**Longview Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2019**

**In attendance**

Justin Fugleberg Trieste Madden Christi Maggs Jeff Coleman

Brandy Kell Lori Hauswald Jim Maggs Jenn Jolly

James MacGregor Jill Burr Katie Rupley Marv Kesemeier

**Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm**

**Approval of September’s treasurer’s report**

James motioned to approve September’s treasurer’s report, Brandy seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

**Approval of minutes**

Jim motioned to accept September’s minutes, Justin seconded. All in favor no opposed, motion passed.

**AGM business/discussion of bi-law changes and new executive officers**

We have changed our bi-laws to reflect the age of play as per the state of Washington. We’ve also changed our bi-laws to have an executive board member be a development coordinator instead of a head registrar. Justin Fugleberg has accepted the nomination for the position of vice president, Jak Massey has accepted the nomination for treasurer, and James MacGregor has accepted the nomination for development coordinator. Jenn motioned to accept all new executive board members as listed. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

Jim motioned to accept the changes to the bi-laws as written, Brandy seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jeff will finalize the bi-laws and send them out, and he’ll have Michael post them on our website.

**Fund raising and outreach/prep for notifications in December/flower baskets in spring**

The release date for our school fliers is pending for November. We’ll discuss whether to release them before or after Christmas break. We’ll discuss flower baskets at the beginning of next year.

Jim reported that Jim Nickerson from Mint Valley Golf Course is willing to donate a Sunday in April for our soccer golf tournament. It will be a 1 pm shotgun start. Nickerson reported several people asking about the event already, and said that we could have the proceeds from any soccer golf tournaments to come. Jim is considering $100 a team for a 4-person scramble. Greens fees have not been discussed yet. Marv and James are interested in being on the committee with Jim for this project. We’ll have the tournament on Sunday, April 26th. Jim is expecting people of all ages for the event, including high schoolers and adults from the community.

**Incidents and disciplines**

Jim reported that in a U-12 game a keeper went down the get the ball and was kicked. Jim talked to the ref and the parent and everything was fine, but our rules specifically state that if the keeper has a finger on the ball no one can touch them, so we need to emphasize this rule in upcoming coach and ref trainings. Also, we need to discuss at coaches meetings how to address a referee and who is allowed to do so. We struggle to retain our referees and this is something we need to address. Additionally, two Longview coaches were kicked out of a U-12 game on Saturday. Jim reported a parent complaining about a parent on the same team wanting to have a physical altercation; he told them to fill out an incident report. Jeff reported an incident with the soccer camp: a parent never received their jerseys. Gary needs an administrative assistant if we continue to hold soccer camps.

**Fall season 2019**

Jill and Lori reported that things are going well. They’re debating whether to open spring registration before the end of fall season. Stack Sports will be shutting down in June (at the latest), so CYSA needs to decide on a new website to use. Would Affinity simplify our system since we already use them for coaches? Some people have had issues with Affinity. We may not be able to send out school fliers until we know which platform we’ll be using for registration. Trieste will contact Affinity and Blue Sombrero for demos. The CYSA registration committee meets on November 7th to decide.

Jim stated we’re losing money because player insurance went up a great deal this season ($6.25 per player for U-10 and up and $2.75 for younger). Also, jerseys were over $9,000 this season. We need to raise our registration rates. Jeff said every sport in the area other than wrestling is $100 or over. We’d like to raise our fees to $75, $80, and $85. We recommend this to CYSA. Christi said the tiered pricing isn’t working for us, and we have to pay for maintenance and none of the other clubs do. Additionally, the Timber Barons and the high school still owe us for using our fields. Christi needs to know who to contact to send out invoices. She will contact Jeff if she’s still having difficulties.

**Facility and field maintenance/porta potty enclosures/mower/field conditions**

Jeff reported the porta potty enclosures haven’t been built yet. We’ll need a new (bigger) mower by spring. We would need to use our savings account to buy a mower. Christi noted we’ve already made several major purchases this past year, and suggested that instead of using our savings we do fundraising to pay for it. Jeff suggested we find a grant.

Jeff reported receiving a few good ideas from the bathroom lock-up email. One was to schedule teams and assign them to unlock and lock on weekdays, another was to allow a team to practice on our fields in exchange for locking and unlocking the bathrooms.

**Dinner/auction/committee needs**

Jim reported we’re penciled in for February 8th at the LCC student center, who also does catering. Facility usage is $300. We can serve/sell alcohol and espresso as well. Marv, Katie, and Jeff are interested in being on the committee for planning. Jim is looking into people to come and speak. Katie will get in touch with Lisa Sari. Our budget is $2500. Everyone on the board needs to start considering and talking to people to invite. Jeff will post something on Facebook with Jim’s approval. Happy hour will be 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and wrap up will be around 8 pm. Jeff suggested everyone on the board find at least one raffle item and work on finding auction items as well. Get busy! We need to send out save the date cards ASAP, but we need to keep track of who we give them to and let Jim know. Jim will work with Trieste to get them printed up and give them to Marv to give to board members on Saturdays. Jim would like to see up to 100 people attend this year, not including board members. We’ll have a committee meeting soon.

**CYSA operations/post-season coaches meeting/joint coaches meeting for spring**

Jeff reported that all clubs want to participate in the post-season coaches meeting on October 30th. We’ll give it a try. We also want to have an all-club coaches meeting in the spring so everyone is on the same page. We’ll need to find a venue and bring the equipment to hand out to coaches. Additionally, a suggestion was made to order all uniforms—including socks and shorts—with the other clubs in order to save money. We’re working on getting bids. It would also prevent teams from different clubs having the same color jerseys. Trieste noted CYSA would like to see all dri-fit jerseys and no more t-shirts. We hope to continue to support local businesses for our jerseys but it depends on our bids. Jenn said she crunched the numbers and that with sponsors jerseys are about $19 per kid.

**Old items/team sponsor costs/locking the restrooms**

Regarding team sponsor costs, the current fees are $150-275. They need to go up. Jenn suggested raising it to $200 for U6 and U7, $275 for U-8-U10 and $350 for U-11 and up to simply cover the cost of jerseys and not make much money. Jim suggested adding an option for further donations on our sponsorship forms. Lori motioned to have five different price points, Jill seconded. Motion passed. U6-U7 is $175, U8 is $200, U9-10 $250 U11-U12 is $275, and U13 and up is $350. Katie will re-write the team sponsorship forms to include this and add a section for businesses to donate extra to the club. She’ll also work on getting them in Spanish.

**Micro refs**

Trieste reported she’s been discussing micro-ref fees with other clubs and we’re underpaying our refs. We currently have only six micro-refs. Trieste motioned to raise our fees for micro-refs ages U9 and U10 to $12. Katie seconded the motion. Motion denied. Jim disagreed with micro-refs overseeing U10 games because they don’t have adequate training. Jill agreed and said we’re letting micro-refs avoid important age groups, and micro-refs aren’t equipped to ref offsides. Jim motioned that in Longview we not allow micro-refs to referee U10 games. Justin seconded. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jim motioned to make the new pay scale for micro-refs for U6-U9 $10 beginning spring 2020. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Jeff told Trieste that Jacob needs to schedule refs three days in advance. We all agree the ref situation is a mess.

**New items**

Marv reported the season is going very well, especially with the golf cart. New items mac and cheese and pulled pork are selling well. He also said his church’s group was able to go to the Dominican Republic with the funds they’ve raised from selling at our games. Jim reported he could use some help on the golf cart on Saturdays—it’s bringing in lots of cash and four hands are better than two!

**Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.**