

## **Portland Youth Soccer Association**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

Present for the Board of Directors:

President: Jeff Enquist

First Vice President: Amy Pate

Registrar: Ron Baglien

Secretary: Greg Simon

Treasurer: Rick Hansen

Director at large: Ricky Aker

Director at large: Sean Moran

Director at large: Roger Thomas

Excused: Kim Holm

Also present PYSA Executive Director Jean Hand

PYSA Director of Development: John Madding

### **President Jeff Enquist called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**

Jean presented a draft of the PYSA 2010 calendar. She discussed upcoming meetings for coaches (in March) and club field representatives (in late July or August). Ricky suggested that field permits could be issued to coaches in PDF form, or contained on CDs. Jean also fielded questions about the mid-season break in fall schedules, and November practices. (The mid-season break always falls on a traditional four-day weekend for Portland Public Schools; teams do not practice in November because of lack of daylight and field stewardship issues.) Jean reminded the Board that PYSA does not have access to Delta Park fields on Sundays in the fall, putting the PYSA tournament planned for October in jeopardy. The Board discussed options, but no decision was reached.

John provided the Board with a summary of his recent head coaches meeting. He came away with directives to provide clinics based on age-appropriate team sizes and for first-time coaches. He also learned that coaches, at least those in attendance, do not necessarily care for the split schedule policy because it can cause their teams to play the

same teams over again and to not play other teams at all. John is also planning to present seminars on the Internet on evenings in August. He also reported that the Portland Timbers want to promote a PYSA night at a game in August. Other exposure to the professional club for coaches and players is available if PYSA can sell 200 season tickets by the first game (April 11<sup>th</sup>) at \$130 per ticket, discounted from the regular price of \$252. The Board voted unanimously in favor of doing this in support of the Timbers.

The Board spent some time discussing a sponsorship offer from Nike and its preferred retailer, Tursi's. No decision was reached. Rick and Jean presented a revised copy of the 2010-11 budget, and it was approved. Rick pointed out two new line items: 521, a line providing funding for the attorney who will handle our background checks on coaches, and 611, a line providing funding for clubs needing to compete in OYSA-sponsored events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Board then met in executive session. After discussion it was unanimously approved to match the \$10,000 the High School Co-ed Club is spending on field improvement at Buckman Field near Benson High School. This project is a partnership of PCU, St. Mary's Academy, and Nike. The Board asked for a document from PCU.

The Board spent some time discussing personnel matters.

Roger joined the PYSA tournament committee (with Jeff and John) and will pursue a grant to support a one-day tournament.

The executive session was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Simon, PYSA Secretary.