

## Grafton Soccer Club Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2010

**2009/2010 and 2010/2011 Board Members Present:** Tricia Wessel-Blaski, Ann Smaxwill, Christi Klaus, Michelle Pedersen, Bill Holdmann, Don Arnold, Tina Arnold, Vicki Todd, Ron Lauters, Peter Kugi, Kim King, Dane Hacker, Kevin Wise, Kay Schnell, Paul Skalecki, Barb Vandenberg, Jason Braaten, Melissa Braaten-Krueger, Gretchen Vieselmann

### **I. Call to Order:**

- A. Tricia Wessel-Blaski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **II. President's Report (Tricia Wessel-Blaski):**

- A. Tricia welcomed everyone in attendance.
- B. 2009-2010 Season Accomplishments were reviewed:
  - i. Academy Teams: U9 Girls and U10 Boys.
  - ii. U6 Program: There are twenty-six children involved in the program.
  - iii. We will be assisting in running the Micro Soccer program and hopefully will transition those children into our U6 program. To register for the program, the child must be age 4 by January 1, 2010. Registration is through the Rec Department.
  - iv. Successful Rec Tournament: Received positive feedback.
  - v. Director of Soccer – Don Arnold. Don has been busy interviewing coaches (Rec, Select and Academy)
  - vi. Director of Coaching – Bill Holdmann.
  - vii. 2 U13 Boys Teams: Blue and White Teams.
  - viii. Many solid Rec Teams that had success on the field and also played Indoor at Uihlein.
  - ix. Many successes for our Select Teams both at Uihlein this winter and on the fields this season.

### **III. Election of Officers for 2010–2011 (Tricia Wessel-Blaski):**

- A. Tricia asked if there were any other nominations for the Officer positions. There were no other nominations.  
President: Tricia Wessel-Blaski
  - i. As President-Elect, Tricia automatically assumes position of President. No vote needed.
  - ii. Vice President: Kevin Wise  
Julie Demerath made a motion to nominate Kevin as Vice President and Peter Kugi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - iii. Treasurer: Kay Schnell  
Michelle Pedersen made a motion to nominate Kay as Treasurer and Julie Demerath seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - iv. Secretary: Christi Klaus  
Julie Demerath made a motion to nominate Christi as Secretary and Pam Kugi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - v. President Elect: VACANT

### **IV. Committee Appointments for 2010-2011**

- A. Tricia reviewed the Committee Appointments and expressed her thanks to all the volunteers that have stepped forward to fill these positions:
  - i. Building and Grounds: Dane Hacker
  - ii. Concession Stand: Becky Wagner
  - iii. Communications/Website: Kim King
  - iv. Director of Select Soccer: Barb Vandenberg
  - v. Director of Tournaments: Melissa Braaten-Krueger
  - vi. Equipment Director: Paul Skalecki
  - vii. Major Fundraising: Peter Kugi
  - viii. Indoor League: Don Arnold
  - ix. Rec. Registrar: Ann Smaxwill
  - x. Select Registrar: Michelle Pedersen
  - xi. Select/Rec Uniform Director: Tina Arnold
  - xii. Ref Liaison: Ron Lauters
  - xiii. Scheduling Director: Unconfirmed at this time
  - xiv. Volunteer Coordinator: Gretchen Vieselmann

- B. Tricia asked if there was any discussion regarding the above appointments.
  - i. Tina Arnold asked which category Gift Cards fall under – Tricia indicated that Gift Cards fall under the Fundraising category. Tina Arnold and Julie Demerath mentioned that they may be interested in helping.
  - ii. Don Arnold also mentioned that Bryan Demerath is interested in a Board position yet to be determined.
  - iii. Tricia asked for a vote to approve the above Committee Appointments. These appointments were approved unanimously.

V. **Volunteer Recognition (Christi Klaus)**

- A. The club would like to thank the following:
  - i. All current board members, as well as the new board members for next year.
  - ii. Susan Bennett, Jim Eidman, Barb Bader and Doug Bader for their many years of dedication to the board and club. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend this meeting. They will be invited to our next board meeting to receive the recognition they deserve.
  - iii. Vicki Todd for all her hard work with the concession stand.
  - iv. The club would also like to recognize all the Rec Coaches: Farhad Mohsenian, Bill Holdmann, Jason Jungers, Adam Danielson, Eric Falkavage, Shane Young, Sara Rapp, Laurie Turner, Matt Memmel, Carsten Pojar, Eric Behrens, Dane Hacker, Mark Micoliczyk, Greg Mursch, Scott Palubiski, Corey Garbisch, Daniel Dee, Paul Melotik, Kurt Kulzyski, Andrew Wallock, Jonathan Lang, Jason Braaten, Steve Block, Bill Woessner, Tricia Wessel-Blaski, Kevin Wise, Rich Clague, Chad Plater, Michael Salm, Alex Konop, Don Arnold, and all the H.S. players that also assisted with the U6 Program.
  - v. The club would also like to recognize all the Rec Team Managers: Debra Aman, Jennifer Agnew, Maureen Sandoval, Stacy Ringgold, Beth Valerius, Nichole Zarling, Michelle Fatla, Lisa Brennan, Stacy Gauthier, Christine Pfeifer, Joel Stockhausen, Marianne Stilb and Renee Riddle.

VI. **WYSA/District Updates (Tricia Wessel-Blaski)**

- A. New Tryout Procedure:
  - i. Open Tryouts are scheduled for the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>. However, WYSA has instituted a new rule regarding offering players a position. Teams cannot offer a position until June 14<sup>th</sup>. Players will still have 72 hours to accept or reject the offer.
    - a. Ann mentioned that she thought that there had to be written notification, such as email. Tricia will be getting more detail regarding the timing of emails and phone calls.
  - ii. We will need to educate our players and parents regarding this new procedure. There will be discussion, as well as handouts.
  - iii. Michelle Pedersen asked if there will be advance communication to current players. Tricia mentioned that there will be communication to our current teams prior to tryouts.
  - iv. Barb Vandenberg asked about penalties that WYSA would be handing down to those teams that do not follow the rules. Tricia was told that there would be “sanctions”. At this time, she is not sure how to define what these sanctions would mean to a club. Tricia stressed that we will follow the rules as we want to stay in good standing with WYSA. If we hear of any situations where the rules are not being followed, please contact Tricia.
  - v. Tricia mentioned our goal is to put together as many teams as possible, both boys and girls. She asked that we encourage players to attend tryouts. She also asked that we promote our soccership program.
    - a. Peter asked if soccership information could be included in the flyer that we are providing to schools. Tricia indicated that this information could definitely be included. The flyer is being created and should be ready soon. Ann mentioned that this needs to be distributed by the end of May.
- B. New Player Incentives: We pay a fee to WYSA for each player. WYSA has announced that they will reduce this fee if we bring on a brand new player.

**VII. Summer Events (Tricia Wessel-Blaski & Don Arnold):**

- A. Wave Camp: The Wave uses our facilities to hold their camp.
- B. Don will be holding two clinics: June 21-24 and August 2-5.
- C. Select Tournament: August 13-15
- D. Rec Kick-Off Camp: Date yet to be determined.
- E. Coach Shay may offer training for “older” players – ages not yet defined.
- F. May 21st: Youth Night – The kids will be introduced at half time of the varsity game as they walk on the field. All players that wear their uniform will be admitted free, along with their families.
- G. The clinic (Grafton Black Hawk Girls Soccer Team) which was postponed has been rescheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Don is in the process of setting dates for the Rec teams to come to the varsity games and play at half-time
- I. Tricia is in the early stages of putting together a soccer program for children with special needs. If anyone is interested in assisting, or know of players that would be interested, please contact her.

**VIII. By-Laws:**

- A. There are no by-law changes to address this fiscal year.

**IX. Fundraising:**

- A. Candles Sales:
  - i. Tina asked when the candles will delivered – Ann thought maybe this week.
  - ii. Peter mentioned that the candles will be organized for the managers.
- B. May Party: Everything moving along – Peter expressed a thank you for Missie and Jason for all their hard work. We are looking at over 200 people attending.
  - i. Team Baskets look great.
  - ii. Peter has received many items for bidding.
  - iii. Prime Minister providing the food
  - iv. Circle B donated the hall.
  - v. “Loose Change” will be playing.
  - vi. Silent Auction

**X. Closing:**

- A. Don mentioned that this is a scary time - people are concerned whether there will be a team for their child, who will be the coach, etc. Don asked that we all be positive. There is a lot of excitement and passion right now and the club is heading in the right direction. If there are soccer questions, please do not hesitate to refer them to Don or Tricia.
- B. Tricia thanked everyone in attendance and is looking forward to another successful soccer year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Christi Klaus, Secretary