bigger field? These options have been frowned upon in the past however I think it is worse when one kid does not get to play at all vs 12 other kids having to share their playing time over a season (hardly noticeable). I think U10 is a critical age to retain players, not turn them away. I'm sure there is a good chance that a player turned away will not return to the program. It is not the kids fault that their parents waited until the last minute to register them. Most of the people cite reasons such as jobs or income for their late registration not knowing the result of being the 121st kid or later on the list.
2. From my last check at least 12 kids will sit out the season, most of them returning players.

U12 Girls – Jen DeFranco

1. We have 10 teams in U12G. All have been practicing regularly and seem to be going well.
2. Only complaint before games started was the size of the shirts - I guess the girls are swimming in them as they were all really large shirts this year. (this is assumed since the meeting is Tuesday): We had a great first week of games with no issues! (tee hee)

U12 Boys – Bob Haas

1. Nothing to report

U14 Girls – Mark Fink

1. Nothing to report

U14 Boys – Alan Burton



1. The U14B Division has five (5) teams and eighty-four (84) players.
2. One of our teams scrimmaged a Quest Academy team. It was a very positive experience for our team.

TRAVEL

Director of Coaching – Derek Niepomnik

1. Last weekend at the Celtic Cup, we had four teams advance out of their groups to the semifinals, u10B SL, u13B SL, u16G SL and u18G SL. U18 girls won their division in a penalty kick shootout.
2. All teams have started their fall season this past weekend. There have been some mixed results but the weather was great for play. I need to remind coaches to bring corner flags back to designated lock boxes, after matches, and lock up Celtic if they are the last ones there.
3. House player clinics continue this week. U8 boys and girls / u10 boys and girls.
4. Chicago Fire Night #2 – Saturday; September 15 versus Montreal Impact
 - o About 25 tickets still available for our group for club members to be a part of.
 - o We will have a club picture opportunity on the field before the match. All Celtic players going (House and Travel) will be escorted onto the field by Coach Emina and or myself. To take part, parents / players need to be at Toyota Park by 5:15 pm. All players must wear their Celtic uniforms to be a part of the picture, Chicago Fire rules. All families that ordered their tickets online, received an email from me and the Chicago Fire about this opportunity for the kids.
5. NEW Celtic Uniforms have been finalized and all players that ordered after registration nights have them in hand. There were some items on backorder that got resolved. Late orders have been dealt with on an individual basis of course.
6. Celtic SC – Foreign Trip 2013
 - o Looking to offer our u14 ages a foreign tour opportunity this spring break. Destinations being looked at are Scotland / England or Spain. Need to start process soon, in order for players to raise funds to help cover trip costs.

2nd Vice President, Travel – Tony Mulert

1. We need to review a process to update BlueSombrero rosters. Based on emails received during Celtic Cup, we have 21 players we thought were playing, but are not. This is much higher than in past years (4x). A list of players has been sent to Pam and Derek to review.

Girls Travel Director – Chris Gattuso

1. Nothing to report

Boys Travel Director – Joe Soltykiewicz

1. YSSL is requiring background checks on all club members having contact with the boys – my sense this will be all the coaches. I think team managers may be ok and not required to have background check but I'm double checking with YSSL.

Park District – Donelda Danz

1. Nothing to report

Referee Director – Mike Conklin

1. Arbiter license renewed this month, for another year.



2. First weekend of assigning completed. 5 house positions went unfilled the first weekend. I was told that a number of our refs had ACT testing... I moved some refs around so that we only had one game with a single referee, just a few with 2 refs... all the rest were covered as planned.
3. (Derek) Please remind the travel coaches that when a league assigned center referee does not show, they should NOT allow the ARs to run a 2-man system. None of the leagues allow or recognize a 2-man system, and the games could be forced to be replayed.

Match Secretary – Kelly Carroll

1. Nothing to report

Field Crew Director – Jim Burke

1. Nothing to report

Special Projects Director – Dee Kohring

1. Travel Picture day ran smoothly and weather cooperated!! YAY! Hopefully the same will hold true for the house league pictures this Saturday!
2. Thank you Derek for your help!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee – Terry Ruff

1. Nothing to report

Rules Committee – Matt Roberts

1. Nothing to report

Palatine Celtic Cup Committee – Laurie White / Karen Plager

1. Celtic Cup was great. 424 teams. Mother Nature cooperated. Very few injuries/incidents. Thanks to all who helped and supported the tournament.

Website Committee – Chris Gattuso

1. Nothing to report

Slate Committee – Terry Ruff

1. Nothing to report

Old Business:

1. Facebook Page
 - a. The facebook page is up and running! We have 136 fans as of Friday, Sept 7 and more join every day.
 - b. It was great to see the Celtic teams playing in the tournament posting scores, etc. Additionally it looks to be doing what it is supposed to do and bringing more attention to Celtic while showing off all the great things we are doing!



New Business:

1. 2013 Program Fees – Terry Ruff announced the 2013 Park District Registration Fees for House and Travel will not change in 2013.
2. Park Foundation Fundraiser - The Palatine Park Foundation will be hosting their third annual fundraiser, 2012 Casual Cocktails, on Monday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. This event will be held at Heng Wing Restaurant, 121 W. Palatine Road, Palatine. The ticket cost of \$50 includes one drink and a wide selection of Heng Wing's appetizers. Raffles and a small silent auction will also take place during the event. All event proceeds will benefit the Foundation Scholarship Program which provides financial assistance to Palatine Park District residents who cannot afford to participate in the District's various athletic, recreational, and social programs.

Motion was made by Mark F to purchase 20 tickets at \$50 each for the Palatine Park Foundation's scholarship fundraiser, seconded by Dee K.

No discussion.

14 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained

Motion passed.

3. (Pam) I have info regarding our QSP Readers Digest Fundraising that I would like to see if we want to continue on with. They have been bought out and taken over by another company that offers more than just magazine subscriptions. Basically, a lot of the schools do this one.

Announcements:

A motion was made by Brett S to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh L.

It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

The next Board meeting will be **Monday, October 1, 7:30PM** at the Community Center, Room 2A.

Larry Marturano, Secretary