



Granby Rovers Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes
Date January 6, 2010

Opening:

A regular meeting of the Granby Rovers Soccer Club was held at 7:00 PM on January 7th, 2010 in the Granby Board of Education building. Attendees included:

U09 Boys - None present
U10 Boys - Deb Ranicar, Jerry McDonald
U11 Boys - Jeff Holden, Shawn Bendig
U12 Boys - David White, Terri Ziemnicki,
U13 Boys - Pat O'Donnell
U14 Boys - Becky Seilman

U09 Girls - None present
U10 Girls - Maureen Schultheis
U11 Girls - Pam Hansen, Sandy Everett
U12 Girls - None present
U13 Girls - None present
U14 Girls - Matt Wutka

Others present: Dave Emery, Linda Holden, Mary Hunt, Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler, Ann-Marie Grshaw

I. Minutes

- David White opened with wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He addressed upcoming dates for the spring season and when forms will be available which will be identified further in this report.
- He asked that we send comments questions to Kelly Rome regarding the updates on the website such as the new lost and found tab.
- It was mentioned that Deb Ranicar has a lot of interaction with the school via the PTO's website and if she has any insight on helping Kelly Rome it would be appreciated.

II. Treasurer's Report (Linda Holden)

- Linda was unable to attend so David White spoke on her behalf and advised that there was no new business to report.

III. Registrar's Report (Terri Ziennicki)

- There is the previously mentioned workshop on January 30th, Terri will attend the workshop however not many changes are predicted. She will know more after the 30th and will advise.
- Terri asked that all Coaches and Managers make sure that everyone keeps their players passes that were used in the fall.

IV. Coaching Director's Report (Dave Emery)

- It was announced that there will be a Coaches Clinic at Mohegan Sun in which the Rovers Club will be supporting. We will be sending our Coaches and Assistants and as long as we have enough interest, the Rovers Club will support our Coaches and Assistants by paying for the clinic. Those coaches looking to attain their E-License must attend all three days from start to finish.
- Dates for the clinic are Friday February 25th – February 27th with the main event on Friday. This year the clinic will be offering break out sessions which is an upgrade including college player coaching, warm-ups, strength training, building a strong foundation through technical training and a lot of other interesting sessions while main session is going on.
- For all those who attend, they will receive a free NSCAA membership which includes a newsletter and journal magazine. The magazine has excellent articles which Dave had the opportunity to review some that were sent to him by a Rovers Parent. Some of the articles include philosophy on what's the best way to conduct teams.
- A request was made that if you are interested in this top notch clinic and do attend at the expense of the Rovers Club, Coaches and Assistants must contribute to spring clinics in terms of manpower.
- Another topic of discussion which ties into an article from the magazine is the importance of exposing youngsters to free form soccer. We have experimented with pick up soccer over the summer however have failed to continue with this popular format due to the lack of space availability in any of the local town school gyms.
- Matt has exhausted his efforts through his channels as well including, but not limited to; offering to pay for space as we do not want to go outside of the town.
- We have a large number of male and female participants at the high school level who are very interested in pick up games and it has been frustrating that space is not readily available.
- It is anticipated that a gym may potentially open up upon completion of the 2010 youth basketball recreation program in early March.
- It was suggested that if a gym becomes available, we should segregate pick-up games by age and gender for safety reasons.

- David White has advised that he may have the opportunity to purchase some bleachers at a reduced rate which are 4 risers high and 15' long and asked the Board to collectively determine if we have a need.

V. Boys Coaching Director (Matt Wutka)

- No new business to report.

VI. Girls Coaching Director (Mary Hunt)

- It was reported that participation for the spring season for U12 girls was extremely low. So far only 5 girls have expressed interest and 3 out of those 5 also have other team sport commitments.
- It was discussed to include U11 to bring participation up and Mary will check with Gary Kulik (U13) as she thinks his participation may be light as well.

VII. Website (Shawn Bendig)

- Shawn reported that he and Kelly Rome have begun work on the site and they are unveiling some of functionality they have been working on. The next goal is to enable registrations on-line for the spring clinic.
- Shawn called a side-bar meeting between he, Kelly, David and anyone else that would like to get together to discuss key elements that we feel should be on the website. David will formalize a meeting in the near future.

VIII. Field Maintenance (Shawn Bendig)

- Looking forward to seeing what the fields look like in the spring now that the sod is down. We're confident it will look as nice if not better than when we initially put the sod down in late fall.
- Some new equipment has been received. Small practice nets are on order.
- David has property maps so we can determine how far on property we can go back to clear brush during spring clean-up.
- David is in contact with an architect. He has taken pictures of the property and spoke with Parks and Recreation regarding our plans to build a pavilion and install power/electricity from the parking lot to the pavilion. The Park & Recreation Department agreed as long as the Rovers plans were tied into the theme and objectives for the park.
- We have some pictures however are waiting to get more pictures prior to meeting with the architect.
- A recommendation to seek out corporate sponsors locally was discussed and tabled for further discussion.
- A suggestion was made to seek out donations for used equipment and paraphernalia that we all have possessed over the years as a Rover participant and are no longer using or no longer fit. We could sell water bottles, umbrella's etc. at games and clinics as a means of revenue for the organization.
- A concession stand is also being explored that will not conflict with the current snack shop. As long as the food products we are selling are in line with the Board

of Health Recommendations and the approval of the Park & Recreation we should be able to provide this service to the Rovers audience while on our fields.

- A recommendation to seek out corporate sponsors to help deter park renovation costs was agreed upon and also tabled for further discussion.

IX. Referees Report (Pam Hansen)

- Recertification for referees ends on January 31st. Everyone that is going to obtain recertification should've received many email correspondences regarding recertifying.
- A reminder that the policy is anyone receiving recertification or new certification, a copy of your certification must be provided to the Board to maintain on file as objective evidence. Once copies are obtained the Rovers Organization will reimburse for any costs incurred to become certified.
- Pam concluded her report with an update on the "Collection for Kids Campaign in Haiti" and advised that the outcome was overwhelming. Not only did we collect soccer supplies but several school supplies as well including books.
- Pam expressed special thanks to all that contributed and she then shared a heart felt story regarding her cohort in this operation. Because he seriously injured himself during soccer training for kids in September, he can hardly walk now. Traditionally a shipping container would be secured to fill donations and sent to Haiti, however due to his injuries he now needs transportation in Haiti to get around. He put the Rover's donations in an Isuzu Trooper that he bought and shipped the entire Trooper to Haiti.

X. Vice President (Pat O'Donnell)

- Nothing new to report

XI. Old Business

- Our efforts to recruit town recreation coaches for U9 came up short however we will continue to pursue parents of interested players.

XIII. New Business

Topic:

- 2010 Soccer Champions Coaches' Clinic at the Mohegan Sun, February 25th – 27th, 2010. Flyers were submitted and David asked to get the word out amongst any Assistants and Coaches who were not present at the meeting.
- To recap, the Rovers Organization will incur cost of clinic if enough interest and participation is evident. The completion of the clinic includes membership into the NSCAA as well as magazines.

Topic:

- Board Vacancies with elections coming up in March are as follows:
 - a. Boys Director
 - b. Website Vacancy

- Shawn Bendig volunteered to takeover the website if anyone was interested in the field maintenance position. David White advised that he would speak to Kelly Rome regarding filling the website vacancy permanently so Shawn Bendig could remain as the field maintenance designee.
- Becky Seilman expressed interest in the vacant position of Boys Director and Matt Wutka volunteered to stay on through the spring season to assist Becky

Topic:

- David White announced that there are some changes to the format of how we are going to be scheduling teams for the spring season which commences on March 26th. We have replaced the prior a/b/c rating with a 1-6 evaluation. When entering this field, bear in mind that 1 is the strongest, 6 being the weakest. We will use the information where other team information is lacking and for new teams. The team's record from prior season of play is the most significant indicator of where they will be placed.
- There will be forms submitted to Coaches to rank their teams and David White has asked that the Coach and Manager be proactive in sending information when registering the teams.

Topic:

- First Aid training is a requirement every 24 months. We've accomplished our last First Aid training 22 months therefore we are currently obtaining prices and dates from the Fire Academy for re-training or initial training for new Coaches or Assistants. This training is First Aid only and not CPR and is a requirement for Coaches and a good idea but not mandatory for Assistants. The Rovers Organization incurs the costs for this training. Further information to follow.

Topic:

- Dates for the spring clinic tentatively scheduled on 5 non-consecutive Saturdays as follows: May 1, 8, 15, 22, & June 5. UCONN soccer athletes will attend these clinics on May 15th and 22nd. Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler to publish these dates in the Granby Drummer and the Granby News.

Topic:

- Website goal to be ready for clinic registration by March 15th

Topic:

- Deb Ranicar volunteered to seek publications regarding Rovers events in the Granby Digital Back-Pack and will advise.

Topic:

- Ray Reid Soccer Camp July 12th – 16th. Young Stars and High School Camp 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Topic:

- Early Cup entry for Ray Reid Soccer Camp registration ends March 31st which is \$50. Registration fee after March 31st is \$100.
- Registration fees are available on the CJSA.ORG website as well. Registration expires April 7th.

Topic:

- Uniform order for next fall need to be taken within the next week or two.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next general meeting will be on Thursday, Feb 4th, 2009; 7:00 p.m. at the BOE.

Minutes submitted by: Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler

Approved by: