

MINUTES OF HUNTER SOCCER MEETING
HELD August 4, 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, Robert Daniele, Alex Rae, Dave DelBeccaro, Frank Duddy, John Steinberg, Joe Brown, Len Longo, Art Gordon, Chris Hill, Andrew Zucker, Simon Lindsay

MINUTES: Minutes from June 2, 2011 were moved, seconded and voted and approved with amendments: Noted for the record - Thad Macnamara was in attendance and under "Tournament" Susan Zaccarelli received certification for referee assigner.

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE: Ralph reports that Hunter a check for \$50.00 was received from United Way (Dan Cowhey) and a check for \$135.00 registration fee was received from a player who was supposed to get a refund. This discrepancy will be sorted out and resolved. The Comcast cable bill was also received and given to Sandy for payment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ralph highlighted the discussions held at the Executive Committee meeting on July 9, 2011:

- Signs on Clubhouse were vandalized – Bob Daniele will ordered a supply of new signs
- Pump issue with Hallowell field – waiting for Tim's plans – still good a field for practice. Flyers to be distributed to let neighbors know of our activities
- Complaints regarding our Tournament being held on a Jewish Holiday – Ralph fielded several calls and tried to explain that the date is not under our control, it is set by ESPA
- Select – soccer balls
- Banquet Committee scouting Venues
- Land Concepts – Changes to Penn Bryn
- Men's U-25 team –
- Over 1000 kids registered
- Steve Schott is new chair of Rules Committee and will help with Fields
- Uniform orders will alternate boys/girls every other year
- Club finances healthy
- Kitchen to be finished by 50th Anniversary and TV to be installed in a few months
- After we take care of needed expenses we can move funds to the capital account. For future expenses
- Hunter/Cheltenham Travel teams may coordinate their programs – discussions with Bert, Ed, Moses and the Cheltenham coaches to see if we can help each other with teams that are falling apart at the top of the Pyramid – age group – we are willing to listen to their ideas
- Sandy's son, Ed, has volunteered to announce a "game of the week" announce the game and possibly at the tournament.
- New season Kickoff celebration – balloons politicians- unveil new plaque with all commissioners names included – Bob Daniele to order -

- Clubhouse Cleaning – Bert to contact Don Rossi – professional cleaning service to come 2x a month to maintain clubhouse.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Thad reports that he, Bob Daniele and Tim Boles met with Land Concepts to discuss the best use of Penbryn Park. A full size soccer field, with very little changes is our goal. Land Concepts presents a very radical idea that could cost approximately \$600,000.00. The next meeting will be on August 9th at our clubhouse with the Township Board and Land Concepts. Bob Daniele commented that Land Concepts' plan does not make any sense financially and is a waste of money. Bob and Bert met with a landscaper and for \$100,000.00 He can improve the upper field. All discussions are conceptual and dependent on grant money. O.D.P. (development program) begin 9/10. Catasauqua Soccer emailed Thad regarding The Sage Stauffer Memorial Soccer Tournament being held on August 27th -

SECRETARY: No Report.

TREASURER: Sandy reports operating account has \$117,719.49 and Capital account has \$6,900.00. All bills are paid except \$828.00 due Hank – Terri will deliver the check tomorrow. EPYSA fees and Uniforms are upcoming expenses. The refund/registration check of \$135.00 will be straightened out with Sandy and Bob Woodard. The cost to finish the clubhouse kitchen is an additional expense, which will include appliances, plumbing and electrical work. Bob Daniele will obtain 2 -3 bids.

REGISTRAR: -Risk Management must be done by all coaches or they will not be able to coach

- Registration – There are 80 more players than we had at this time last year and he expects to exceed last year's total of 1100. To date we have 1070 registered.
- Registration Fees collected- Gross \$122,030
- Men's teams can use "Got Soccer" system to register but the fees to be decided.
- Travel registration – Roster's up to date – Very important that players added to roster are registered with Club or they will not be issued a player card. Any player not officially added will not be covered by our insurance. If something happens the coach will be responsible. We will always help out anyone who needs help financially. Bob will notify the coaches if they have any players not registered.

SOCCKER CAMP: Ed had 89 kids in morning program which is 20 less than last year. Eleven travel teams participated. We made a profit of \$114.19. Chris Hill reported that overall, camps are down 5-15% in enrollment due to the economy. Ed wants the camp to be promoted more with our intramurals and he will "advertize" the camp at the station training sessions held on Friday nights, closer to the end of the season. Also, next year he recommends that we will offer a one-hour session for the 4-5 year old campers. Dave DelBaccaro reported that his team has had a lot of experience with different types of camps and the feedback from his girls was *excellent* on the Hunter camp especially compared to the higher priced camps.

EQUIPMENT: Tim Boles reported the Paint was ordered, balls were ordered with Select. Ed Clark questioned the quality of the balls received stating that they were not what we ordered. The company gave us a \$629.00 credit. Select will call Hank (a select dealer) - we need to improve the quality of balls and Select will put our logo on – no extra charge. Tim will get pricing and compare dealers. Tim and Grant are looking into portable pop-up goals – input needed to decide where they are going to be used. Tim is ready to order tournament patches – last year 3700 ordered. Tim will alternate each year – Boys/Girls for new uniforms, Boys will be this year. Teams need to contact Grant with sizes as soon as possible.

COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Waiting for date on Coaches/Goalie Clinic.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: See Fields Report.

FIELDS: John Steinberg provided the following report:

All, I realize this is the time of year where field space gets difficult as the Raiders take over Abington and more teams are practicing more for the Fall. We have been working to get more space for practice. We have secured Halowell (SPS) for use starting the week of August 15th. If you have not been to this field there is plenty of space for practicing. There are no goals, you will have to bring goals (Grant and Tim are looking to purchase easy to travel portable goals). For August please feel to practice at Halowell anytime you want. For the fall you will need to schedule practice times. We are working on getting permission to set-up portable lights at the Halowell site. All permits should be approved by August 23rd.

1. If you plan to use Upper field at Penbryn in August you will need to send me a request for time. (Monday is being used for Total Soccer and Wednesday is already taken)
2. We still hold the permit for McKinley for Tuesday and Thursday nights (if you are using please continue with your times, otherwise let me know if you want time there.)
3. I have submitted permits for evening use for Thomas Williams and Renninger starting August 15 (THESE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED YET) I am NOT sure if we will get these approved or not.
4. Please submit your FALL PRACTICE requests to me by AUGUST 20th. (Nights and time and field ...please give me 3 choices...each team will get 2 nights of practice)Fields Available for fall: Penbryn Upper Field: 7:30-8:45, 8:45- 10:00pm---2 slots for each night and time Penbryn Lower Field: 7:30- 8:45, 8:45- 10:00pm –4 slots each night and time Halowell: 6:00pm – 7:30pm. 5 slots/ night 7:30pm-9:00pm...5 slots/night (through day light saving pending portable lights approval) Renninger: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm ...2 slots available/night McKinley: permits have been submitted for the fall for Tuesday and Thursday night use.
5. Steve Schott has agreed to help me with fields. He is working on a lining schedule for the Fall. All coaches will need to help to keep all the fields lined.

Ralph suggested “Plan B” if Hallowell does not pan out, via John Hoover of Cheltenham Twp. – to use Brook field with lights.

Ralph wants thank Randy and Alma Klees for their years of dedication and hard work with Fields. Terri will arrange for a Fruit and Candy basket be delivered to the Klees’ this week.

SCHOLARSHIP: No Report

RULES: Steve Schott to Chair the Rules Committee and he will review our By-Laws to make sure we are always in compliance with our non-profit status.

FUNDRAISING: The Committee with report next month on fundraising ideas.

SOCIAL: The Committee will provide suggestions on venues and dates for the 50th Anniversary Gala. Several venues have been investigated.

COMMUNITY LIASION: Mike Dunn spoke again with the members of the Board of the Glenside Chamber of Commerce. The indicated their willingness to work with Hunter regarding the Jack Walsh Tournament however; they are looking for specific suggestions of things that they can do to help with the Tournament. Ralph said that Bert will provide suggestions after his Committee meets.

COORDINATORS: Bob Daniele provided the following report:

INTRAMURAL – Tentative dates: 9/10 – 8 am Intramural coach training
9/10 & 9/11-Intramural coach uniform pickup – 9/17 State intramural season – 10/15 Travel day for U10 through U13 boys to Cheltenham JV – 10/22 Homes games for U10 through U13 boys against Cheltenham JV
Coordinators: Ernie West – U13 boys; Andy Zucker U9 boys; Len Longo -Girls; Bob Daniele-U7 and Peewee boys.

TRAVEL COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Simon reported that we are behind- 11 teams still need to submit proof of age which must be provided by this weekend. Simon will notify the travel coaches individually regarding what they still need to do. Some still need to print out player passes and get players’ pictures. By Monday, he is confident that all will be completed. Simon thanked Ed Clark for the great training the players received at camp this year. Simon is looking into working with several different trainers, including one from Holland, as well as an excellent goalkeeper camp with reasonable costs.

INTERCOUNTY: - No report.

JACK WALSH TOURNAMENT: Bert is working on the Tournament and unable to attend the meeting. See President’s report for Tournament issues discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ralph received an email regarding a new web service, he will see if it will benefit the Club to increase the Club using the Web. Chris Hill will help with this.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM, next meeting will be Thursday September 1, 2011 at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted

Terri Dunn
Secretary Hunter
Soccer Club