

Field Hockey Federation, Inc.

Minutes for March 8, 2011

Meeting called to Order: 7:10 pm, Tuesday

Meeting Room: Fountain Hall #214

Attendance: Dave Jackson, President; Mike Whitehead, Vice President; Randy Sundeen, Director of Competitions; Joan Cicchi, Treasurer; George Jordan Director of Facilities; Tom Harris, Director of Volunteers; Chris Januszewski, Ventura Commissioner; Bob Fleming, Conejo Bulldogs Commissioner; Coralee Van Marken and Janice Mohr, Youth Divisions; Rick Warren, Director of Marketing

Accept January 2011 minutes: Tom Harris made the motion; Chris Januszewski second, vote was unanimous.

Treasurer Report, Joan Cicchi: Interest rates are way down but we have more money in bank. Field rental fees are up, primarily because the college is renting from us during the Fall and the Spring Fees are up. Five teams paid team fees through credit card and FHF loses money on that process.

B of A savings is at \$30K. 9 month CD is making .335% and the Citibank savings is making .3%. Joan would like to make a motion we can get 2 ¼% on 5 year CD. 100K to B of A CD and 40K move to Citibank, 80K to Citibank for 5 year CD. 42K 9 month CD, when it rolls over, would like to switch to Interest Maximizing Account.

Joan would like to make a motion that we open 5 year CD at B of A for \$100k @ 2.25% with signatures of Joan and Dave Jackson. Will table until Dave Jackson and or Joan checks out credit unions.

Outstanding team fees are all D1 teams except Pelicanos and Mulligans, Cougarettes and Bulldogs in Division 3 and Women's.

Bathroom fund: \$38903.

Compliment Dave Jackson and Joan Cicchi for moving the bathroom foundation. More donations than complaints and a Huge thank you to Hollywood FH. Dave will order sweatshirt and/or jacket for the contributors.

Presidents Report, Dave Jackson: Scheduling is a problem. Pelicanos have the practice on Wednesday night. No free "hit around" available on Wednesdays during the season. D1 will have 35 minute halves, 5 minute watering. Would like to have the grass north of the field for warm ups. Captain arm bands must be worn at every match, young and old. Dave will order shirts for all Board members.

Vice President Report, Mike Whitehead: April TBD 2010 FHF party. FHF to purchase sandwiches and each club to provide drinks and side dishes. \$1000 budget.

There is also a grant available for FHF clubs to receive equipment from USFHA. They will need to write the grant and information was passed on to Dave Jackson to see if we could actually get some goalie gear for the FHF to keep in the office at the field.

Director of Volunteers, Tom Harris: Need to sell signs for advertisement for businesses at the field. Joan needs contracts to invoice the existing signs. We need to get all sponsors, and links to the sponsors websites on FHF site. Can charge \$50 for each link. Sell 100 and it is an easy way to get \$5000. One sheet contract \$500 per sign and \$250 for each subsequent year. Rick Warren to take over this project. Would like to have a one day tournament on Martin Luther King Day in 2012. Building on restrooms is going well even with the rain. Mike Barminski was Feb volunteer of the month. Volunteer fee worked very well and maybe we should implement an annual fee and offer a volunteer day. Email from Nick Conway regarding National Teams using our field. There should be someone from the Board at the field and the \$125/hr. Maybe because of our commitment we should reduce USA to \$75 but all other National teams should pay full rate. We need to be hospitable and provide pizza or dinner. Dave will talk to Steve Locke and find out what would be honorable.

Commissioner's report:

Bulldogs: 5 youth teams and coaching every Tuesday

Everything is running very well, combined roadrunners and bulldog under 15 boys

Roadrunners: Snack shack is not making any money. Youth is running well and Umpires are working and Chris is asking for feedback.

Moorpark Coyotes: All youth teams are full and we have the biggest enrollment in a long time.

Director of facilities, George Jordan: Field marking, looking at different paint. Need to get trees trimmed and is looking for names. Need to contact JW to get rid of bathrooms, \$25 each to take to the dump. Water sink need to get rid of. Dave will call arborist and get another estimate. Goal by patio needs to be welded. Get price from Spencer Reed to aluminum weld together. Seams in turf coming apart, right through the middle of circle. Easter week would be a good week for repair. Rob can send out mass email with field closure time/date.

Systems Director, Rob Joubert:

Rob Joubert report:

FHF Systems Director Report

League Athletics:

What worked:

- Registration seemed to go very smooth except for the demand that the phone numbers be pure numeric
- Rain announcements were well received by most members
- The information on the waiver and medical details are legible (don't have to decipher handwriting)
- All information is available for next year's registration so that should be even easier

What did not work:

- Getting the refunds and volunteer discounts – this will be much improved next time
- Getting the players registered and assigned to teams – move that function to the team managers
- System generated email – getting a number of complaints that there was too much email traffic

Changes for next year:

- Get the teams to have a separate ID name for team registrations (do not use personal names to register a team)
- League rules must be done and available at least eight weeks before league starts so that the info can be sent to the team managers
- Review the wording on the liability waiver to make sure that the insurance company's requirements are fully adhered to.

Miscellaneous:

- Need a new Webmaster to replace Stephanie. Possible volunteer by the name of Dawn Doyle (Roadrunner mother)
- A link to CalCup's web page from the FHF home page has been added – does it need to be bigger / more noticeable?
- A method to monitor unregistered players on game days need to be implemented.
- A form for those parents / members that do not have computer access or knowledge has been created.

Rick Warren will look at the insurance waiver to make sure all requirements are met. Rob would like to have a printer at the field. Game cards will be printed in the fall. Need to have computer and internet access \$30 per month.

Director of Competitions, Randy Sundeen:

- Division 1 is set and there is 4 teams.
- Suggested a set of goalie gear, goalie clinic, shortage of goalies.
- We need to purchase pennies, Randy made a motion to purchase 15 pennies, orange, \$50 total.
- Tom Harris second motion.
- Jeb and Lauren will run goalie clinic.
- All gates should be open during hours of games and all possessions should be taken care of. No one should be crossing the field during the game, and people should walk around the outside. No more practicing on the field during game time. All warm-up exercises and "hit arounds" should be done on the grass area North of the field. Rob should send out "mass" email to all managers.
- All coaches should have a copy of each waiver and release form.
- Coaching clinic with Nick Conway, not going to happen.

Past President, Jackie Scally: Nothing to report

New Business: Will start with 7-8 elementary schools, and Ben asked for several things that are being looked over by USA attorneys. We will meet and take a vote regarding his employment.

Joan is looking for contact information for 4U field hockey. Rob at 4U had indicated that we were due a commission check?

Meeting Adjourned: 9:24 pm

Next meeting: April 5th, 7:00 at Moorpark College

Minutes Prepared by: Patti Niccum, Secretary for Field Hockey Federation