



Granby Rovers Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2010

Opening:

A regular meeting of the Granby Rovers Soccer Club was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 4th, 2010 in the Granby Board of Education building.

I. Minutes

The meeting was opened with David White asking for approval for prior meetings' minutes. Minutes were approved. They will be posted on the Rovers Website. David White requested Managers and Coaches to wait for the Minutes to be approved to forward on to their respective teams.

II. Treasurer's Report (Linda Holden)

Linda reported that there are funds in checking, savings, CD's and old accounts. She will work in getting money consolidated. The past months expenditures totaled approximately \$5,000 including the purchase of new bleachers; CT Referee certifications and the Coach's Clinic at Mohegan Sun. All who attended the referee and coach's clinics are encouraged to get their paperwork in to Linda. 1099's are being sent out. Spring assessments will be same dollar amount as fall assessments. Information pertaining to spring assessments will be sent out mid-March. A U-9 boys team still owes fees from the fall. Linda requested a date for getting the toilets filled. Shawn will talk to Kay Woodford and request 4/11/10.

III. Registrar's Report (Terri Ziemnicki)

Terri thanked Mary Hunt and Matt Wutka for the files. Background checks for all coaches need to be done otherwise CJSA will not allow any Coach or Assistant Coach who have not completed a background check to be registered. David will talk with CJSA for verifications. Terri requested teams to notify her whether they are participating in the CT Cup and she will need payment. Teams were also asked to provide Terri with their level for the spring (1 being strongest through 6 as the weakest). Terri reminded teams that she needs player passes and that new players require new photos and birth certificates. Old passes will work and not require birth certificates if they were a past Rovers player but still have passes.

Everything must be completed by March 31st, registrations, birth certificates, players passes, etc. however please do not wait until this date as Terri has to go back and forth from Enfield with documentation.

IV. Coaching Director's Report (David White in place of Dave Emery who was absent)

16 people went to the Coach's clinic at Mohegan Sun this weekend. 3 received their E-Licenses. This was a great clinic and very beneficial to those who attended. Many thanks to Rick Orluk.

HS teams are being worked on.

V. Boys Coaching Director (Matt Wutka)

Six new players registered for the spring. Rovers could not accommodate any of the six due to the fact that one was too young and the remaining 5 registered for teams with full rosters. All have been contacted and it was recommended they register for the spring clinic and look for signs for June assessments.

Gym space – Due to basketball playoffs on Tuesday March 9th – there will not be indoor soccer drop-in that night. Tuesday drop-in soccer has been a huge success. The schedule will be placed on the website. Starting the following Tuesday, March 16th, there will be sign-in sheets at drop-in soccer.

Additional dates that the gym is unavailable:

3/24/10 – MS gym unavailable

3/26/10 – MS gym unavailable but Wells Road is available from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m

VI. Girls Coaching Director (Mary Hunt)

No issues. Everything has been handed into Terri. Mary Hunt needs to be added to Coach and Manager contact list. Mary and Matt will get updated lists of coaches and managers for the website.

VII. Website (Kelly Rome)

Please report any issues/challenges to Kelly Rome. The Fall 2009 rosters are on the website. When the Spring 2010 rosters are finalized, she will clean up the rosters on the website. Managers should be able to get in and make changes to their team website and should be able to email their team from the website.

VIII. Field Maintenance (Shawn Bendig)

Shawn gave more kudos to Rick Orluk who has helped in securing bleachers at a reduced cost to the Rovers. The Rovers purchased two more full-size portable bleachers and Rick has donated two additional goals.

This time next month, Shawn will give tentative dates for spring field prep. Shawn confirmed that he will shoot for an April 11th date to have the port-o-pots ready. He will touch base with Kay.

The possibility of reducing the frequency of lining the grid and/or reducing the number of lines was discussed. We may reduce the number of lines without impacting training.

David White mentioned that Kay has requested what fields are needed by the Rovers for the fall of 2010. She has approved the fields for Fall 2010. We will be closing one field in the fall to over seed and will provide time for the field to recover. One of the larger fields will be selected.

IX. Referees Report (Pam Hansen)

Pam confirmed that since there is no spring scheduling meeting, the same process as the fall will occur. First games will occur the weekend of 4/17 and 4/18/10 but any games played this weekend must be AWAY. Additionally, the Little League Opening Day parade will be on Saturday, April 24 – NO MORNING games are to be scheduled on this day. Additionally, Sunday, April 25th is the Bantam Lacrosse Jamboree – NO MORNING games on this date. The earliest we can use the park is 1:30 p.m. Okay to schedule 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. games on 4/25.

X. Vice President (Pat O'Donnell)

Pat asked if we can have a coach's meeting before the season starts. He will email Dave.

XI. President (David White)

David thanked everyone and said that we seem to be operating with great momentum.

XII. Old Business

- **Topic:** First aid course Thursday April 8th at 7:00 p.m. and April 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the CT Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, cost is picked up by Rovers. Its only first aid not CPR, you go either the 8th or the 10th not both days. The class lasts approximately 2 – 3 hours. The cost is \$120 for the entire class and can accommodate approximately 18 people. Mandatory for either Head or Asst Coach. Good for all.
- **Topic:** Spring Clinic registration is available on line and ready to go. Dates May 1, 8, 15, 22 & June 5th. UCONN dates May 15th and 22nd. Sign-up on website. Deb Ranicar posted on the digital backpack; linked to PTO website, mentioned at PTO meeting, emailed cubmaster and mentioned at cub scout meeting. Karrie posted in Drummer and sandwich boards are in center.
- **Topic:** Background Checks – discussed earlier – mandatory for any Head Coach, Asst Coach and Manager or anyone who is put alone in charge of players. Go to CJSA website to register.

- **Topic:** Strength of Team – mentioned previously – teams will be numbered 1 – 6. 1= strongest; 6 = weakest.
- **Topic:** Ray Reid Summer Camp – July 12th-16th. David White had flyers and there is a link posted on the Rovers website.

XI. New Business

- **Topic:** Important Dates:
 - April 8th – scheduling letters will be sent to Coaches. Pam will send out an email when we can start scheduling fields.
 - April 17th and 18th – no home games.
 - April 25 – Bantam Lacrosse Jamboree – no games before 2:00 p.m.; earliest to field = 1:30 p.m.
 - Possibility of other Jamborees on March 28, April 24 and May 1 however, David sent out an email after the meeting indicating that he received clarification that these Jamborees are not being held at SBP therefore no impact on Rovers.
 - June 12th – Celebrate Granby Day- SBP closed to all activities on this date – no home games.
 - June 11th and June 13th – main field only closed – okay to have practices on June 11th and games on June 13th.
- **Topic:** Since there is a new parking lot in back of fields 3 & 4, it was questioned as to whether we should have the map and directions on our website updated to include the new parking lot. Shawn will look into who did the map.
- **Topic:** Master Plan (David White) – Where do we want to be in 5 years? David mentioned that he has been looking at our capital expenditure plan. Considerations: Pavilion/snack area; electricity; lights. David will put together a 5 year plan and bring to a meeting so that we can hold a brainstorming session considering what will benefit Rovers players and parents. Unknown is the future of our fields therefore our priorities may change. David will be talking with Bill Smith, Town Mgr., and requesting something in writing pertaining to the future of the Rover's fields.
- **Topic:** March Elections – two open positions: Webmaster and Boy's Director. Before beginning elections, David thanked Matt Wutka for his many years (8 years) of service to the Rovers organization serving in many capacities including Field Coordinator and Boys Director.
 - Webmaster: Kelly Rome was nominated as Webmaster. Her nomination was seconded. Her nomination was favored, none opposed.
 - Boys Director: Becky Sielman was nominated as Boy's Director with the stipulation that if any serious and/or sensitive issue arose this spring with her team, she would ask someone else within the Rover's organization to

handle. Her nomination was seconded. Her nomination was favored,
none opposed.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. The next general meeting will be on April 1st, 2010;
at 7:00 p.m. at the BOE.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Tweeddale for Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler

Approved by: