



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2012

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

Attendance: 11 voting and 1 non-voting member

Officers:		Present	Directors:		Present
President	Terry Ruff	Y	Girls Travel	Chris Gattuso	Y(7:40)
1st VP – House	Matt Roberts	Y	Boys Travel	Joe Soltykiewicz	Y
2nd VP – Travel	Tony Mulert	N	Match Secretary	Kelly Carroll	N
Secretary	Larry Marturano	Y	Referees	Mike Conklin	Y
Treasurer	Shawna Brauer	Y	Fields	Jim Burke	N
House Directors:			Director of Special Projects	Dee Kohring	Y
U 8 Girls	Josh Langell	N	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(8:00)
U 10 Boys	Brett Soukup	Y			
U 12 Girls	Jen DeFranco	N			
U 12 Boys	Bob Haas	N			
U 14 Girls	Mark Fink	N			
U 14 Boys	Alan Burton	Y			

Also in Attendance:		Present
Director of Coaching	Derek Niepomnik	Y
Celtic Cup Director	Laurie White	Y(7:55)
Asst. Celtic Cup Dir.	Karen Plager	Y
Travel Business Mgr		

*Motion was made by Brett Soukup to approve the **December** Board meeting minutes, seconded by Sara Kasanders.*

No discussion.

11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Shawna Brauer

1. Review of November Financials
2. Year-end updates – receivables, bank balances, settlement with Park District



3. Blue Sombrero acquired by Dick's
4. Update on Auditor search

Chris Gattuso arrived at this point, making a total of 12 voting members at this point.

*Motion was made by Chris Gattuso to approve the **November** financials, seconded by Terry Ellis.*

No discussion.

11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstained.

Motion passed.

HOUSE

1st Vice President – Matt Roberts

1. Matt meeting with Disk's to talk about their support, including coaching kits.
2. Later this month, house tournament planning will start.

Division Director Reports

U8 Girls – Josh Langell

1. Nothing to report.

U8 Boys – Rob Rogers

1. Nothing to report.

U10 Girls – Sara Kasanders

1. Nothing to report.

U10 Boys – Brett Soukup

1. Nothing to report.

U12 Girls – Jen DeFranco

1. Nothing to report.

U12 Boys – Bob Haas

1. Nothing to report.

U14 Girls – Mark Fink

1. Nothing to report.

U14 Boys – Alan Burton

1. Nothing to report.



TRAVEL

Director of Coaching – Derek Niepomnik

1. College Talk Night happened once again this year - Thursday; January 3rd at Palatine Senior Center, 7:00 pm. Guest speakers: Paul Thomas, North Park University and Rick Green, NSR Inc. Pretty disappointed with the attendance from the older players, but the ones that showed did get some good information hopefully. Will look to host one every January/February.
2. **Chicago Soul FC:** Celtic night slated for Friday, February 8th. Ticket information fliers will be available soon. Just waiting to hear back from the ticket rep at the Soul.
3. Also, contacted the **Chicago Red Stars** and am waiting for the schedule to be released to determine a date or two to support this women's pro team in our area.
4. Nutrition nights for the girls' teams are next week, boys will be February 28.
5. Celtic SC fundraiser and season kickoff event. (August): I am looking to plan a 12-hour SoccerThon to help raise funds for a local non-for-profit organization and also to help out our Celtic families that cannot afford to participate in our house or travel programs. I am primarily looking at the Lurie's Children Hospital or the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

What this day would consist of is simply a 12-hour game constantly going on amongst all Celtic player age groups. All age groups would be assigned a 3-hour timeslot, where they have an opportunity participate in the game(s) going on, while also having other things they could participate in (e.g. jump houses, water balloon toss, dunk tank)

All players would be asked to solicit pledges and we would require all players to raise \$30-\$50 minimum for the cause. It's a very small amount for such a good cause. There will be incentives for the players and teams, such as winning a Nike item for raising the most money or hitting certain levels of funds or the team with the highest gross total, wins a unique Celtic training top for their team.

6. Celtic SC team scarves: Would be another good way to showcase the club and keep our players warm. Good club fundraiser as well.
7. I would like to have the club participate in the Palatine St. Patrick's Day Event, either in the Parade or the Market area.

<http://www.elizeventsinc.com/stpatspalatine/>

<http://www.elizeventsinc.com/stpatspalatine/PDFs/2013EntryLetterAppl.pdf>

<http://www.elizeventsinc.com/stpatspalatine/PDFs/2013VendorLetterAppl.pdf>

Only issue is that this is also the day of our Boys YSSL Scheduling Meeting in Libertyville. This will help promote the club a bit more for a small fee. People have said we do not advertise enough and this is an easy way to do that.



2nd Vice President, Travel – Tony Mulert

1. Tony is working with Derek on registering teams for spring tournaments and 2013-14 coaching staff.

Girls Travel Director – Chris Gattuso

1. Registered U9G - U14G teams for the spring session with IWSL.
2. Contacted the coaches for new player movement.
3. Derek is working with other DOCs to even up some of the divisions.

Boys Travel Director – Joe Soltykiewicz

1. All boys high school teams are registered.

Park District – Donelda Danz

1. Nothing to report.

Referee Director – Mike Conklin

1. New referee clinic published for February 2nd/3rd, 8:30am-4:30pm.
2. Referee recertification clinic published for February 10th.

Match Secretary – Kelly Carroll

1. Nothing to report.

Field Crew Director – Jim Burke

1. No report.

Special Projects Director – Dee Kohring

1. Nothing to report.

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. Nothing to report.

Website Committee –Chris Gattuso

1. ACH changes to Blue Sombrero have not been made yet. Still waiting.
2. Dick's Sporting Goods bought Blue Sombrero. Still waiting for the changes.
3. I need to contact a volunteer for web assistance. I will get that completed next week.

Slate Committee – Terry Ruff

1. Nothing to report.



Old Business:

- 1.

New Business:

1. Club received a news clipping from a travel parent about concussions.

Board discussed the issue. For the house leagues, it's not very much of an issue, as the great majority of players are afraid of heading the ball. Nevertheless, we agree to encourage the house coaches to have players settle the ball. On the travel side, players are coached to head properly, and at higher age groups, heading is a part of the game.

2. Neighbors to the Celtic turf on the east and north have had having problems with freezing runoff in the winter, related to the design of the retention pond. Park District has notified us that we will be liable for approximately \$5,219 of the repairs, which were completed this week.

Motion was made by Alan Burton to pay the \$5,219 bill, seconded by Sara Kasanders.

Board discussed the situation. There was concern voiced that the Park District has a habit of making decisions that cost Celtic money, and then informing us later. There was also frustration that the Park District has not installed shelters at Celtic Park. In the end, board discussion centered on the realities of the situation and decided to fund the bill.

12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained.

Motion passed.

3. Update on hiring committee progress for Club Controller position.

Within a week, Celtic received a number of solid resumes. The committee narrowed the candidate resumes to a smaller number of qualified individuals, who were all interviewed by the committee. Shawna updated the board on the candidates in general and on the candidates' reaction to the job and their ideas about the position.

Shawna would like to have the Hiring Committee approval to extend an offer to one of the candidates.

Motion was made by Matt Roberts to authorize the Hiring Committee to offer the Club Controller position to one of the candidates, seconded by Terry Ellis.

No discussion.

12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstained.

Motion passes.

Announcements:



1.

A motion was made by Chris Gattuso to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Soltykiewicz.

It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next Board meeting will be **Monday, February 4 at 7:30PM** at Community Center, 2A.

Larry Marturano, Secretary