

BIFC Board Meeting Minutes
April 10th, 2023, 8:00 pm
Via Zoom

Board Members in attendance: Peter Murchie, Jeff Shepard, Jim Handy, Brett Deits, Liming McMillan, Maya Fletcher, Amii Thompson, Ian McCallum, Phil Avison, Elizabeth Patterson, Ben Dugan

Meeting called to order at 8:04

President's Report:

Peter shared that it was hard to believe that we are in the 3rd month of the calendar year and that he was happy to report that the club is in good health and standing. Peter also discussed *Future Field Use* and provided an update on a potential BISD partnership and a discussion with BI Parks Department about Strawberry Hill.

Vice President's Report:

Jeff noted that it was a really great trip to the UK. He stated that he thinks that this speaks to the strength of our club in that we had players from Sequim, Poulsbo and there was really a lot of camaraderie. This club is a strong organization and it is built on relationships. Maya attended the trip and agreed that it was a great opportunity to meet other players and that they had a lot of fun together, especially playing and attending games.

Secretary Report:

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the March meeting minutes.

Financial Update:

We received an update on the potential project in partnership with donors and the BISD related to year round field use. Liming sent out the March financials in advance for review. Brett provided an overview of accounts receivable, including registrations trending in a positive direction. We are in a really strong financial position. We will be filing our taxes shortly. Peter would like to review the tax filing for this year, and will review last year as well for reference.

Operations Update:

Ian shared that the trip was fabulous and everyone had a wonderful time. Phil shared that we are currently at 336 players, which is very strong for us. We are projecting 30 teams, which is what we projected. We are going to go with 5 boys teams this year for DA which is the first time we have done that. We have strong numbers in lots of age groups for select tryouts. Ian and Phil have been looking at mileage and how many miles our teams do in league comparisons. Phil and Ian are wondering if NPSL can help, especially if our younger teams can play a little closer, if a little bit of restructuring can happen in the fall season. There was discussion about league choice for our high school level players, including which league will be the best fit. A

decision needs to be made ahead of tryouts. The board supports a move back to NPSL away from WPL. We will discuss more specific reasons for this change in our May meeting in order to provide feedback to the WPL.

Peter asked if there were any additional issues that we need to discuss today or put forward for possible topics in May. Seeing none, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.