

**Field Hockey Federation
Monthly Meeting
February 7, 2012**

Location: Moorpark College, Fountain Hall Rm #115

Meeting Called to Order: 7:09 pm

Sign in sheet passed around, and Introductions

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes from January 3, 2012: Tom made the motion to approve and Joan second the motion, and the vote unanimous.

Joan Cicchi, Treasurer Report: All Teams registered before the beginning of the season. Financials passed out. Back ground checks are being processed and invoiced.

Dave Jackson, President Report:

Field repair status: Test of field being done 2/8 and should have the repairs done by Friday. South-side of field and will be able to play on Saturday.

Cal Cup: U16/U19 club cup championship qualifier has been confirmed. Information will become available on the Cal Cup website for the additional Division, President's.

Mike Whitehead, Vice President Report:

Stephanie Grabow and Mike Whitehead have talking about the possibility of having a 6-a- side tournament and it could be a fundraiser for clubs in August. Availability of turf would work best in the summer.

Futures is going great and almost too many girls but it will work

Commissioners:

Meghan Cicchi, Bulldog: Team registrations are going strong except U17 girls.

Phil Schofield, Moorpark: 99 youth registered and tournament went great.

Chris Zooski, Ventura: U14 Girls pulled out and gave girls to Moorpark.

Momin Quiddus, Camarillo; U14 boy's team, working hard with recruitments process; having trouble with current Soccer players already being committed to teams. By the time the tournament comes around, the players are already committed to other sports.

Randy Sundeen, Wizards; absent

Mark Stone, director of Facilities Report: Mark and Dave will be at the field for repair time. New nets to be taken out of the shed and will put new wheels. Some goals need to be welded. Blue paint will be available for D's. They were painted for the middle school tournament and should be okay for the start

of the season. Turf repair should not be an issue with the paint. Will go through the shed and let everyone know when he needs help. Will put up sign and conceal the bathrooms so that the soccer players won't use.

Rick Warren, Director of Competitions Report: Managers meeting went well and brought up several issues. This meeting also clarified the age limits and requirements for U17 girls. Everything is moving very smoothly and less trouble. Looking good for the new season and need to try and recruit more from the tournament. New players are being disseminated to the appropriate club.

Rob Joubert, Systems Director: Online registration, so far to date, 380 people are registered. Need to have all coaches and managers must register separately.

Schedule went out and was published.

Documents added to the website per Patti's request (By Laws, and Constitution).

Managers and Coaches are asking for waivers for children. This is for certain players that have special circumstances and need to play in lower age divisions.

The names and jersey no. are published on the web page.

Some of the players and coaches are complaining about the amount of emails and texts that they are receiving. Solution: Opt out of the email and text notifications

Rob is resigning way too quickly! Received a new job and we wish you well. Hoping Robert Stevens will take over.

We need to have all the rosters completed as soon as possible because Joan needs to have numbers of players turned in to the insurance company.

Tom Harris, Director of Volunteers Report:

The Cal Cup Committee is looking for Secretary for Cal Cup committee.

Tom is looking for better shirts or something different to give out. The same people keep getting the awards 7 people are doing most of the work. Joan Cicchi won the Volunteer of the Month.

We have a list of duties on line for people to sign up.

Tom will get the information from the college on exactly what the responsibilities of the college are for maintaining our facility. Ben will help. College representative is very easy to work with

Kevin Allison, Director of Marketing Report: 9 of 14 responses and only one is a possibility. Fee structures, with policies and governance were drawn up as a template and he would like some help with finalizing. Kevin feels that we should disclose all the fees that are used for the federation. Capstones, billboards, registration, etc...There are still come combined fees that are between Cal Cup sponsorship and advertising. Outside vendors and what the cost/price should be to sell at our facility.

Ben Maraquin, Technical Director: Middle school tournament was fabulous. It worked great and Rob, Coralie, and Janice ran the updated schedule on an hourly basis. The umpires and snack bar were run with precision. All Commissioners met with people from schools and orchestrated the communication. Over 500 kids attended. Moorpark received a lot of kids and will have an excel spreadsheet with the incoming registrations.

High performance issues and upcoming events: sign-ups for Ventura County Red Devils. Under 16 and Under 13 boys will be starting Feb. 18th. \$250 15 sessions, USAFH membership (?), shorts, shirt, penny, and the opportunity to play in Northern Calif. Identifying talent with the Men's coaches.

Unfinished Business:

Lighting: Awaiting information from college regarding the lights for the football field. We will backdoor on the public meeting.

Joan: 8th of a point jump and not enough to move the money that we had discussed last month. Just left the money where it was. GMAC is now Allied Bank and offers some decent rates and better than Dave made motion that Joan has the discretion for the movement of \$60K 1 year CD, existing money, into the Bank with the best rates. Mike second, Vote unanimous.

New Business:

Division 1 to be Gender specific.

Meghan Cicchi to take the floor. The women's division is not a strong enough division to be listed as D1. It cannot replace the higher performance play that can be achieved. Jackie feels that the Women's division needs it's time to grow and the only way to accomplish this is to keep the higher level players in this division. Chele Berry feels that the way the backdoor decisions are made in Division levels are "sketchy". She wants a place for her daughter to train, she only gets two elite sessions and that is not enough for her.

Dave opened up the discussion with the amount of opportunities available to both sexes. Women's opportunities are unlimited in the amount of tournaments and college level play as well as Futures and USAFH. The men have nothing. There is no other place in the USA to play high level Men's hockey. FHF has tried to provide a forum for all level of players by opening up different divisions. It is only a couple of players that it affects.

Joan disagrees and believes that we, the FHF, are supportive of ALL hockey players. We are not USA affiliated and are locally supportive.

Ben has a power point presentation and has not only ideas and remedies but reasons behind it and solutions for the long-term. We are the only club based association that would have a D1 environment. Ben proposes that the women can practice with the D1 but not compete.

Rob to make a proposal to vote: No women can play in D1 men's, exceptions to this may be approved by Competitions Committee.

Vote count 7:1 with Dave abstaining.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2012, Fountain Hall Rm #115

**Meeting Adjourned: Tom made motion to adjourn meeting, Joan second, vote unanimous.
9:34**

Minutes Prepared by: Patti Niccum, Secretary