

Minutes of the LVOTSL Meeting

Jefferson's Democratic Club

August 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

The meeting agenda is included as Attachment 1.

Team Attendance

Present (11): Deep Run #1, Deep Run #2, MRK hostwindow, PAC, Jeff's Demos, Jeff's Gold, Parkland, Seniors, Cementeros, Phoenix, Kickers
Absent (4): ASC, Kenbro, FC Kopernic, Strikers
Guest (1): Island United

Previous Meeting Minutes (Tim Gilman)

1. Tim read the minutes of the previous meeting without attachments.
2. **A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with no abstentions.**

President's Report (Tim Gilman)

1. The upcoming 2008/2009 season will be the 21st year for the LVOTSL.

Vice-President's Report (Jim Bus)

1. Scheduling for the Fall 2008 is in progress. Jim reviewed his list of home fields with those present; remaining teams need to confirm home fields with Jim ASAP.
 - a. Two teams confirmed new home fields for the fall
 - i. Jeff's Gold (Palmer Township – Village of Mill Race Park)
 - ii. Jeff's Demos (Hellertown).
2. Teams should also verify information listed on the website for accuracy.

Games Commissioner's Report (Paul Feher)

1. Paul was absent; no report was issued.

Treasurer's Report (Fred Farbod)

1. Fred reported the balances of the LVOTSL savings and checking accounts. He also reported details of outstanding team fines and forfeit fees from the Spring 2008. A copy of the treasurer's report is included as Attachment 2.
2. League fees for the 2008/2009 season were increased to \$100 and must be paid by the next meeting (10/20/08).

Website Manager (Fred Farbod)

1. 2007/2008 Final Rank and end of regular season standings have been updated on the website. Fred's report is included as Attachment 3.
2. Fred reviewed the practice of listing cards (yellow/red) in the "Game Results" section of the webpage.
 - a. Mouse over the card symbol on the page to reveal player names and card information.
3. All league forms (player registration, team roster template) are available in the "League Forms" section of the webpage.

4. Referee Game Reports with a summary of cards issued can be entered at the website. Fred will forward all red card information to Games Commissioner for review/penalty determination. Keep in mind penalties associated with cards include:
 - a. A "Hard" red card carries a minimum of a 2 game suspension.
 - b. A "Soft" red card (2 yellows in a game) carries a 1 game suspension.
 - c. Excessive team card accumulation carries team standings points deduction
 - i. 10 Yellow Cards = -1 pt, each additional 5 cards = -1 pt.
 - ii. 3 Red Cards = -3 pts, each additional card = -1 pt.
5. Referee game reporting has improved with typically half of the referees use the website report tool.
6. Team score reporting has also improved well with nearly 100% participation and approximately 80% on-time compliance.
7. Over-40 results for the Spring 2008 season have been received and will be updated this week.

Registrar's Report (Chip Buck)

1. Chip was absent. Tim Gilman provided the report
2. The league will continue with the existing registration process using Alfredo's contact information until Chip's information (i.e. email/fax) is available later this month.
3. Remember, team managers must bring preprinted roster forms to each game. On this roster form, player names must be "typed in" for clarity. At the game, players will sign the roster form to confirm participation. Failure to comply with this requirement at games will result in a forfeit.

Referee Assignor's Report (Humdija Todorovac)

1. Hum summarized implementation of a 3-man referee system.
 - a. Cost would be \$144/game (\$60/\$42/\$42)
 - b. There is a sufficient pool of referees most weekends. In the fall, the league would be competing with some high school and college games for referees.
 - c. Hum recommended considering a trial of the 3-man system for some league games before full implementation.
2. Following up on an old question, Hum shared the fee for USSF affiliation would be approximately \$500 - \$600/team.
3. FC Kopernic owes referee fees for the forfeit on 6/7/08.

Over-40 League Report (Tim Gilman)

1. The league will start play on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.
2. Bob Wirtshafter is coordinating the schedule.

Old Business

1. 2007/2008 Season Final Standings
 - a. PAC was recognized as league champion, following two victories in the top tier playoff games. MRK hostwindows is league runner-up.
 - b. Trophy presentations will occur at the next meeting (10/20/08).
2. Discussion of 3-man referee system
 - a. The 3-man system would increase game fees. Hum provided a recommended 3-man fee structure (\$144/game, \$60/\$42/\$42) which would be split \$72/team/game.
 - b. There is general opinion that implementation of a 3-man system is technically feasible, but that the local referee pool isn't large enough to cover all league games.
 - c. Additional comments/suggestions from the body:
 - i. Most teams are happy with the 2-man system.

- ii. The league is currently referee constrained (i.e. we still have some 1-man games), especially in the fall.
 - iii. Young referees (< 21 years old) in side-line roles could be an issue for the league.
 - iv. Perhaps the 3-man system could be an option for teams or trialed at top tier playoff games next spring.
 - d. **A motion was made by Jim Bus to keep the current 2-man referee system. It was seconded and approved 10-0 with one abstention.**
3. Discussion of Liability Insurance for the league
- a. Tim summarized the historical need for liability insurance associated with teams playing in the City of Bethlehem, and noted that more land owners are starting to require insurance to use fields.
 - i. Deep Run and Air Products fields will require liability coverage for all teams using their facilities this fall.
 - ii. To insure liability protection at league games, it was recommended that all teams be required to participate and that the league administer the policy.
 - b. Currently a \$1 million liability insurance policy costs \$65/team/year.
 - c. **A motion was made by Jim Bus to require all teams to participate in liability insurance and pay team premiums to the league, currently at \$65/team/year. It was seconded and approved by unanimously with no abstentions.**
 - d. Teams should email field owner names and address information to Tim ASAP for inclusion as “additionally insured” parties.

New Business

- 1. Confirmation of teams for the 2008/2009 season
 - a. The Strikers have not confirmed whether they will field a team.
 - b. The executive committee will attempt to contact the team manager this week to resolve the issue.
- 2. Disciplinary/Probationary Issues for Teams
 - a. The executive committee met prior to the meeting to discuss performance issues of FC Kopernic this past year.
 - i. The team forfeited four games and missed 2 meetings during the period.
 - ii. Additionally, team management has been extremely difficult to contact.
 - b. The executive committee recommends that FC Kopernic be removed from the league for these performance issues.
 - c. **A motion was made to remove FC Kopernic from the LVOTSL due to performance issues (i.e. excessive game forfeits) during the past season and failure to adequately participate in league functions. It was seconded and passed unanimously with no abstentions.**
 - d. Hum indicated he is still owed 2 referee fees associated with FC Kopernic forfeits. Fred will issue a check from the LVOTSL at the conclusion of this meeting for \$120 to resolve these outstanding fees.
- 3. New Team Applicant(s)
 - a. Tim introduced representatives from a new team, Island United, which has applied to join the LVOTSL.
 - i. Team manager: Godwin Barley
 - ii. Additional players/representatives at the meeting: Mike and Dale
 - iii. Barley made a short presentation describing the team, membership and their objectives.

1. Island United has a confirmed roster of 16 members, has secured funding to cover the league bond (\$250) and will play with a light green/black jersey.
 2. They don't have a home field selected yet, but are actively looking at several locations.
- b. A motion was made to accept Island United as a provisional member of the league for the 2008/2009 season. It was seconded and passed unanimously with no abstentions.**
- i. Island United must pay the league bond at the conclusion of the meeting.
 - ii. Island United must also secure a home field by the end of this week. It was suggested that team management contact Lehigh County Fields. The league will schedule four home games for the team this fall.
4. Schedule for the Fall/1st Half
- a. The Fall 2008 season will start on 9/6/08 with 14 or 15 teams, pending confirmation from Strikers.
 - b. Specific scheduling requests (i.e. Columbus Day conflicts) should be directed to Jim Bus ASAP.

The next meeting will be held on 10/20/08, location and time TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hare
(LV Kickers)

LVOTSL MEETING

August 18, 2008 Jeffs Club

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary/Minutes - Richard Chambers
President – Tim Gilman
VP – Jim Bus
Games Commissioner – Paul Feher
Registrar – Chip Buck
Treasurer – Fred Farbod
Web Site Manager – Fred Farbod
Referee Assignor – Hamdija Todorovac

OLD BUSINESS

- Final Standings/Champion & Runner-up of 2007-08 Season

- Three-man referee system

- Liability Insurance for teams/league

NEW BUSINESS

- Confirmation of teams for 2008-09 Season

- New team applicant(s)

- Disciplinary/Probationary issues of team(s)

- Field(s) usage and availability

- Schedule for Fall/First half

Next Mtg: Oct. 20 Monday 7:30 PM site to be announced
Dues \$100 payable

LVOTSL Meeting
 Aug. 18, 2008
 Treasurer Report - Fred Farbod

BANK BALANCES

Checking Account Transactions:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Balance as of 5/12/2008 | \$1,526.48 |
| PAC Penalty Payment of 5/12/08 | 5.00 |
| New Balance as of 8/18/2008 | \$1,531.48 |

Savings Account Transactions:

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of 5/12/2008 | \$5,523.75 |
| Interest Income | +1.39 |
| Balance as of 8/18/2008 | \$5,525.14 |

Total Savings + Checking \$7,056.62

Detail of Outstanding Fines as of 8/18/2008:

1) Missed meeting fines:

- a) Phoenix \$10.00 (2 meeting - 5/7/2007 & 8/27/2007)
- b) Strikers \$15.00(3 meetings - 5/7/07, 8/27/07 & 5/12/08)
- c) FCK \$10.00 (2 meeting - 10/22/2007 & 5/12/2008)
- d) DR1 \$5.00 (1 meeting - 5/12/2008)
- e) Kenbro \$5.00 (1 meeting - 5/12/2008)

2) Forfeit Fees:

- a) FCK \$75.00 (11/10/2007 vs. ASC)
- b) FCK \$75.00 (05/03/2008 vs. DR1)
- c) FCK \$75.00 (06/07/2008 vs. JD)

Over-30 2007-08 Final Standings

| Rank | Team |
|------|--------------|
| 1 | PAC |
| 2 | MRK Host |
| 3 | Deep Run II |
| 4 | ASC |
| 5 | Jeffs Demos |
| 6 | Kenbro |
| 7 | Deep Run I |
| 8 | Parkland |
| 9 | Phoenix |
| 10 | Kickers |
| 11 | Seniors |
| 12 | Cementereros |
| 13 | FC Kopernik |
| 14 | Jeffs Gold |
| 15 | Strikers |

ATTACHMENT 3

2007-08 Over-30 Standings: End of regular season matches

| Rank | Team | GP | W | T | L | Pt | GD | GF | GA |
|------|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|----|
| 1 | MRK Hostwindow | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 35 | +41 | 59 | 18 |
| 2 | ASC | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 35 | +38 | 50 | 13 |
| 3 | PAC | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 31 | +53 | 63 | 10 |
| 4 | Deep Run 2 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 29 | +14 | 34 | 20 |
| 5 | Jeff's Demos | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 28 | +22 | 39 | 17 |
| 6 | Kenbro | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 24 | +22 | 43 | 21 |
| 7 | Parkland | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 23 | -9 | 33 | 42 |
| 8 | Deep Run 1 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 21 | -8 | 26 | 34 |
| 9 | Cementereros | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 18 | -10 | 27 | 37 |
| 10 | Phoenix | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 17 | +1 | 35 | 34 |
| 11 | Seniors | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 14 | -3 | 32 | 35 |
| 12 | Kickers | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 8 | -12 | 18 | 30 |
| 13 | Jeff's Gold | 14 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 6 | -45 | 15 | 60 |
| 14 | FC Kopernik | 14 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | -51 | 11 | 62 |
| 15 | Strikers | 14 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 2 | -52 | 12 | 64 |

Note:

Ranks are based on points, goal difference, goals scored