

**Topton Soccer Club**  
**November 17, 2009**  
**www.toptonsoccerclub.org**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Unis, Heather Miller, Ken Weidner, Bruce Bortz, Guy Miller, Blane Musser

**Members Present:** Scott Harpel, Sandy Tremblay, Rob Kohler, Jeff Hoffman, Mike Freeby, Tim Sexton, Jason Miller, Dan Wetzell, Donnie Bieber, Jenny Bieber, Mike Tomaine, Jeff Boyer, Rich Held, Solon Shade

**Meeting Opened:** 7:01 PM by Steve

**Topic: Secretary's Report**

- Agenda – There were no additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike; there was no one who opposed
- Secretary's Report – There were no additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Blane; the secretary's report was approved by all those in attendance

**Topic: Treasurer's Report – reported by Blane**

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of October 31, 2009 - \$ 36,214.53
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Donnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan; there was no one opposed

**Topic: Registrar's Report**

- Ken reported that the Spring registration flyer was approved by Dr. Handler (school superintendent). Ken will take the flyers to the Middle School, Jenny will take the flyers to Longswamp, and Mike F. will take the flyers to District-Topton. Spring registration has been updated on the website and Ken will send out a mass e-mail as well with the registration dates. Ken reported that nothing will need to be done to the teams (in the computer) unless two teams are combined; Spring registration / the Spring season will be contingent upon filling the vacant board positions
- Ken reported that our Spring check will be due at the January 13<sup>th</sup> RBJSJL meeting along with what fields we will be using, what level each team will be playing at, and any possible Spring black out dates (baseball/softball opening day); The Spring relegation meeting is Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Ken has decided not to accept the Registrar's position for the upcoming year, therefore, the position is open

**Topic: Ways & Means**

- Jenny reported that there is no ways & means report this month
- Jenny has decided not to be the club's ways and means representative again for next year, therefore, the position is open

**Topic: Grounds & Equipment**

- Bruce reported that the nets and goals need to be removed from District-Topton. Also, he will call to have the port-a-potty removed from District-Topton

**Topic: Old Business**

- Fall Season Update
  - There are four TSC teams in the play-off's
  - Ken reported that for future reference mixing the U12 and U13 girls didn't work out

**Topic: New Business**

- RBJSJL Meeting: Ken reported that RBJSJL is considering going with 8v8 formation next year for the U11's and then the following year, both U11's and U12's would use an 8v8 formation. This was a hot topic at the meeting and RBJSJL is looking for input from all the clubs in regards to this change; if this happens, we may need to find some more smaller fields to play on
- Indoor Sessions: Blane reported that every Saturday in January and February (except Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, that session will be on Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>) there will be an indoor session held at the Middle School; U9 and U10's will have from 5:00 to 6:00; Jason's team will have 6:00 to 7:00; Bruce's team will have from 7:00 to 8:00; Ages 13 and above will have from 8:00 to 9:00. 3:00 to 5:00 was opened back up to Basketball

- Blane reported that Bollinger Insurance can be found as a link right on the RBJSJL website. It offers protection for the board members against lawsuits, pays any court costs and/or lawyer's fees – 1,000,000 coverage is \$385.00 a year; 2,000,000 coverage is \$700.00 a year. In addition, for an additional \$115.00 the board members can be protected against embezzlement, crime, etc. It was mentioned that we as a club might want to look into equipment insurance as well to protect us against fire, theft, etc.
- TSC Officer Nominations:
  - President Nominations – There are no new nominations
  - Vice President Nominations – There are no new nominations
  - Treasurer Nominations – There are no new nominations; Lori will continue as Treasurer
  - Secretary Nominations – Steve nominated Blane; Blane accepted the nomination
    - No other nominations
  - Registrar Nominations – There are no new nominations
  - Board Member at Large – There are no new nominations
    - Bruce withdrew his name, therefore, the two Board Member at Large positions will be held by Guy and Donnie
  - Steve commented that it's important that we fill the open positions; otherwise, the club may not be able to continue. Spring registration may need to be cancelled this year if the positions remain vacant
  - Guy wants to know if anyone contacted Jim Wood regarding his nominations; there was no response from anyone
  - Donnie wondered where everyone was that "mouthed off" this year? This would be the perfect opportunity for them to come in and make the club better
  - Jason commented that every current board member has taken "sh\*\*" this year and for what? Where is everyone now? He suggested advertising the open position on the "bit\*\*" website
  - Guy mentioned that if the club does not continue, it states in the by-law's that the club remains stagnant then in a year, the current board members decide which organization to donate the money to, but he hopes that it doesn't come to that
  - Steve will craft an e-mail about needing board positions filled; it can then be sent out as a mass e-mail. It was mentioned that the e-mail needs to be drastic!! Bruce said that RBJSJL and the EPYSA rep's need to be copied on the e-mail so that they are aware of our club's situation
  - Steve mentioned that the club could function without a President or Vice President if need be, but we NEED a registrar; Blane asked Ken if he would consider staying on as a temporary registrar
  - Jeff B. suggested opening the positions up to someone not currently involved in TSC by placing an add in the paper
  - Jason commented that the one situation that occurred this year has put the club in a bad spot from now on because what happens when the next child feel's slighted? The comment was made that because some were worried about 1 child, now 320+ kids may not have soccer anymore
  - Jason mentioned that this year was a complete turn-around for the Topton Soccer Club because of the current board members and they all still took a bunch of "sh\*\*"
  - If nominations and/or a vote is needed, then we will hold an emergency meeting in December
  - Steve thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year and a half
  - Steve asked for a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> to close nominations – 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff H., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike F.

### Topic: Open Floor

- Sandy said that she felt the need to defend herself in regards to some of the comments being made. She's a nice person who loves the game of soccer. She encourages kid's to play soccer. She did not mean to go against the club, she's sorry that it went wrong and she agrees that what all transpired wasn't right. She's disappointed because she's been with the club for over 5 years and she felt that she was being personally attacked
- Guy commented that he reviewed our club's mission statement after last month's meeting and the comment that was made in regards to our club not following what's stated in there. He does not agree. He thinks that all the coaches provide a friendly, fun atmosphere for all players. The club offered things this year such as a goalie clinic, indoor kick-around's, and the Kruger camp. Our club is competitive, there were try-out's for the age groups and if there was 2 teams at an age group, then the higher team played at a higher level. Also, many of the club's coaches took advantage of different coaches clinics and obtained coaching licenses. Guy feels that every TSC coach does a wonderful job following the club's mission statement
- Jason wished everyone good luck and he hopes that the club doesn't fold
- Mike Tomaine commented that this was his first time as a head coach. He appreciates all that the board does and he didn't realize how much work is involved in a board position

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:59 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Freeby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnie

**Next Meeting:** **January 19, 2010 @ 7:00 PM** @ the Topton Legion

**Agenda to Include:** Fall Season Re-Cap, Spring Registration Update, 2010 Budget Approval, Plans for 2010