

MINUTES OF HUNTER SOCCER MEETING
HELD December 1, 2011

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 8:10 at the Hunter Soccer Clubhouse, 220 Houston Ave., Penbryn Park, Pa 19038

ATTENDANCE: Ralph Bocchino, Sandy Caiazzo, Thad Macnamara, Terri Dunn, Ed Clark, Bob Woodard, Robert Daniele, Dave DelBeccaro, Frank Duddy, John Steinberg, Joe Brown, Len Longo, Chris Hill, Simon Lindsay, Grant Schwoebel, Rick Sands, Greg Geruson, Steve Schott, Jim Bollinger, Annie Dwyer, Steve Taylor, Rick Merrick, Thom Crawford, John Ginty, Mike Dunn, Bert Gaul, Mike Fiorella.

MINUTES: Minutes from November 3, 2011 were moved, seconded and voted and approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A representative from Xerra introduced new Jerseys for the Intramural program along with a special training program geared to help younger players learn the fundamentals of soccer in a fun way. Hank from the Run Around was also present and would be able to supply Hunter with the new Jerseys.

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE: A check for \$50.00 Dan Cowhey/United Way contribution was received. The Comcast cable bill was also received and given to Sandy for payment. A Thank You note from the Fiorella Family was received regarding Mike's Dad's passing. Julia Schott sent a note and ordered bricks. EPYSA awarded Hunter \$1,000.00 for Emergency Relief to help repair and or replace equipment that was damaged in the storms and floods this past September. Hunter was one of 17 teams to receive this award from EPYSA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Governor signed the Safety In Youth Sports Act which is designed to raise awareness of the concussions in youth sports and it mandates that anyone dealing with youth sports must be able to identify symptoms of a concussion and know how to properly handle the situation. The Club will have a session for the Coaches to help them identify the symptoms of a concussion and comply with the new law which goes into effect on July 1, 2012. Carol DiJoseph planned to do a trial run with the lights at Hallowell but it will be postponed until a later date. Flyers were circulated announcing a soccer camp to be held at the Upper Field at Penbryn this summer. Ed Clark was very upset to see something like this occurring since Hunter was granted exclusive use of the upper field for 99 years in exchange for Hunter putting up a bond and installing the lights. The document verifying this 99-year lease is unable to be found however we have never needed a permit for this field. Those involved with planning the camp no longer plan to do so and did not realize Hunter's exclusive rights to the upper field. In conjunction with Hunter's 50th Anniversary, a rededication of the Upper Field to reinstate our exclusive lease will be scheduled on January 14, 2012 and Carol DiJoseph and Les Benzak plan to attend. January 14th is also the date of the next Executive Committee Meeting. Ralph was contacted by Matt Sirolli regarding a soccer academy at Abington Friends and an offer to train our players. Mike Nelson will report further at the Executive Committee meeting in January. Jim Bollinger, one of Hunter's longest members will help the gathering historical information for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Thad is working on U.S. Soccer Foundation Grant application with the help of Bob and Tim. The application calls for us to submit a budget. We should hear shortly from them, the maximum amount awarded would be \$200,000.00 and we need to come up with the rest of the money to fund the Township Plan for Penbryn. Thad had a meeting with a company for our video/ projection and sound system for the clubhouse – the prices ranged from \$6,200.00 to \$10,000.00

SECRETARY: No Report.

TREASURER: Sandy reports operating account has \$90,546.53 and capital account has \$6,986.02. All bills are paid except for \$7,000.00 owed to Gary Donnelly.

REGISTRAR: - Bob Woodard reported a new program is now ready for Winter/Spring players. The fee is 50% of fall registration and we need to publish the link to the website. Final Fall invoicing is still being completed. For next year, we need to have the cost per player analysis done from the Finance staff and think about potential changes.

SOCCKER CAMP: Ed commented on the “True Champions” Soccer Camp and its attempt to run a camp on the upper field in the Summer of 2012. John Steinberg discovered that someone from the Township gave them permission. Bob Woodard sent a mass email to all registered Hunter families announcing the dates for Hunter’s Camp and included a notice that any other camp at Penbryn was NOT associated with Hunter in any way. Included in the mass email was a cut-off “Reserve a Spot for Me” coupon and an announcement about our inaugural PeeWee camp. Ed already received 28 requests, including 7 PeeWee requests. Thad Macnamara, Steve Schott and Ed are working on a 30 second TV commercial to be aired on local school, township and commercial channels. Hopefully, this commercial will be ready for airing by late January or early February. Ed asked John Steinberg to put our field requests in at the first possible moment for Penbryn lower field (June 25 to July 20), Renninger (July 6 – July 20) and Thomas Williams (July 9 – July 20).

FIELDS: John Steinberg expressed a special Thanks to Steve Taylor for making our pilot light project a huge success this year. We will work to add Hollowell as a lighted field next Fall. John also expressed thanks to Steve Schott for stepping up to help him with fields this Fall. Indoor time is available; please send requests by email if you would like time in December. We will accept indoor time for January later in December

EQUIPMENT: No Report

RULES: No Report

COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Mike was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. He submitted a report for the meeting. Mike Nelson reported that he has begun to process a presentation for the Executive Committee in January. He is also working on Travel training. He had a preliminary conversation with UK Elite, Atlantic Soccer Factory, Kevin McCoy and Hadley Winthrop and plans to speak with Total Soccer this week. Mike also discussed this with SMG and Rocket Sports to investigate field time. YSC expressed interest but Mike is not sure they are able to cover outdoor training in the Spring. Mike believes all travel coaches (and players) have been made aware of the UK Elite and Atlantic Soccer Factory Summer Select programs where it is age relevant. This is a tremendous opportunity to expose our better players to playing with higher level talent. We must not be afraid of the risk of loss of players as a result of this. We must use this as another Value Proposition of Hunter Soccer Club.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: See Fields Report.

SCHOLARSHIP: No Report

FUNDRAISING: No Report.

SOCIAL: Sandy reported the 50th Anniversary Dinner is booked for September 21, 2012 at the North Hills Country Club.

COMMUNITY LIAISON: No Report

COORDINATORS:

INTRAMURAL –

Boys:

Bob Daniele provided the following report: Intramurals season was a success except for weather. Thanks to Jim Bollinger for handling the referees – a tough job. We need to build the Girls Intramural program. Bob expressed a Big Thank You to Lenny of all the years of hard work with the Girls program. U-9 training sessions are being planned with Mike Nelson. Bob also requested our Coach and Player Development Committee to set up Winter and Spring training sessions leading into the Fall training. The consistency of the same trainer for 2012 is important. Bob will limit it to those first 40 or 50 who email him in that order and there will be a fee to defray our expenses. We also need to rent facility time and space. Bob also thanked Ernie, Andy and Len for the great job with Intramurals.

Girls:

Len Longo reported that the 2011 season was completed on November 19th. Considering all the early season factors of field and weather conditions, Len was told that the season was enjoyed by many of the players and coaches. Len sent an email out to the coaches to see if anyone was interested in the Coordinator position. No one has replied yet. Len thanked everyone in the club who makes each intramural season successful especially: Jim Bollinger – Referees, Andy Zucker – Friday night U7 training, Ernie West – training, field and coordination support, Chris Hill – website information, John Steinberg – fields, Bob Woodard – Registrar and of course Bob Daniele to which Len and the club owe a large and sincere debt of gratitude.

TRAVEL: Simon reported that there are referee checks to be picked up. The Hotshots U-18 Girls' final Intercounty game will be played this weekend. The Hurricanes U-18 boys will have their final game on Sunday. Simon is working on the Spring season, Rock League registration was begun. Simon thanked Steve Schott and Steve Taylor for their help. Steve Schott reported that he attended a very informative seminar pertaining to ankle and knee injuries which included a warm-up program to help avoid injuries. Steve will relate the information at the Coaches Session FIFA – stretches for best performance.

INTERCOUNTY: - No report.

TOURNAMENT: Bert thanked everyone who helped with the Tournament. All in all it went pretty flawless and there were very few complaints. Next year we need to improve our volunteer force. A final account will follow. And expressed a special thank you to Chris Hill for posting the information about the Tournament on the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: No Report.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Grin and Wear it is a new shop on Keswick Avenue selling athletic wear. Jim Bollinger gives a special thanks to Len Longo for all the great work he has done for the club. Jim also reported that Adult cups are in full swing this weekend and finals will be on Sunday. Jim was very pleased with the large amount of spectators at the adult amateur cup game. Jim also reminded us that referee fees are going up and we should take that into consideration for our budget next year. Rick Sands thanked the Men's team for scrimmaging with his U-15 team.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM, next general meeting will be Thursday February 7, 2012 at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted

Terri Dunn
Secretary Hunter
Soccer Club

