

**Topton Soccer Club**  
**September 15, 2009**  
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**Board Members Present:** Blane Musser, Heather Miller, Lori Yocco, Ken Weidner

**Members Present:** Scott Harpel, Derek Strunk, Sandy Tremblay, Rob Kohler, Jeff Hoffman, Stephanie Kohler, Donnie Bieber, Jenny Bieber, Brian Moyer, Alan Savitz, Rich Held

**Meeting Opened:** 7:35 PM by Blane (time change for the meeting due to fall soccer practices)

Blane read a statement from the club regarding late registrations that happened after our last meeting. This was due to the threat of legal action. There will be no discussion or questions allowed regarding the situation.

**Topic: Secretary's Report**

- Agenda – Blane had 1 addition, the Wilson Tournament and there were no deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnie; there was no one who opposed
- Secretary's Report – Ken questioned on page 4 the \$500.00 amount for the petty cash fund. After a discussion by membership who remembered that was the correct amount, Ken was ok. Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnie; the secretary's report was approved by all those in attendance

**Topic: Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report – Refer to Attachment A
- Current Total as of August 31, 2009 - \$ 45,540.69
- Treasurer's Report – No additions or deletions - Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff; there was no one opposed

**Topic: Registrar's Report**

- Ken reported that an FC team folded and caused a problem for one of our teams; as of today, all the teams have moved back to an approved status
- There are no more roster changes allowed

**Topic: Ways & Means**

- Jenny reported that she still has a box of candy from the fundraiser in her freezer; Blane reported that he still has a box of 5lb candy bars from the fundraiser in his freezer. There was discussion by membership as what to do with them
- Jenny asked if she should pursue other avenues of fundraiser's for next year; Membership presented several options which included = a Beef & Beer, a Spaghetti Dinner/Award Meal, a Spring Tournament, a Lottery Ticket (Daily #), a Restaurant/Dine Out Night. Jenny will do some research and will report back to membership
  - Stephanie suggested that some of these options could be explored to raise money for new uniforms
- Donnie reminded membership that we can do more than one fundraiser, we don't have to do just one big one
- Jenny thought that the candy was a great fundraiser, a big return with little work put forth; the club made approx. \$8000.00 on the candy fundraiser this year

**Topic: Grounds & Equipment**

- Bruce & Guy were unable to attend tonight's meeting – no land or equipment update
- Rob commented that the U8 fields are entirely too small to play on with the number of kids that are out on the field – it's impossible to teach the checklist items; Blane explained that Mike Freeby researched U8 field sizes and went up to Rockland and laid them all out; our fields are with-in the recommended sizes – one field is smaller than the other one, but that one is a practice field
- Blane responded by saying that it's still in-house and to talk to the other coaches about having less player's on the field at one time; Sandy thought it was a good idea to consider smaller team sizes going forward
- Rich felt the game was much more instructional and controlled with the coaches out on the field. He felt last year's field was too big and this year's field is a little small, something in between and wider would be better

**Topic: Old Business**

- Opening Day Re-Cap
  - Membership all agreed that the day went very well, everyone seemed to like the idea of it being at the Middle School; it worked out well to have the pictures inside the Middle School gym
  - Lori reported that after all the additional food purchases the club made a profit of \$800.00; in addition Heather just presented a rebate check tonight from Pitman Photography for \$313.00
  - Stephanie & Jenny really liked the head coaches picture; Stephanie suggested that next year the assistant coach should receive one as well
  - Lynn Wall took over 700 pictures from the day, she is working on downloading them; Sandy suggested turning the pictures into a DVD that could be sold
  - Ken suggested that next year, the club do more with FOBBS as far as sponsoring the alumni t-shirts and/or food stand; Heather passed around a thank you card from the FOBBS for the food items that were donated to them this year by TSC (food items)
  - Ken thought that it worked out nicely having the club run the food stand; it was nice to see all the parent's and kid's helping out; Blane thanked Stephanie, Julie, Jenny, and Kathy for their efforts
  - Sandy suggested having ref's for the older teams next year; Blane explained that some of the HS boy's were supposed to be there to ref this year, however, with the weather it didn't work out
  - Blane explained that the skill's challenge scheduled for the morning was cancelled due to trying to keep the fields somewhat nice for the day's games. The challenge was held the following weekend & the turnout was good. The winner's are posted on the club's website
  - Stephanie recommended having a rain date next year, Blane agreed

**Topic: New Business**

- RBJSL Meeting:
  - Ken reported that 319 coaches attended the mandatory meeting and only 4 coaches didn't attend
  - RBJSL is looking for club input regarding secondary players for next year. Each club must make sure that their teams can stand alone without relying on secondary players – a Governor Mifflin team folded because of too many secondary's on it's roster
  - Ken reported that RBJSL warned club's if they're using school fields, expect to have trouble next year with the girl's soccer moving to the Fall season
    - Lori said that the school is considering using Rockland as their Middle School fields
    - Rich mentioned the grass at Rockland was high; Lori mentioned that if the club wanted to offer assistance to the school in regards to mowing the grass, the school may consider our offer
  - Blane asked for a volunteer to attend next month's RBJSL meeting on October 14 because he will be out of town; Ken will send out a mass e-mail asking for a volunteer
- Under the Lights:
  - Blane reported that Under the Lights is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>; the U6 time's are 5:00 to 7:00 for announcements, games, & trophies; the U8 time's are 7:00 to 9:00ish for announcements & games
  - Trophies were ordered today for the U6 player's. Blane will be sending out an e-mail to the other coaches to see who wants trophies and who doesn't
    - The cost of 12" trophies with a soccer "spinner" is \$5.75 for 250 +
    - Rob suggested photocopying the rosters and blacking out the secondary player's names, it makes it a lot easier when ordering trophies to have the names that way rather than e-mailed by each individual coach
  - There are enough parent volunteer's to run the food stand for under the lights
  - There is a volleyball tournament during the day, so we may have to have our food stand outside
- Indoor Sessions:
  - Blane received e-mail's from 2 coaches (plus himself) that are interested in indoor gym times; He's going to submit paperwork to Bobby for the Middle School gym from 3:00 to 9:00 starting with dates after the playoff's end, then we can adjust if needed
  - The session's will all be Saturday's and parent's are required to stay while their child is participating

- Roley Oley Goley Tournament:
  - The tournament is October 10<sup>th</sup>, the deadline to register is September 25<sup>th</sup>; there are registration forms up on the front table if anyone is interested – coaches should mail in their own paperwork
  - Blane asked that the interested U8 coaches e-mail him by Sunday morning (09/20) so that number's can be tallied and one check for all teams can be sent in
  
- Wilson Tournament:
  - The tournament is October 10<sup>th</sup>, the deadline to register is September 25<sup>th</sup>; Blane will e-mail the link for the registration forms to all U9 coaches and above – coaches should mail in their own paperwork
  - Blane asked that the interested coaches e-mail him by Sunday morning (09/20) so that number's can be tallied and one check for all teams can be sent in
  - Scott said to write on the paperwork that it's the Halloween parade and the coordinator will do his best to get the games in early
  
- TSC Officer Nominations:
  - Blane announced that due to personal issues, he was not seeking another board position next year
  - Blane mentioned that nominations for officer's can be submitted at the September, October, and November meeting's. The election/vote will take place at the November meeting and all items should be handed over to the new officer's at that time; the term of office runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - President Nominations – none
  - Vice President Nominations – none
  - Treasurer Nominations – Rob nominated Lori Yocco; Lori accepted
    - No other nominations
  - Secretary Nominations – Ken nominated Heather Miller; Heather thanked Ken, but declined the nomination
    - No other nominations
  - Registrar Nominations – Lori nominated Ken Weidner; Ken accepted
    - No other nominations
  - Board Member at Large
    - Lori nominated Rich Held; Rich declined the nomination
    - Blane nominated Sandy Tremblay; Sandy declined the nomination
    - Lori nominated Donnie Bieber; Donnie accepted
    - Sandy nominated Derek Strunk; Derek accepted
  - Sandy suggested that the coaches should talk to the parent's and encourage them to be more involved and tell them that there are open board positions for the upcoming year
  - Blane reminded everyone that the monthly meeting's are open to the public and everyone is always welcome

### **Topic: Open Floor**

- During nominations, Derek questioned whether or not the club was going to do anything going forward to protect it's board members from legal action; Ken said according to RBJSL, a club's board and it's members are covered by their insurance as long as the club is following it's by-law's
  - Sandy mentioned that with the RBJSL insurance, the organization can't be sued, but an individual can
  - Blane mentioned a company by the name of Bollinger Insurance that for \$500.00 a year will cover board member's against anything over and above the club's other insurance (examples – embezzlement, child didn't get picked for the team, etc.)
  - Sandy motioned that membership should vote next month on purchasing this insurance
  
- Rich questioned what field his team will play on at the High School on Saturday. Blane told him that it's the softball field right now and later on in the season, they will be playing their games on the main field. Rich wanted to know about flags and the painting of the lines in the field; Heather mentioned that Guy put flags out last week and will do it again this week; Blane said that the school takes care of lining that field. Rich asked if their team could practice at the HS field if the HS team is away or not there – Blane will check with Bobby
  - Blane mentioned that the outdoor bathroom's are open @ the High School during the games
  - Blane said not to panic if the state police should happen to pull in while you're at the HS, all our paperwork has been submitted and it's ok for us to be there
  - Blane mentioned that if there are games scheduled at the High School during the Minstrel's shows, they may have to be re-scheduled; last year parking was an issue

- Sandy thanked both Blane and Heather for a great job. She also mentioned that the new equipment bins organized by Guy are awesome
  - Blane mentioned that Guy did a lot of good stuff over at the soccer shed; he built shelves, fixed the floor, and organized all the items that are over there. It looks a lot better
- Blane said that we should be mindful of purchasing the new Rubbermaid storage boxes before Spring; Heather mentioned that Guy is waiting for the check card from Lori before making any more purchases
- Blane asked if anyone had any problems or concerns now that the first week was over; membership reported that everything went well
- Rich asked who was our field commissioner now; Blane responded that it is still Bruce. Games will be cancelled by him no later than 8:00 AM on Saturday and 10:00 AM on Sunday if necessary
- Heather commented that none of the current board member's have quit, "we are all finishing out our current term, however, some of us have decided not to seek re-election"
- Blane told Ken that the dates for Spring registration should be decided at next month's meeting

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:10 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff

**Next Meeting:** **October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM** @ the Topton Legion ...**please note the time change for the start of the meeting back to 7:00 PM!**

**Agenda to Include:** Under the Lights Re-Cap, Officer Nominations, Spring Registration