

**Brewster United Soccer Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 16, 2009**

BUSC's Monthly Open Board Meeting for November 2009 was held on November 16, 2009, at 7:00pm outside the Brewster High School auditorium.

Attendees: John Ligos, Chris Kelly, Terry McArdle, Jim Lennon, Mike Panagrossi

Matters Discussed:

Minutes of October 2009 Meeting

The Minutes from the October 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Registrar's Report

Travel:

Tryouts for the Girls U18 team were held last week. Chris Kelly will register the team by December 1. Players have expressed interest in a Boys U18 team. We would need at least 15 players to field the team. We would need to register the team by the December 1 deadline.

In-house:

Players will be added to in-house teams for the Spring 2010 season. The cost per player to register will be \$55.

Schedules

We discussed whether to begin the Spring season Palm Sunday weekend (March 27-28), or the weekend after Easter (April 10-11). We would probably end the season on either June 6 or 13, and have Soccer Day the following Saturday. We discussed whether we could play games on Friday evenings, but we cannot because of lack of field availability.

Fields

We are awaiting permits for our use of the fields for the Spring 2010 season.

Goals

We stored and locked all the small goals by the shed following our final in-house games last weekend. We will move and store the modified field goals after the last travel game.

Travel

We were fined about \$200 last year for late reporting of scores from home travel games. Any team which reports scores late will have the fine deducted from that team's budget.

Shed

Travel and In-house coaches must return flags and balls to the shed at the completion of that day's games. A couple weeks ago, flags and balls had not been returned, and the shed was left open.

Garbage

We are guests of the schools and are using the fields with permission of the schools. There have been several instances of garbage remaining on fields after games.

Winter rentals

The travel teams have reserved space at Brewster Sports Center for Winter practice. We are sending out bills for \$30 each for each travel player to cover part of the rental cost.

In-House report

There was an incident at a Clinic game on November 15 in which one player slide tackled, and a parent on the other team purportedly went onto the field to confront the player, the player's parent, and the player's coach.

Slide tackling and Parents on the fields or confronting coaches—issue was discussed and instances won't be tolerated at any level in the program.

Running Up Scores

In a couple in-house games at the D2 and D3 levels, certain teams have run up the scores against opposing teams. We discussed the rule whereby teams must stop scoring if they attain a 7 goal lead, and discussed that the 7 goal differential should probably even be lowered.

Snack Shack

We discussed whether we should open a snack shack on game day. We are concerned that this would create more garbage, but we will look into this further.

Open Board Positions

There are two open Board positions: Fundraiser, and Field Coordinator. These positions are appointed by the President and are for a one-year term.

Travel

We discussed how we can increase interest and registration in the travel program. Among other ideas: we can distribute fliers, we can encourage coaches to speak to their top players about registering for the travel program, or coaches of each particular travel team can encourage players to try out for their team. We discussed the idea of putting together a U8 team, but that age level is too young, and no other programs in the League have U8 teams.

Next Meeting

It will be held on January 25, 2010 at 7:00pm in Brewster High School Room 106.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm.

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