

## BIFC Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020, 7:00 PM

Via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Ron Piland, Elizabeth Chambers, Liming McMillan, Sherry LaMonica, Ben Dugan, Brett Deits, Greg Troyan, Phil Avison, and Ian McCallum.

### President's Report (Peter Murchie)

Peter reviewed the agenda, and noted that we will focus on (1) forecasted changes to budget and implications, (2) the upcoming AGM, and (3) providing an update on and plan regarding return to play.

Peter expressed his appreciation and support for Ian, Phil, Ben, Drew and Liming for their communication, innovation, remaining attuned to how the kids are doing, and moving us forward through this stressful period. BIFC has been able to provide a good experience for our players and coaches thanks to their dedication and hard work. A lot of day to day decisions are being made, and while we've focused on making sure there is strong communication on key issues, Peter invited the Board to always provide feedback and ask questions as they arise to assure that Board members are in synch with one another and the club, and to assure we can be good representatives of the Club and engage with families.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes from September 18 and October 7 the minutes were unanimously adopted.

### Secretary Report (Elizabeth Chambers)

Elizabeth reviewed the agenda for the AGM with the Board, as well as the proposed bylaws changes. The Board discussed how to conduct voting via zoom and will work on this prior to the meeting. Elizabeth noted that the Vice President, VP of Select and Secretary are up for election this year. Peter noted that the current Board members have agreed to remain in their positions for the upcoming election. Peter also let the Board know that Jeff Shepard is interested in serving on the Board, and specifically could assist in an appointee position. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved appointing Jeff as the Director of Communications. The Board reviewed a proposed bylaw change regarding 10 day notice to run for a position on the Board, and approved proposing the change to the membership for approval at the AGM.

### Financial Report (Brett Deits & Liming McMillian)

Brett provided a report on the club's actuals vs. budget, noting that we are still anticipating a \$7,672 surplus taking COVID into account. BIFC has less revenue coming in, due to cancellation

of camps, registration fees, and tournaments, but there has also been a reduction in expenses, including academy expenses, forecasted wages due to a reduction in teams, tournament fees and field rentals, among others. The Board asked questions and discussed the forecasts. Peter thanked Liming in particular for her hard work on this and her conservative approach to expenditures during this time.

#### Update on Return to Play/competition (Ben Dugan, Phil Avison, and Ian McCallum)

Ben, Phil and Ian then spoke about our approach to the season and return to play. Ben reminded the Board that the Governor's proclamation allows different levels of play depending on the level of COVID activity. It is clear that Pierce, Snohomish and King Counties are all over the level of COVID activity to allow for games/scrimmages, league games, and the vector appears to be heading upwards. BIFC therefore needs to look at whether and how to engage with NPSL or look at other ways to allow the kids to play. Ian reviewed various teams throughout the peninsula and how they are reacting.

On a call on Wednesday night with NPSL, NPSL acknowledged that the 3 counties (Pierce, Snohomish and King Counties) would not be able to play games for at least several weeks. NPSL encouraged those clubs in moderate or low status to play as much as they can to get as much competition as possible, whether in "league games" for NPSL or otherwise. NPSL noted that we should continue to follow protocols and be careful about guest players and contact tracing. Phil noted that we need to plan how to move forward so that families can decide their comfort level.

Following much discussion and deliberation, the Board decided that until Thanksgiving, BIFC will focus on competition in Kitsap and on the peninsula— whether competitive play scrimmages within the club or against other clubs in the county. The goal will be to provide as much competition as we can, balancing player safety and a fun experience for our teams. BIFC is organizing competitive scrimmages for the weekend of October 24-25, and will begin scheduling thereafter. Ben, Ian and Phil will work on implementation and communication.

Greg and Ian next discussed recreational soccer. The program has been generally progressing well, with a few scheduling tweaks. BIFC has taken a cautious approach to scrimmages. The program will be done in the end of October. The parks and recreational program has not allowed scrimmages but will start doing so on Saturday. 160 kids participated in the program this year.

Peter reminded us that it is important that we follow the protocols to allow soccer to continue for the kids.

The meeting was called to a close at 9 PM.