

## **Minutes of Coaches Meeting September 9, 2009**

BUSC's Annual Season-Opening Coaches Meeting for Fall 2009 was held on September 9, 2009, at 7:00pm at Cuginis Restaurant in Brewster.

### **Attendees:**

Board Members and Committee Members: John Ligos; Dan Giambattisto; John Chalmers; Chris Kelly; Jeff Heymann; Charlotte Flash; Jenn Nordquist; Greg Likens; Mike Panagrossi; and Travel and In-House Coaches.

### **Matters Discussed:**

#### Welcome

John Ligos introduced himself, members of the Board, Club Officers, and the Coaches, and welcomed and thanked the coaches for volunteering to coach this season.

#### Report from the Registrar

Chris Kelly reported on the importance of following EHYSL's Risk Management protocols. He stated that coaches need to register on the Risk Management system, submit photos for their identification badges, and wear those badges at all times while coaching.

#### Contacting Players

John Ligos reminded coaches to contact their players and to keep updated contact information for each of their players.

#### Medical Issues

John Ligos told the coaches that each coach has been provided medical release forms, which coaches need a parent of each player to complete. Coaches should keep the completed medical release forms with them at all times during practices and games. If a player is injured during a BUSC practice or game, the coach must report the injury to John Ligos, who will report the injury to EHYSL, which provides secondary insurance.

#### Parents Meetings

John Ligos urged each coach to have a parents meeting with the parents of their players before the season begins. At that meeting, among other things coaches should inform parents that the schools in the District have posted rules on signs outside the schools prohibiting smoking and prohibiting dogs and other pets on school grounds. Parents should also be told that during games they are permitted to sit across from the coach/player's "bench", and not behind either goal.

#### Schedules

Mike Panagrossi reported that all in-house schedules are complete and have been posted on BUSC's website. In addition, he will have copies for each coach to hand out to every player before their first game.

John Ligos also reported that there are 9 weeks in the Fall 2009 season. If there are rainouts, the first two rained-out games will not be made up. If there is a third rainout, that third game will try to be rescheduled if possible.

#### Practices.

John Ligos told in-house coaches that they should have at least one practice per week, and that practice should not be on the same day as game day. For Clinic, there will be no separate practice day; coaches will have practice immediately followed by a game on Saturday. Travel coaches will have practice more than once per week.

Jeff Heymann reported that coaches are permitted to practice after 6:00pm during the week or during the day on Saturdays. The schools have exclusive access to the fields on weekdays before 6:00pm. BUSC may not use the football field for practice. Jeff offered to set up a Saturday practice schedule as he did in the Spring 2009.

#### Waiting Lists

Chris Kelly reported that there are short waiting lists in Clinic, Division 2 and Division 3, and there are a few openings in Division 1. Clinic teams have 10 players, Division 3 teams have 14 players, and both Divisions 1 and 2 have 15 players per team.

#### Picture Day

Frank Tobitsch will be coordinating Picture Day, which will be September 19. Frank will send a message asking coaches to submit requested time slots for pictures.

#### Turf Field

John Ligos informed coaches that there will be a vote on October 9 on whether to build a turf field in town. He encouraged coaches to learn more about the issues.

#### Board Meeting

The next Open Board meeting will be Monday, September 21, at 7:00pm at Brewster High School – Room 106.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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