

**Brewster United Soccer Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 27, 2009**

BUSC's Monthly Board Meeting for April 2009 was held on April 27, 2009, at 7:30pm in the Brewster High School Cafeteria.

Attendees:

John Ligos; Sue Ligos; Dan Giambattisto; John Chalmers; Chris Kelly; Jeff Heymann; Terry McArdle; Greg Likens; Jenn Nordquist; Rose Rodriguez; John Burns; Mike Panagrossi

Matters Discussed:

Field Set Up

We need additional support to set up fields on Sundays for in-house games. Coaches with 9:00am games will be asked to arrive 30 minutes before the game to help set up the field. For Saturday Clinic games, coaches will be asked to arrive at 12:30pm to help set up for 1:00pm games.

After Sunday in-house games, the referees usually pull up the flags and cones and return them to the shed, but coaches and parents (not players) should make sure the soccer goals are off the fields and should return the lacrosse goals to the fields. After Saturday Clinic games, coaches and parents generally help with all cleanup of goals, cones, and balls and in returning them to the shed.

Games Scheduled For The Weekend of May 2-3

Because of a lacrosse tournament, Division 1, Division 3, and Clinic in-house games will be played on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 3:00pm. Division 2 will be played on Sunday, May 3, beginning at 9:00am. Travel will be played on Sunday.

Games Scheduled For May 10

There could be a field issue on May 10 because of a possible lacrosse practice. We will confirm the effect on the Upper Varsity Field.

Registration

The last day to register before incurring a late fee is May 1. As of today, 144 players have registered for in-house, and 29 have registered for travel.

For those who have registered for travel, tryouts will be held on May 9 and May 16. We have strongly encouraged players to attend both tryouts, but it is understood that because of First Communion some players may not be able to attend both.

Players must tryout at their age appropriate level. Only "grandfathered" players are eligible to tryout along with their existing team.

Uniforms

We will order uniforms this summer after registration is closed and teams have been set.

Coaches for the 2009-2010 Season

We already have most of the head coaches we will need for each Division for the 2009-2010 season.

Modified Programs

There is a significant risk that Modified soccer may be eliminated due to the BCSD Budget proposal. If this happens, many additional players of Division 1 age may register to play BUSC soccer.

Green Chimneys Fields

Green Chimneys offered BUSC the use of its soccer field, but the field is not the required minimum size as required by EHYSL.

Soccer Day

In the coming weeks, we will need to begin preparations for Soccer Day, including purchasing food and drinks, and making plans to obtain tents.

This year each player will receive a trophy, and we discussed the option of a tote bag, wrist bands, or a water bottle.

We are short one field for Soccer Day (the modified field), so we will look into other options for an additional field.

Rough Play

There has been some rough play recently in one or more games. There should be no pushing, tripping, or slide tackling in these games. The referees understand that if a player's conduct is too violent or inappropriate, the referee has the discretion to remove that player from the game.

Reporting Travel Scores

BUSC must report scores for home travel games. Scores should be reported to John Ligos by Sunday evening.

Clinic Soccer

There were two discussions regarding Clinic soccer: (1) should we open Clinic up to 4 year olds, and the answer is not only yes, but we already do have 4 year olds in the Program, and (2) in the future should we shorten Clinic soccer from its current 90 minute length (45 minutes of practice and a 45 minute game) to 60 minutes. We will further consider shortening Clinic to 60 minutes for next season.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

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