

Annual Meeting for Field Hockey Federation

August 20, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: 12:02 pm

Attendance:

Board Members: Dave Jackson, President; Mike Whitehead, Vice President; Joan Cicchi, Treasurer; Patti Niccum, Secretary; Rob Joubert, Systems Director; Coralie Van Marken, Youth Divisions; Rick Warren, Marketing; Jackie Scally, Past President, Mark Stone, Facilities

Commissioners and Visitors:

Eric Creznic, Hollywood

Chris Januszcwski, Roadrunners

Bob Fleming, Bulldogs

Patti Niccum, Moorpark

Randy Sundeen, Wizards

Susan Spence, Jane McGuigan, George McGuigan, Momin Quddus, Deanna Cobb, Tiffany Cobb

MSP: Joan motioned that Minutes be approved from the last meeting. Randy Seconded. Vote unanimous.

Unfinished business: none

Treasurer Report: Joan Cicchi, Treasurer: attached report

. Toilet Fund: Raised \$49,363

\$37,418 from Private, Corporate, and Club Donations

\$11,945 from the FHF Facility Fee

Spent \$48,912

Current Fund Balance is \$451

. LA84 Grant

FHF Received a \$10,000 Grant to Introduce Field Hockey to Elementary and Middle School Youth

\$6,873 Was Spent on the Middle School Program

Remainder Will Be Split Equally Between Member Clubs Running a Program in Their Local Public Elementary School

. FHF Income

Main sources of income were:

1. Corporate & Private Donations of \$4,545 (all dedication to Club Youth Programs)

2. Field Rental Income of \$18,798

3. Membership Income of \$11,010

4. League Fees of \$54,000

. FHF Expenses

Major Expenses were:

1. Business (Includes Insurance, Taxes, Credit Card Fees, CPA...) - \$7,792

2. FHF Technical Director - \$3,750

3. Facilities (Includes Utilities, Maintenance, & Improvements) - \$20,426
Improvements for this year were Defibrillator Purchase, Painting, Tree Trimming, and Sod Repair
4. Operations - \$20,573

. FHF Net Income

Estimate Net Income for 2010-2011 to be \$28,000 (Needed to Rebuild Reserve Fund)

. California Cup Income

Billie Ahluwalia Estimates Net Income for the 2011 Cal Cup to be \$45,000

. 2011-2012 Budget

1. Present 2011-2012 Proposed Budgets

Increase in Interest Income (First California Bank CD)

There is No Recommended Increase in the FHF Membership Fees

Recommended Increase in Fall & Spring League Fees

No Change in Expected Cal Cup Income

Changes in Expenses Include Increases in Advertising, Awards, Volunteers, Youth Programs

Addition of Technical Director Position

MSP: To Set Fall 2011 League Fees at \$800 for Adult Divisions and \$600 for Junior Divisions. Chris J. Second the Motion and vote was unanimous.

MSP: To Set Spring 2012 League Fees at \$1,250 for Adult Divisions, \$1,050 for Full Field Junior Divisions, and \$750 for 7-a-Side Divisions. Mark S. seconded and vote was unanimous.

MSP: FHF Will Match Member Club Advertising Expenditures up to \$200 per Club. Randy S. seconded and vote was unanimous.

MSP: To Approve 2011-2012 Budget. Rob J. Second the Motion and the vote was unanimous.

Dave Jackson, President: Fantastic year, new restrooms, New Technical Director (Ben Maraquin), all youth divisions are going in the right direction. We have developed a New and stable relationship with USA FH. We have the best committee in place and have achieved more than in previous years. Thank you to all.

Mike Whitehead, Vice President; Busy year. Great new committee and have always had a quorum. Mike has been busy with the Men's Jr. National team. There is also a general Awareness of accredited coaching. Level 2 course will be held in November. Looking for 15 level two coaches to be presented to Mike W., Ben M. and Dave J. for approval. Social Activities have gone amazingly well , Stephanie Grabow, "Congratulations and a big Thank you" for stepping up for all events. Worked with Joan to Increase budget for spending for recognition events (done). Rick Warren, Thank you and you have done a great job. Would like to work on cap stones, signs, and website advertising in the coming year. Construction director, Dave Harris has done well and tackles each task. Mike would like to have a coach's forum to meet with Ben Maraquin, Maybe Dec, Jan and hopefully each 6 week period. The forums will address all avenues and levels of play. No motions presented.

Technical Director, Ben Maraquin: OUT OF TOWN

Commissioner Reports:

Bulldogs Commissioner, Bob Fleming: Active year

80 active members, 30 adults 50 youth Spring had 7 teams 5 youth and 2 adults

Active parents: Deanna Cobb and Susan Spence are working with the girl's side of everything. Binh Hoang is working with the girls. Mike LaSala, U9 coach, Trent Warren and Megan Cicchi for Under 12. Some new players and not much recruiting. Active Cal Cup teams and first time in memory Bulldogs has D2 team. Fall is hoping for D1 team for Bulldogs.

Moorpark Representative, Patti Niccum: Full board of Directors including a new commissioner, Phil Schofield

Approx. 100 active members, we have done recruiting and several new players coming in from all different avenues. Our Under 12 and Under 15 boy's teams have several kids from the Middle School Program and the U15/U17 girls are having an influx from Chaminade and St. Mel's middle School's. Our Under 9 team is actually getting the younger siblings of the older players. We still have 5 youth divisions and 3 adult teams, 1-D2 and 2-D3

Randy Sundeen, Wizards: 2 youth teams for spring, U12 and U15 boys. The Wizards won Cal Cup division. Simi Valley is an untapped venue!! Need to actively recruit in different schools i.e. Catherine elementary, WoodRanch elementary. Would it be beneficial to Wizards to hire a National Team Player to head up the coaching? The problem would be the financial aspects of the hire. Currently have approximately 30 youth. Jatinder was given a package for the club with bylaws and charters. Need to open a checking acct. with the applied for FEIN.

Erin Creznic, Hollywood: Two Senior players left for college (Michigan State and Davis). For the fall, girl's teams, Erin is hopeful that her 7th graders will form a team. Approximately 30 girls are in the club program. Hollywood Under 19 Women's team took 3rd place in Disney showcase in February 2011.

Chris Januszcwski, Roadrunners: The Roadrunners have several youth teams. There is a big gap in Ventura in the adult league. The major Focus of the club has been the development of youth umpires and they have done very well. Pelicanos was taken under the wing of Roadrunners.

Mark Stone, Facilities:

1. Do we need gardener every week? May twice a month. Too much money is spent on gardener (\$100/week). It is a Jungle under bleachers. Mark and the Gardener will need to help moving them for mowing. Cover for chairs and "Goat" not looking good because they are sitting in the sun. BBQ maybe moved over to the brick patio near the Bathroom area. The Shed is half raised and being worked on. In Players area, on the far side of field, water dumps onto ground and drainage needs to be assessed. Urinal in men's bathroom has been fixed. Will tree trim the cypress trees on the West side so that the balls may be retrieved when mishit. Repaint "D's" on the field, blue paint is still visible and not starting from scratch. Canon repair is being assessed. September 7th would be a possible date for painting.

Director of Competitions, Randy Sundeen:

Safety: Purchased the Defibrillator, 1st aid kits need to be replenished (Beverly Kornder to replace).

Coaching: Goalie clinic very successful. There is always an Issue with getting four Div 1 teams. It happened in the Spring and turned out to be a fun season. Need to discuss the issue of uniform consistency and players on more than one team. Discussion ensued and the Rules committee will address the issue.

This year we formulated the registration process and all teams must be done and registered by 8/28.

Fall League starts 9/11/11 and Spring 1/28/12 and cut off for registration for Spring 1/14/12.

Discussed Patio cover, lighting, National teams are utilizing our field more and more. Needs to be put into our 5 year plan.

Managers meeting: Next Sunday, meet at the field, 1:00

Bring payment to the field at the meeting, Sunday 28th

Randy would like to step down as Director of Competitions and would like to concentrate more on the Wizards and building the club. Thank you.

Systems Director, Robert Joubert:

1. In September 2010, the League Athletics sport club system was implemented. The design and setup was done, tested and in place for the 2011 calendar year and was used for the member registration & signup
2. There were a few issues – telephone number HAD to be numeric only – but in general the sign-ups went very well and made the Treasurer’s life a lot easier than it was in previous years. The L/A scheduler had quite a number of bugs in it so for 2011 Fall we will be creating the schedule the old way – manually.
3. Apart from the schedule issues, the system worked well and the results and division standings were readily available for everyone to see.
4. A Coaches page with information supplied by Ben Maraquin was created and is actively maintained so that the FHF Coaches have a reference site for practice ideas etc.
5. The main work in the system setup was done by Stephanie Schmidt who very unfortunately had to move to Texas when her husband was transferred – we were very sorry to see her go. We have missed her but as Tom Harris has taken on the job of Fall League game scheduler AND the team manager / representative will be tasked with creating and maintaining the team rosters, everything should go well.

2011 Fall:

1. Team registration process has been setup – the various divisions have to be finalized and then team registrations can begin.
2. The Team Roster process has been setup and tested (thanks to Brendan Cicchi and Adrian Camp for their input and patience)
3. We have installed a computer and a printer in the Snack shack where the game cards (driven by data downloaded from the team rosters that will be maintained by the team rep / manager / ?) will be printed for each game.

Thanks: I would like to thank everyone for their support of the system and the continuous stream of news and informational items that is sent to me. Finally, I would like to thank Stephanie Schmidt, Ben Maraquin, Phil Cunningham and Joan Cicchi for their help in setting up and maintaining the web site this past year!

Director of Volunteers, Tom Harris: OUT OF TOWN Dave Jackson spoke on his behalf and “would like to thank all the volunteers over the year”.

Rick Warren, Director of Marketing: This year received a lot of great press and more exposure. Small articles in Star and Acorn. Need to get in the paper for Final games and such for each Season. More advertising for sign-ups. Need new images of the signs that are on the field fences so that we can put on web page. Pdf files should be sent and Dave Jackson will get information. Few problems with the advertising signs. We have one with no contract and poor quality of sign. Protocol must be followed.

Past President, Jackie Scally:

Women’s division

In the Spring we had 4 teams and it worked out very well. We are currently looking for four teams in the Fall season. We might need to bend rules again to make it feasible for Fall. Adults playing in more than one division at a time.

Annual Election Slate:

President: Dave Jackson

Vice President: Mike Whitehead

Treasurer: Joan Cicchi

Secretary: Patti Niccum

Facilities: Mark Stone appointed in July, but needs to be elected

Past President: Jackie Scally

Systems Director: Rob Joubert

Director of Volunteers: Tom Harris

Director of Marketing: Rick Warren

Director of Competitions: Rick Warren (previously Randy Sundeen)

All candidates were voted on and were elected for another term unanimously.

New Business:

Rules: Shin Guards for All players, regardless of age. Mouth guards are recommended for adults and mandatory for youth –18 or younger

Uniforms: All players must be uniformly dressed. Disciplinary Committee will be made up of the Past President and 3 designated appointees. Referees actually present report to the Disciplinary Committee. Red Card report must be located at the field and must go to Jackie. Goal Keepers may play in multiple divisions but not different teams within the same division.

Email motion for accepting rules for Fall 2011 will be established.

Prepare a turf repair time line. We must start the project in December 2011. Tear up strip turf and will take approx. 3 weeks. We may be able to replace the field earlier because of unexpected income from the National Team's usage. The turf is being used much more and will wear out much sooner. Dave will confirm repair dates

Level 2 Coaching clinic: November 5 and 6, Canadian game weekend. This will be a discounted rate for those from FHF approved list; 2 day course. All attendee must be recommended by commissioner. Dave, Mike and Ben will approve the scholarship.

Hockey for Hooters! Scheduled for Sept 3rd. For all ages, groups; Free to come with suggested \$5 to participate. 12:30 start time. Do Not register teams; they will divide up as we go.

Momin Quddus, visitor; Mr. Quddus recognized that the "New player" registration is very difficult when they are not affiliated with any one club. It is not clear when people go onto the website which club they should go to. All new registrant's are not sure whether they will get put on a team or if a coach from any club will call. Rob can put something on the website for "New Players", linked to geographically based divisions. Rob will email and will have the Commissioner for each club respond with their cities.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2011, 7:00 pm, at Moorpark College

Meeting Adjourned: 2:50

Minutes prepared by Patti Niccum, Secretary