



## Granby Rovers Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### **Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Granby Rovers Soccer Club was held at 8:00 PM on May 6, 2010 in the Granby Board of Education building. Attendees included:

U9 Boys - Kelly Dimeo  
U10 Boys - Deb Ranicar  
U11 Boys - Jeff Holden  
U12 Boys - David White, Terri Ziemnicki, Kelly Rome  
U13 Boys - Pat O'Donnell  
U14 Boys – None present

U9 Girls - None present  
U10 Girls – Heather Tweeddale  
U11 Girls – None present  
U12 Girls - Erick Holm  
U13 Girls – None present  
U14 Girls - Matt Wutka

Others present: Linda Holden, John Lombardi, Mary Hunt, Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler, Jerry McDonald

### **I. Minutes**

The Board approved the April minutes.

### **II. Treasurer's Report (Linda Holden)**

Major expenditures were line strippers. Spring assessment went out in early April, due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let Linda know if you are going to be late. U9 girls still owe fall fees and she requested that they please pay as soon as possible. U16 and U18 team rosters were submitted, two teams were created, and then several players backed out. A question was asked whether players who committed and then backed out should have to pay since Rovers must pay registration fees per player and the remainder of the team must cover the fixed costs that were intended to be distributed among more players. Is there a policy or commitment letter? If not, we should hold them accountable. David suggested formulating a contract. John Lombardi said the same issue applies to his team and he's

having a difficult time understanding who is coming to games and who is not. U18 boys are also having difficulty fielding enough players for each game according to Matt Wutka and Mary Hunt.

Linda will continue to look for policy. Budget is coming up, and Linda asked if she could send an email instead of having another meeting.

### **III. Registrar's Report (Terri Ziemnicki)**

Good news, teams are all set, we are going and things seem to be going well. Bad news, Terri made a mistake and none of the teams were registered for the State Cup. Terry apologized profusely. For some unknown reason, the U13 girls did get into the cup, but with last fall's roster.

It is no longer the Registrar's responsibility but coach's responsibility going to register teams going forward.

If anyone needs passwords, user names, etc., Terri has them and you should ask her if you need them.

David mentioned that 134 teams were not registered due to CJSA mishaps.

### **IV. Coaching Director's Report (Dave Emery)**

Absent. Nothing presented to David to present.

### **V. Boys Coaching Director (Becky Seilman)**

Absent. Nothing presented to David to present.

Pat O'Donnell is having difficulty getting enough players. Each game has less and less players. We need to assess and see what's happening for next season.

David commented that his first practice he had only had 6 kids.

Pat calls parents, but parents don't return calls or commit.

David found that he is able to pull enough because he has enough players on his team. He is able to field teams on weekends as a result. Heavy numbers in fall are good because you will need the numbers come spring if you have enough for one team.

Kelly Rome mentioned that most players commented that spring sports such as baseball and lacrosse are priority and this could be a contributing factor to lack of numbers in spring.

Jeff Holden mentioned that you have to do what it takes to get through spring, perhaps cutting to one practice etc.

Terri mentioned that if you want to do spring soccer perhaps you combine teams where you are hurting for players. During fall, you expect them to be at soccer but in spring you have to respect lacrosse and softball.

Jerry McDonald commented that he would just be happy if parents communicated if kids can play or not.

A question was asked if we can charge a static fee at time of registration. It was voted that we will discuss what that fee should be.

Linda will draw up something for non-refundable fees and present at next months meeting.

Assessment fees paid upfront when registering and then collect team fees when it's decided how many referees are needed, how many games and how many players are playing.

#### **VI. Girls Coaching Director (Mary Hunt)**

Mary commented that the waiver that parents need to sign is being refused by one player's parent and they will not sign. If parent will not sign, the parent must be at every practice and every game or the child DOES NOT play.

#### **VII. Website (Kelly Rome)**

If anyone has any questions, let Kelly know. 39 kids are registered so far for spring. Two email addresses can be added for email notifications. Just put a semi-colon between the two.

David commented that Kelly has done a wonderful job on the website. He asked Kelly to think about a back-up Webmaster. Perhaps mentoring someone if and when Kelly decides to leave the Rovers.

#### **VIII. Field Maintenance (Shawn Bendig)**

Absent. David mentioned the email that was sent out regarding the "dog issue".

A windstorm blew a Port-a-Pottie and two goals over. Just ensure that when playing in practice fields the goals have weights on them. Fields are in great shape.

#### **IX. Referees Report (Pam Hansen)**

Absent

#### **X. Vice President (Pat O'Donnell)**

Background checks, haven't heard anymore. CJSA has not called. The list is still showing discrepancies according to CJSA.

Online fall registration ends May 27<sup>th</sup>

Ray Reid camp also has links on Rovers website

Spring season, important dates, celebrate Granby June 12<sup>th</sup>. SBP will be closed on June 12<sup>th</sup> and the main field will be closed on June 11 and June 13 for setup.

#### **XI. Old Business**

- **Spring Clinic:** ~47 kids registered for clinic, down from previous years. We are good on coaches supporting the clinic for the coming weeks. Jeff has heard from about ½ of the coaches that attended Mohegan Sun session this year. The club requested that Mohegan Sun attendees return the favor by helping with the Spring Clinic.

#### **XI. New Business**

- **Topic:** Linda Holden suggested a commitment letter between parents, coaches and players in order to minimize the occurrence of registrant's backing out and leaving the remainder of the team to cover their costs. Linda will throw something together and present at the next Board Meeting. It was also suggested that the club consider a registration fee that would only be refunded if a player does not make the team following assessments, and that would apply toward the seasonal team fees.
- **Topic:** Jeff suggested re-evaluation of bylaws as a future topic for consideration. The current bylaws call for an Executive Committee, which currently doesn't exist. There are some things in the bylaws that aren't done the way it's stated. It should be changed to how we are doing things or we should change to what the current bylaws should be.

**A separate meeting with the Board needs to be added to discuss bylaws. The Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to the 8:00 full meeting.**

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next general meeting will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010; 8:00 p.m. at B.O.E. Building.

Minutes submitted by: Karrie MacDonald-Shtekler

Approved by: