

Delavan Soccer Club, Inc.
Board Meeting
November 4, 2007

Present: Mike Marse, Barrett Britt, Francisco Huerta, Jake Dobratz, John Pickel, Kurt Zipp, Laura Welch, and Kelly Pickel.

Absent: Carol Keizer and Tim Bliss

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:07. He mentioned that today was the last day for the season, ending with the high school girls' game scheduled for that day.

Kelly handed out minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by John and seconded by Francisco to accept the minutes as written.

Kelly reported the club currently has 238 players (including high school girls club team) registered. There was discussion about the high school boy's team registration.

There was no treasurer's report. Laura Welch was introduced to the board as the new treasurer to replace Krista Mena.

Registration:

There was discussion to determine if the club needed to have a waiver of liability. There is a form on the WYSA website that will be included with registration. This will be put as a separate sheet with the registration packet so teams/coaches have the forms in the event they need it for other tournaments.

There was discussion about putting the registration forms online to make it more convenient for parents and coaches. The registration form and waiver form will be added to the website so parents can download the form and get it turned in.

Discussion was held on when registration should occur for next season. Kelly suggested we look into going back to having the coach/team parent hand out the registration forms in the spring prior to the season's end. She'd like to have registration for next year completed before the end of the spring season while soccer is still fresh on family's minds. A date will be set for open registration (possibly before the Comet Classic) for new players as well.

Kelly asked what the policy is for players who don't pay the registration fee. Many ideas were suggested for ways to handle this in the future. Those included: no fee, no play; having 2 payment installment options for families that need it; if they don't pay, the family is expected to commit a certain number of hours of volunteer time to the club; United Way request for money to help pay for those who can't. Kelly will draft a fees policy and have board members make corrections prior to the next registration packet goes out to players.

Kelly also asked if there was a need for fees to be increased (based on if Comet Classic was going to be held). Discussion was held and a decision will be made at a later date after Laura has a chance to see where the club's finances stand.

Coach's conduct was discussed. Mike will bring this issue up the all coaches at the spring coaches meeting. Mike is also going to investigate the issue more.

Equipment: It was decided that the club would require all coaches to go through either John Pickel or Mike Marse to get any equipment from Tim Tully to reduce the amount of equipment that coaches are going to get on their own without approval.

Mike reported that the high school girl's team finished it's season with a U17 A team and a U19 Premiere team. There was a lack of commitment by many players. A suggestion was made that next year the girls must register by the last spring date next year so we are more aware of numbers ahead of enrolling teams in leagues. During the next Stateline meeting, the Delavan representative will let the other coaches know that their girls are invited to play with the Delavan team.

Comet Classic: The plan is to go with it as normal.

Stateline game reports: Barrett asked if they were useful? Jake mentioned that they are time consuming to fill out, which is ok as long as the data is being recorded and useful.

Jake asked how to deal with kid's behavior when it occurs outside of soccer. Because the club is not affiliated with the school, the coach's are asked to handle situations with the kids one-on-one as there is little that the club can do.

Barrett asked for the board to think where we want to see the club in 5 years. Ideas should be brought to the next meeting.

Barrett expressed that he doesn't feel he is doing the referee assigning as affectively as he had been. If we find someone who is able to be referee assignor, Barrett is willing to hand it over.

John asked if we needed any board positions filled. We currently don't have an acting coaches representative. Mike will ask all coaches at the coaches meeting in the spring.

Discussion was held on the condition of several goal frames. Kurt will have someone come out and weld them prior to the Comet Classic. He will also look into the wheels on the frames.

John asked if the mini mites were needed and if we could make the U8's different. Mike is going to bring this up to Stateline again to see if we can move the U8's up into a separate U9 bracket so they play 6 vs. 6 on a bigger field.

Laura asked if she could work with Dee Fisher on updating the club website. She will contact Dee about arranging this.

The next coaches meeting will be held the end of March.

The next board meeting will be held Jan. 23, 2008 at 6 pm at the Pickels.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 on a motion and second by Kurt and Jake.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Pickel