MINUTES OF HUNTER SOCCER MEETING
HELD September 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: Sandy Caiazzo, Thad Macnamara, Terri Dunn, Ralph Bocchino, Regina Bocchino, Bob Woodard, Robert Daniele, Dave DelBeccaro, Frank Duddy, Joe Brown, Len Longo, Simon Lindsey, Rick Sands, Scott Campbell, Richard Gaglianese, Mike Dunn, Ernie West, Grant Schwoebel, Tim Boles, Moses Javan, Annie Dwyer, Bert Graul

MINUTES: Minutes from August 4, 2011 were moved, seconded and voted and approved.

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE: A Thank You note was received from Theresa Geruson, a scholarship recipient. The Comcast bill was given to Sandy for payment. Thank you to Knights of Columbus for offering their Hall for our meeting if the clubhouse did not have power due to a storm. Opening day will be celebrated on September 10th at the Clubhouse. Mike Dunn will send invitations to the commissioners and politicians. Simon moved games to Penn Bryn that day. O'Neill's Market will donate hot dogs and rolls, Dave will ask Jim Gorman if we can use the hot dog machine. Early in the morning of the 10th there will be a Coaches Clinic. A new revised plaque, listing all the Abington Township Commissioners, will be put up on the outside wall of the Clubhouse.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Ralph reports- The Jack Walsh Tournament and Yom Kippur are on the same weekend and this conflict is affecting the attendance. The date of the tournament is not under our control. All tournaments report that attendance numbers are down this year, possibly due to the poor economy. Festivities for Opening day, September 10th, will begin at 11:00 and set-up time around 10 a.m. Bob Woodard will send out an email blast announcing the Opening Day activities.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: Thad reports that there was a Township meeting concerning the future plans for Penn Bryn. ODP tryouts begin next week.

SECRETARY: No Report.

TREASURER: Sandy reports $119,803.15 in the operating account, $6,985.19 in the Capital account and all bills are paid.

REGISTRAR: - Bob reported-GotSoccer System can be used as a means for communications with coaches and players. Risk Management – still need 16 coaches to finalize background checks. There are 1130 players registered as of 9/1/11(travel – 318 – IM 812) – Last year at this time we had a total of 1014 registered. Intramural registration is mostly shut down.

SOCCER CAMP: No Report

EQUIPMENT: Tim reports - Grant took delivery of the IM uniforms this week from Hank; most of the IM balls are inflated. Grant took care of the Travel uniforms and got most of them to the coaches. Those that have not been picked up, the uniforms will be in the garage. Shirts for Coaches and other Club Members have also been ordered. We received 2 sets of "golme"

portable goals. The 7'x21' goal will be primarily used at Halowell; the 8'x24' will be used at the lower field at PenBryn. If they are well liked and in demand, we will discuss purchasing more. The retail price is about $800.00 per set. The goals are in boxes in the garage. Those who will be using them need to learn how to set them up and break them down and store them properly see link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjx_u-HGd2k
We received 3000 club patches which will last us a year; 4000 Tournament patches have been ordered. We have samples of "Select" Balls and will need pricing. There will be no charge for the Logo is ordered from them each year.
Tim is no longer using hunterhornets@verizon.net – please update your address books and mailing list to TFBoles@verizon.net.

COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Moses reports that we are awaiting the word from NSCAA on our Travel coaches training date for early September. The IM coaches' training is tentatively scheduled for the morning of September 10th. Ernie, Len, Bob & Andy will conduct the training. Mike Nelson was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. He wanted to add to Moses' Player Development report: "We have the opportunity to have our Peewee Program run as an "Academy Style" program. It is too late in the game for this year, but I would like to schedule a meeting for Ernie, Andy, Bob and Len to meet Hadley Winthrop so he can discuss his program and associated costs so we can way the benefits"

STRAGETIC PLANNING: Tim reports a Township meeting was held at the Clubhouse to discuss plans for PenBryn Park. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. Tim Boles attended as a Hunter representative. The master plan was discussed which included more continuous "path" system throughout the park. The plan will be presented to the Township Commissioners.

FIELDS: John and Steve were unable to attend but sent the fields report: "Flyers delivered to neighborhood surrounding Halowell Park (thank you Hunter Heat, Hunter Cheetahs, and Hunter Score players for delivering flyers) Response was positive from residents, many had connections to Hunter Soccer. Simon to give details of lighting plan. The fall practice schedule was finalized – Simon will provide detailed schedule and information. Steve has prepared a field lining schedule for fall. We need help from everybody so please follow schedule."

SCHOLARSHIP: No report

RULES: No report

FUNDRAISING: No report

SOCIAL:

COMMUNITY LIASION: No report

COORDINATORS:

INTRAMURAL – Bob reported Intramurals are at record numbers again. All age groups are maxed out except U7 girls and U 13 boys(minus 3) The intramural coordinators and Player

developments folks are considering advanced academy style training in the intramural level. A $2,500.00 referee fee is needed –Sandy will issue a check to Jim Bollinger which will take care of all referee fees. Andy will run training as he did last year. Discussion regarding training, age groups, costs, type of training will be addressed by the Intramural Committee and they will present a plan for discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting in September.

TRAVEL COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Simon reports Travel coaches have a meeting on September 8th at the Clubhouse. He will answer any questions they may have for this year. Loaner lights will be demonstrated at Steve Taylor's house, lights can be lased monthly – approximately $400.00. A test of the lights at Halowell will be done and he plans to invite the neighbors. Feedback from the neighbors has been favorable. Halowell needs to be cut, need to address this. McKinley is well kept but needs a fallen tree removed. Simon suggested the possibility of having lights at McKinley, possibly splitting the cost with Fox Chase. Sandy will provide referee checks to Simon by Sept. 10th – Simon will get her the list. Practice field assignments will be sent out tonight via email.
Simon reports his daughter, Emma, is helping with the ICSL paperwork. PS1 requests will be processed next week.

INTERCOUNTY: - No report.

JACK WALSH TOURNAMENT: Bert reported that 2011 is turning out to be a very difficult year for the tournament. We were aware of the new Ukie Premier Girls tournament and the threat that posed, but until recently were unaware of the conflict with Columbus Weekend and it being Yom Kippur. Many teams have already stated that they will not be playing. The committee has offered flexible scheduling and changed the format to accommodate but our numbers are still woefully short of last year (226 teams). We currently have only 62 teams registered and this time last year we were well over 100. Bert's best guess is that we'll end up around 125 total and may have to combine some age groups to field brackets. Marketing is ongoing and Bert is hopeful that we get the annual post-Labor Day blitz of registration as in year past. It will be a straight-points tournament with no championship match. We will also have a Guest Policy, permitting the teams to bring as many as they wish. Thad suggested we have a Guest Database so they can join a team to play. Bert will look into this idea. Registrations will be virtual via GotSoccer, which is very easy and a timesaver. The Coaches gifts will be delivered to the fields this year.
The idea of an Intramural Division at the tournament was introduced- possibly for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS – No report

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: - No report

GOOD AND WELFARE: Strikers U-14 were finalists in FC Delco Tournament. Joe Brown's U-11 won Warrington Classic

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM, next meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Dunn
Secretary
Hunter Soccer Club