

# **Minutes/Draft**

## **Eclipse Board Meeting 11-13-2011 3:00-4:45 pm**

### **Morris Thompson Center**

Meeting Started at: 3:04 pm

Members Present: Amy Geiger, Anita Simpson, Lisa Bishop, Steph McGinty, Paula Everts, John Mayer, Greg Gibson, Michelle Steel, Steve Steel, Dennette Marks, Deb Triplehorn, Bev Luoma, Brian Luoma, Lisa Carlson, Emmy Marshall, Kelly Atlee, Howard Maxwell, Maria Mandich, Jerry Pollen, Eric Court, Emmy Marshall, Alan McGinty

Review and Approval of Minutes: John Mayer moved to approve the 9-26-11 minutes. Steph McGinty seconded. Minutes approved.

- Financial Update (Rebecca)– Will have a complete financial update at the next board meeting. Rebecca is in the process of transferring into the position from Sue Signor and working with the new club accountant.
- Goal Keeper Trainer Update (Eric) – The goalkeepers have had large numbers at the session, so to have a better coach/player ratio goalkeepers were split up into 3 groups because of the numbers to Fridays and Sundays; training times are on Eric's website.
- Technical Director (Eric) So far the individual skills clinics have been a huge success and well received by the turnout of players and positive feedback. Eric said we need a solution how to house so many kids at Tanana for the individual skills; lots of blank sessions still need coaches to sign up to help run the sessions, can't do it without the coaches. Eric said overall still need more coaches involved in these clinics and coaches league. Also started to working on a club curriculum for indoor soccer and expectations; this is a long process looking at skills for development; also starting to look for options for the club clinic, more to be discussed at the January board meeting.
- Coaching Director (Alan) Both he and Eric plan to hit up two practices of each coach to observe and see how everyone is doing, their styles, teams, observations, etc. Also want to run everyone's practices one time and observe practices and have them complete by the end of the year and provide feedback to coaches. So far it is going well. Alan said that Coach league has kicked off to a rocky start. Alan would like to get more feedback from coaches and better communication to make this successful.
- Update on FYSA Activities (Brian) – Midnight Sun Tournament will be about the same time, but it will be a U-14 and younger tournament – and possibly add a U-10 bracket. There is a push for turf fields. It is proposed to be one at Big Dipper and one near FYSA end near the softball fields. Everyone should go to the borough assembly meeting December 8th – FYSA will try to get people/players informed ahead of time. Eric Court

suggested players show up in uniforms showing their need for a turf field. It was suggested to get Tammy Wilson involved. Run-a-Muck needs a new director Janet Schafer has done an amazing job with this event and has it all in place. Contact FYSA if interested. FYSA decided to give Eric court \$700 for his C license training. Also, FYSA will be providing courses on concussion awareness, which will be something more stringent from AYSA for coaches. Possibly doing an indoor championship in March at the Dome – more coming out on that in the future. AYSA is talking about a statewide coaches seminar – like the AGM; more information to come out. AYSA put out the state cup survey and whether State Cup should shorten up state and possibly pay two games a day in prelims. AYSA will forward to the club and then it will be forwarded to the coaches.

### **Old Business:**

- AGM: Amy said we had a very successful meeting with a record turnout. Thank you all who attended and contributed to the great fun and staid to hear about the club's year-end review and the year ahead along with coaches summaries.
- Play up policy - Howard, as spokesman of the play-up committee, provided an overview of the proposed policy that the play-up committee worked hard on with facilitation from Kip Harmon. Howard talked about the way the committee was formed and the members and the intention of the policy for what is currently there. He said each person looked at policy on their own and what other clubs have done in the past and what our club is currently dealing with in our own club and brought the issues to the meetings. Basically the committee chiseled at what we had and tried to come up with situations we have and came up with policy around scenarios. The committee had two extremes on the policy – throw it out completely and not have one at all, or follow it extremely rigorously. The committee came up with a consensus amongst the entire committee and came up with the best policy they thought could work now and in the future. Howard went through each bullet and explained each bullet to the board. The policy has added a peice called a player release form, which officially releases a player from a team for various reasons, which needs to be signed by two signatures. There was much discussion and scrutiny on the proposed policy amongst board members. Amy will have the proposed policy and player release form sent out to the board for comments to be gathered prior to the next board meeting in January for further discussion and feedback for revisions to the policy so that the board can vote on it by the spring. Amy thanked the committee for all of their hard work and dedication on this difficult topic and particularly thanked Kip Harmon for sitting on the committee to facilitate. Proposed Play-Up Policy/Discussion and Feedback to be added as an agenda item to the next board meeting.
- Blended Older Teams: Charlie Parr has been doing pick up games, and men's league games – Howard said the older boys are going to Anchorage Dec 9, 10 to the Dome, and possibly going to Las Vegas in the spring.

The girl's teams have not gotten off the ground at this point, and the hope is that it will in the spring.

- Gym time: So far gym time sign ups are going rather well. Lisa said that we have some open Tanana gym spots we do not want to pay for and would love teams signing up; She is moving some times around to maximize the schedule and to not have open spots that we still have to pay for. Lisa would like coaches to look it over if they want more spots. Updated schedule is on the web page. It was suggested to put down a date on the most revised gym time schedule for the website so people know.

### **New Business:**

- Raffle Coordinator: Amy introduced Jerry Pollen who has graciously volunteered to be our Club Raffle Coordinator. Jerry has already done a tremendous amount of work trying to get the raffle underway with all the loose pieces and has still a lot of work ahead. Jerry said he still needs an alternate member to help Jerry. Jerry has already taken the state test and needs to find out if Beckie Crawford (current alternate member on file) or Tammy Kosa will be the alternate with Jerry. Jerry is applying for the permit but having a difficult time getting the name and password from the past year. Jerry is trying to streamline the entire process with a master list of all teams and their raffle coordinators. This year Jerry will not take partial books – the whole book needs to be sold because of the difficulty of tallying the tickets account for. Jerry is nailing down the dates of when we are conducting the raffle, and would like to kick it off earlier if possible to get sales in before many teams travel. Jerry also mentioned that the club needs to submit end of year raffle information to the state and have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to reconcile.  
Jerry asked that each team designate a raffle coordinator and to let him know who it is for their team; Jerry is trying to streamline the process for each team and make it easier to help with tracking. Jerry also offered to do more for the club using the gaming license once he has the summer raffle under control. Please forward any suggestions one may have in this area directly to Jerry. Amy thanked Jerry for all of his work.
- Master Calendar – Bill and Lisa have been working to embed an overall Eclipse Club calendar for the website. Many people are asking to be able to find Eclipse club related events etc., on one calendar. Amy said that the most current information should always be on the website. Bill Mitchell is doing a great job keeping this website up to date for all of us.
- Uniform Update – Bev has all the coordinators and has been working with Eurosport; all forms have been updated ready to go; Bev to send out information to all uniform coordinators to get the process rolling ASAP.
- Sock Decision – It was suggested that the Eclipse girls socks be changed, as the current custom sock does not match well. Many agreed with this

and would like to go back to the old sock with the true purple color. It was decided that the boys socks will still be custom yellow and black versions; the girls will revert back to the purple Adidas sock from the previous year s but continue with the the white custom sock. Bev will reflect these changes on the form prior to sending out to uniform coordinators. Thank you once again Bev for all of your hard work suiting up our players.

- Gym Time/Scrimmages over Holiday Break – Many coaches will be away at holiday break but it was suggested that perhaps we book some SRC time for open gym or even possible run some academies for the club. Anyone that is interested in running some sessions or being available for open gym time please contact Alan or Eric.
- Eclipse Academy – Eric Court is underway in the planning stages of the club academy for youngsters in February. More to come out soon.
- Eclipse Sponsored event – Amy suggested that teams that are putting on larger events under the Eclipse name and logo (such as a tournament or large scale raffle with many teams) to donate a portion of the proceeds, (10% or up to \$500) to either the soccership or coaching education fund. She suggested spreading the wealth of the tournament and successful large fundraisers to help the greater good of the club. The Jennifer Templeton each year donates to the soccership fund, and Amy suggested that we try to encourage more of that within our club. Howard asked for more clarity if we are moving ahead on policy for teams to do this and was not sure if this was the right thing to be asking of teams who are fundraising on a large scale and how that affects the smaller fundraisers teams do. This is merely a discussion item to be talked more at the next board meeting. Amy asked to keep this on the agenda for the next board meeting.
- Eclipse Club protocols for practices in school gyms and playing adult league – Amy would like to see a short list of protocols that our club needs to follow when using FNSB gyms so we do not lose our gyms for our club. We have had two incident warnings to date and Amy just wants to be clear that our teams are doing what they are supposed to in the gyms. We know rec also uses the gyms and may be abusing the gyms, but we want to make sure that Eclipse is not and stay in good standing with Velma.
- Phoenix 92 –Howard said that Kathy Port is looking to close the Phoenix 92 account of about \$2000 and donate it to the club. These players are sophomores in college now! Rebecca needs to contact Kathy Port and find out what the best way of attaining signatures and help get this done.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

**Next Eclipse Board Meeting January 24th–3:00 - 4:45 at the Morris Thompson Center.**