

**Minutes of Board Meeting
May 19, 2009**

BUSC's Monthly Board Meeting for May 2009 was held on May 19, 2009, at 7:30pm in the Brewster High School Cafeteria.

Attendees:

John Ligos; Dan Giambattisto; John Chalmers; Chris Kelly; Jeff Heymann; Terry McArdle; Charlotte Flash, Chris Feehan; Eileen DePaoli; Valerie Graham; Mike Panagrossi

Matters Discussed:

Minutes From April 27, 2009 Meeting

Draft minutes from the April 27 meeting were handed out to members of the Board. No one had any comments or changes to the draft minutes.

Travel Tryouts

Tryouts were held on May 9 and May 16. The "grading" sheets are in, and we expect to call the coaches with the results by the end of the week. Players will probably be notified next week.

In the U9 level, 18 players tried out. BUSC may seek to place 15 players on the team, but even if did that, we would still have to cut 3 players who tried out.

Soccer Day Fields

We are still short one field for Soccer Day. We may ask to pull the fences down from the modified field to give us an additional field to use. Or we may consider using one of the softball fields. Another idea discussed was that instead of dividing one of the varsity fields in half and playing two games there simultaneously, we could divide the field in thirds and play three games there simultaneously. If we use that option, we would have to figure out a way for parents to be able to watch the middle of the 3 games on that field.

Soccer Day Items

We are arranging to have sufficient tents, tables, and coolers for Soccer Day. We will either get beverages from Pepsi, or buy them at Costco.

We will prepare the end-of-year book, and we will get business cards to include in the book.

Trophies have been ordered, and are expected to arrive this week.

Field Permits for Fall 2009

We sent in our requests, and we are waiting approval and a signature from the Athletic Director.

Scholarships

We have \$3,000 in scholarship money this year. We received 10 applicants for the scholarships. A few of these applications are incomplete, so we have made follow-up requests for further information.

Registration for 2009-2010

Registration is down about 90 players from the 2008-2009 season (470 to 380). We discussed possible reasons for this: (1) many players register late (in the summer), (2) many additional players register when the school year starts in the fall, (3) enrollment in the Brewster schools is down for the younger grades (which explains why the Clinic has fewer teams than in the past, but the Division 2 level has the most teams), (4) we may be losing some kids to other sports like football, and (5) we lost a couple travel teams, so we may have lost the players from those teams. We will monitor registration through the summer and the beginning of the next school year.

Further Discussion of Travel Tryouts

We discussed the possibility of having (2) Under 9 teams, and (1) U-10 team, instead of cutting players. Pros and cons were discussed, including finding an additional coach, and deciding how to distinguish an A vs. B team player when the rankings are very close. It was determined that the less skilled players would benefit from another year of in-house soccer.

Donation

BUSC has made a donation to local family in need.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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