

MINUTES OF HUNTER SOCCER MEETING  
HELD May 5, 2011

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

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Caiazzo, Thad Macnamara, Terri Dunn, Ralph Bocchino, Ed Clark, Bob Woodard, Rick Sands, Robert Daniele, Alex Rae, Steve Schott, Ernie West, Mike Brown, Dave DelBeccaro, Steve Taylor, Richard J. Gaglianese, Frank Duddy, John Steinberg, Joe Brown, Len Longo, Art Gordon

MINUTES: Minutes from April 7, 2011 were moved, seconded and voted and approved. Ed Clark noted for the record that the under *Soccer Camp* it should be noted that "The balls are in and made with NO CHILD FACTORY LABOR."

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE: Ralph reports that Hunter received a very nice letter from Abington Township's School Board President, Dr. Amy Sichel, thanking the Club for the \$1,000.00 donation. They are also very grateful for the good relationship they share with Hunter. The Club continues to receive new registration fees in the mail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ralph reports that a meeting was held last week regarding fields and the issue with the Men's team was resolved. Ralph reports that Cups are #1 priority for fields then 2<sup>nd</sup> in priority is the Sr. Men's Inter-county League and finally the Rock League games. Ralph would like the Men's team back in the Club, wearing the traditional Hoops, paying registrations fees to the Club and having the Club takes care of the insurance requirements, etc. as called for in the Bylaws. Ralph also reports that Hallowell Field which was sold to Abington Parks and Recreation by SPS needs a good maintenance plan to take care of the pump in the middle of the field. The pump is working and needed by SPS. Rick Sands will design a plan to submerge the pump so that it will still be operable and make the field playable. The plan will be presented to SPS and Abington Parks and Recreation for approval. Lights for this field will also be addressed (see Field Report). The Committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Regina, Sandy and Terri) has been looking at venues for the Banquet, which will be held the weekend of September 21-22, 2012.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Thad called Josh Shapiro's office and to check with his assistant, Chris to discuss Fields -after 5 months nothing is new. Rick Sands spoke with Josh and he is supposed to get back to him. Josh is a candidate for Montgomery County Commissioner.

SECRETARY: No Report.

TREASURER: Sandy reports operating account has \$77,908.01 and Capital account has \$6,983.95. Sandy reports that a budget for the Banquet needs to be established. Hopefully the Club will be able to help defray the cost of the tickets and make the event affordable for the club members. So far, the Anniversary Committee looked at: The William Penn Inn, Williamson's, and plan to visit Spring Mill Country Club, Warrington Country Club and North Hills Country Club. Sandy asked if anyone knows a contact at North Hills we can call to discuss the event.

Other expenses that will be coming up are funds to get the clubhouse kitchen up and running, a television for the clubhouse. A Scholarship fund needs to be set up after this year's tournament. Ralph reports that the plans for the scholarship account will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting in June.

**REGISTRAR:** Bob reports overall we are in very good shape with registration and the “GotSoccer” System. Teams and Players will automatically “age-up” on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Team and Coach Information must be kept up to date. With this information EPYSA will “approve” your team. To date, only 23 coaches have completed their information. Bob provided the instructions for Coaches to log-in and complete the necessary information. Bob reports that the Risk Management function is not ready and will be June. Background checks are not on 100% of the coaches and are done randomly. Ralph insists that a background check be done on every Hunter coach and assistant coach; we must protect the children as well as the Club. Over 8,000.00 Flyers regarding registration have been distributed to the local schools at a cost of \$800.00. As of May 3<sup>rd</sup> we have 475 registered (217 – travel and 258 IM) So far we have taken in \$49,445.00 and there are 69 pending registrations totaling \$9,045.00. Signs are still available for anyone who has a good spot to place one. Hunter has ads on cable TV and information regarding registration is on our website. The donation box on our registration form is working well.

**SOCCKER CAMP:** Ed reported registrations are coming in with the same volume as last year.

**EQUIPMENT:** Tim and Grant were unable to attend the meeting but provided a report: Goals for McKinley have not yet been ordered. Hank has given us a quote but Tim needs to finalize coordination with Fox Chase to assure we are in agreement on what we order.

**COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** Moses was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report: There is no outstanding report. Simon has organized the tryouts very well. The volunteers have been great helping out with the evaluations. We will have our coaches (Advance Regional) training sometime in early September just in time for the fall season. Great thanks to Andy Zucker, Mike Nelson and Simon Lindsay for their terrific help with the coaches/players development.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** See Field Report.

**FIELDS:** Lighting for Hallowell Field needs to get neighborhood approval. The lights will be used for only 2 ½ months out of the year and will be off by 9:30 a.m. Alma Klees will contact Carol DiJoseph (President of Abington Twp. Board of Commissioners) regarding this issue. Lighting should not have a big impact on the neighbors Steve Taylor is working on getting temporary lighting (hopefully donated by a friend and former hunter player). Lack of parking is another issue at Hallowell. Using this field for practices will free up PennBryn’s fields and cut down on the wear and tear of PennBryn’s fields. The pump issue and the maintenance plan to resolve it will be submitted to Doug Wendell, Director of Abington Township Park and Recreation, as well as Jerry McGovern from SPS for approval. Abington Lacrosse also wants use of Hallowell Field and possibly they and partner with Hunter to get the pump issues resolved.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** We may want to add a donation box on the registration form for those who would like to donation directly to the scholarship fund. This year 6 scholarships will be granted: 4 girls and 2 boys. The presentation will take place at the next meeting.

**RULES:** Ralph reports that a Chairperson is needed for this Committee.

**FUNDRAISING:** See Treasurer’s Report.

SOCIAL: See President's and Treasurer's Reports.

COMMUNITY LIASION: No Report.

COORDINATORS:

INTRAMURAL – No report

TRAVEL COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Simon was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report: Tryouts are underway. Based on tryouts, it was agreed that B teams for U9s would not be viable. Kids that did not make these teams will be best served with another year of intramural level soccer. U10s are next week, U11s the week of 5/16 and U12+ will be scheduled based on coach availability. All travel coaches will be emailed the list of registered trialists before their first tryout session. Many thanks to Moses for the great job running the tryouts and to the volunteer evaluators who have so are participated. The first two sessions went smoothly.

**ICSL Placements:** First pass ICSL placements for 2011 were sent to ICSL on 5/2. These are tentative. They reflect the placements suggested by ICSL, except where the coach contacted Simon and requested a placement different from ICSL's recommendation. Simon will email the first pass placement document to the coaches this week. Contact Simon if you want to update your placement. Final placements are due to ICSL at the beginning of June.

**Coaches Meeting:** There will be a travel coaches/assistant coaches meeting at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 31 from 8-9 PM. The lead item will be a review of the "GotSoccer" website. Rick Sands and Bert will lead the presentation.

JACK WALSH TOURNAMENT: Bert is working on the Tournament and unable to attend the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS: Ralph reports that our Patches will show the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hunter Soccer Club. Thad is floating the idea of a Men's U-25 team- there seems to be much interest and he is looking for summer leagues.

Nominations for next year's officers were held:

President: Ralph Bocchino, Vice President: Thad Macnamara; Secretary: Regina Bocchino and Terri Dunn; Treasurer Sandy Caiazzo. All Nominees were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS: Art Gordon thanks Bob for helping with an email blast to the members regarding the Cheltenham Township Fire Department recruiting and promotion efforts and well as the Ogontz Fire Company's information on their open house.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Mount St. Joseph Academy and Cheltenham High School needs soccer coaches.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM, next meeting will be Thursday June 2, 2011 at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted

Terri Dunn  
Secretary Hunter  
Soccer Club

