

# Topton Soccer Club

## March 17, 2009

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**Board Members Present:** Blane Musser, Heather Miller, Lori Yocco, Ken Weidner, Guy Miller, Bruce Bortz  
**Members Present:** Donald Bieber, Jenny Bieber, Jason Miller, Mike Freeby, Larry Heagy, Tim Sexton  
**Meeting Opened:** 7:04 PM by Blane

Blane opened the meeting by telling membership that Steve was having some health issues and he would be out for a little bit, but he is checking his e-mail if you need to get in touch with him. Also, all are welcome to call Blane up to 11:00 PM should they need anything.

### Topic: Secretary's Report

- Agenda – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy
- Secretary's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike

### Topic: Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of February 28, 2009 - \$ 35,971.69
- Lori said February was an off month; we had more expenses than income
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike

### Topic: Registrar's Report

- Ken announced that all passes have been handed out
  - We should be receiving a final invoice for approximately \$ 35.00
- Dr. Handler has approved the fall registration flyer
  - Various members will see that they are distributed to the different schools and the various pre-school's in the area
- Blane will add a link on our website that will take the players right to the registration screen
- Ken reported that there is a registration database that will show all players who have registered
  - There are different color codes that represent players who have paid from those who have not paid; this will help when it comes time to add them to teams
- Ken will be contacting those who volunteered to help with registration shortly; date's have been set – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

### Topic: Ways & Means

- Jenny reported that the fundraiser at registration would be the Hershey candy
  - Our cost is a \$ 130.00 a case with 4 carriers in each case with 52 bars in each carrier
    - Membership decided to order 40 cases, which is enough for 160 children to sell
  - The turn around time is 2 to 3 days; she needs to know where the club would like it delivered; Bruce asked her to find out how it is shipped
  - Approx. payments would be \$ 1740.00 made in three installments - one now, one at delivery, and one in 30 days
  - Cost will be \$ 1.50 a bar at the recommendation of the sales person; the cost of candy has risen recently
    - We have a potential to earn a \$ 7280.00 profit based upon 40 cases sold
  - If necessary, we can return any unused cases at no charge, but we must contact the company right after our last registration date. It's possible we may be used as a "warehouse"
- The candy carriers will be distributed at registration for those who wish to participate in the fundraiser
  - Jenny will create a form that has the child's name, parent's name, contact information, and a spot for the parent to sign stating "I will be responsible for paying \$78.00 to the club for the sale of the candy"
  - We will need to have available a print out of when and where the parent's can return the money to the club which can be handed out with each carrier of candy
  - Unsold candy is not returnable to the club

- Coaches and assistant coaches will get their candy boxes on the last day of registration to ensure that there is enough carriers for the player's; if necessary, we can place an additional order to bring in more cases for the coaches.
- Additional fundraisers were briefly discussed such as a hoagie sale, lottery tickets, and our own food stand at opening day

### **Topic: Grounds & Equipment**

- Land Update - We're still waiting to hear from the Tipton Borough regarding their offer of land
  - The borough manager said that we would need a plan that will have to be presented at a Borough meeting before a final decision can be made
  - Blane & Guy walked the land with an excavator to see what would need to be done to the property; they're currently waiting for feedback and an estimate from the excavator
  - The borough manager did state that the club would not have to put fields in right away, we would however, be required to maintain the land once we took possession
  - There would be no property tax on the land because the borough owns the property
  - The borough manager has offered to help us apply for grant's; he is willing to come in on a Saturday if someone from the club is willing to put forth the effort also
    - He has offered to work with us and Longswamp when applying for permits
- Guy reported that the box at Rockland has all the equipment needed for the games – benches, flags, etc.
  - Bruce will call to get a port-a-potty for Rockland
- If you need any additional equipment, let Guy or Bruce know
  - A few coaches that kept their equipment from fall did not receive a storage bin; they requested bins
  - Membership approved Guy to purchase additional bins; expense is covered under the equipment budget
- If a field needs to be painted, let Guy or Bruce know
- Ken has asked that we move the other boxes from his house; can put one at DT
  - Where should the other one go?
- Bruce is working on Opening Day at the Middle School
  - Bobby has approved the paperwork for August 22, 2009
  - Bruce will be contacting opening day volunteers soon

### **Topic: Old Business**

- [toptionsoccerclub@live.com](mailto:toptionsoccerclub@live.com) Update – We're still receiving a lot of e-mail's, all positive; no complaints
- Club Website Update – Blane has added a link that you will take you right to the screen for fall registration
  - If you click on "Teams", Blane has linked that button to the RBJSL website
  - The site has had over 1600 hits to date
- Spring Season Update
  - All thought the first week went well
  - There was one concern brought up about April 25<sup>th</sup>; it's the last day for soccer and also the opening day for baseball/softball
    - There's nothing we can do as a club since the schedule is controlled by the RBJSL
- Changing of the By-Law's – Blane reviewed the proposed changes again; there was no questions or concerns
  - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce – 12 Approved Votes, 0 Opposed Votes
  - On this day, March 17, 2009, the Tipton Soccer Club By-Law's, revised February 17, 2009, have been adopted as a whole

### **Topic: New Business**

- RBJSL Meeting – Bruce reviewed the RBJSL meeting summary – refer to Attachment B
  - At the July 2009 meeting, we will need to know what fields we are going to be using in the fall for games
  - If a game is going to be cancelled, the call needs to be made by 8:00 AM on a Saturday and 10:00 AM on a Sunday by either Guy or Bruce
- Longswamp Township Meeting
  - Guy and Bruce did not attend tonight's meeting because the club had nothing new to report to the township
  - Guy did speak with Mary Beth today and she expressed that Longswamp was ready to make a move on Hunsicker's and they needed a commitment from the soccer club
  - Guy explained that he could not give an answer to her and that he would need to discuss it at tonight's club meeting with membership

- Mary Beth requested a copy of our minutes by Friday as proof that we had discussed plans for Hunsicker's Grove
- An open floor discussion was held; membership posed many questions regarding Hunsicker's that we needed answered before a final decision could be made
- Membership decided that the club's secretary should draft a letter to Longswamp Township that included all of our questions; we will then review all the questions and answers at our next meeting and will officially vote as a club at that April meeting
- Membership felt that we had not been provided with accurate information regarding Hunsicker's from the start of this whole process
- Non-Profit Status – Bruce has paperwork for Lori; it appears that the club is tax exempt for the state but not federal
  - Lori said that we will need to become federal, tax exempt first and then the club can become a charitable organization
- Evaluation's – dates and times will be set shortly for U9 and above – Jason Miller is in charge of organizing the event
  - We will create a hand out for registration listing all the evaluation dates/times; we need to come up with day's that work for Jason and the evaluator's
    - The handout will also state that the children should not wear a shirt with their names on the back; this will eliminate any trouble
  - Blane will submit all the necessary paperwork to Bobby for us to use the Rockland fields once dates have been set
  - For U6 & U8 player's, the board will select the coaches based upon those who express an interest at registration
    - The coaches will then get together to pick the teams
    - There will be no evaluations this year for U8 players

### **Topic: Open Floor**

- The topic of purchasing a sweatshirt for coaches was brought up again
  - It was approved last year, but no one ever followed through
  - Eligible coaches would be: anyone one who has been a head coach for 2 year's beginning with the U8 age group
  - Membership agreed to move ahead with this again
  - Guy will go to Geist and find out how much each sweatshirt will cost before the next club meeting
  - We briefly discussed purchasing additional sweatshirt's to sell; we'll discuss again in April
- Guy explained that he was discussing Fleetwood's in-house league with one of their coach's; they have a checklist for each age group of items that a coach must work on during the season
  - The goal is that each child learns the "basics" before moving on to the next age level
  - U6 & U8 are considered a developmental league
  - We could eliminate the referee's and have a coach from each team on the field with the kids; that way they could point out the good things and the bad things right away
- Larry Heagy asked if the club could send out a mass e-mail requesting support for the High School girl's team; they look really good this year
  - Blane will also add a statement on the club website
- Heather contacted Brian Goldman from the High School about posting information regarding our fall registration on BBN's Channel 99
  - Brian said that is fine as long as Dr. Handler approves the content
  - A donation is not necessary, but would not be turned down should one be offered
  - Membership agreed on donating \$ 25.00; we will have an official membership vote at our April meeting
  - In the mean time, it was approved to move ahead with advertising on Channel 99 – 1<sup>st</sup> Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken
- Blane presented information to membership regarding an "auto attendant" that is currently being used by softball
  - By utilizing this system, a coach would only need to make one phone call
  - There are costs involved and the club would need a phone a line
- The topic of primary and secondary players was brought up again
  - How did the club want to handle secondary players for try-outs?
  - We can ask the player's at registration what their plans are; this would make the situations very clear right up front
  - A secondary player is there to help your team out if necessary; they're not there to make your team win
    - If a team doesn't need help than that team shouldn't even have a secondary player

- We as a club need to focus on the kids who primary with Topton Soccer Club
  - We as a club are ultimately here to make the TSC kids better
- It was proposed again that a secondary player cannot bump primary players from the club's highest level team for that age group; this applies when an age group has multiple teams, instead, the secondary player should move up to the next age group
  - By being a secondary player with TSC, the player is waiving his/her right to make the highest level team of that age group
  - Also, primary players must play and try-out at their EPYSA age level; exceptions would be:
    - If the parent request's that their child participate with the kids in their same school grade level
    - The board may ask players to play up if needed to fill team rosters
- Membership will vote to adopt a policy concerning primary and secondary players at April's meeting

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:14 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike

**Next Meeting:** April 21, 2009 @ 7:00 PM @ the Topton Legion

**Agenda to Include:** Spring Season, Fall Registration, Hunsicker's Grove, and Evaluation's