

Belle Fourche Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

April 3rd, 2024

6:30pm

	9/6/23	10/4/23	11/1/23	12/6/23	1/3/24	2/7/24	3/6/24	4/3/24
Ryan	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Brandon	A	P		A	P	A	A	A
Jucole	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Chelsea	P	P		P -phone	P	A	P	P
Stephanie	P	P		P	P	P	P	P
Bill	P	P		A	P	P	P	P
Lars	-	-		P	P	P	P	P
Sharon							P	P

- I. Call to Order - 6:38pm Introductions were made for our guests: Maria Ellendorf, Meagan Dacar, Adam Woxland, and Troy Jensen.
- II. Amend and Approve Agenda - New Business line item H and I added, line item E moved to AA. Stephanie motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Jucole seconded. MC
- III. Approval of minutes March meeting and November meeting - Stephanie motioned to approve both the November and March minutes as presented, Chelsea seconded. MC
- IV. Approval of Treasurer's Report - Around \$1450 in registration fee checks have not been deposited yet. Outstanding bills - Rec center payment for indoor/tournament, monthly Amazon prime and website fees, \$78.56 Runnings equipment for field. Stephanie motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Lars seconded. MC

Checking	\$24,938.70
Boys Varsity	\$325.46
Girls Varsity	\$339.44
CD - field	\$52,394.46

CD - short term	\$10,024.87
Paypal	\$11,666.32

V. Open Forum

- A. Adam Woxland - Medical kits, AED, and second storage shed? First aid kits will be handed out to coaches tomorrow or Friday at practices. The AED will be set up on the outside of the second storage shed once it is finished being built. Some materials are down at the field to continue working on the second storage shed. Brandon has been really busy. It was mentioned that perhaps a group of people could help finish it later this spring.
- B. Sharon Thompson - Do we need to make more keys for the shed, so that everyone who needs one has one? Discussion held.
- C. Stephanie - Equipment swap report. Several people brought equipment down including ref gear that Stephanie claimed for the refs. There are lots of cleats, shin guards, socks, indoor shoes, etc that are available for those in need. Several families have benefited already from this service.

VI. Old Business/Member Reports

A. Board Member Updates

1. Ryan - President/Field Prep - Tomorrow, Ryan will take care of the assignor email that Stephanie sent out earlier.
2. Lars - Vice President/Coaching Coordinator - Requests the Bake Sale money from the Indoor Tournament be used to purchase ball leashes for U6 and U8. They would be used starting in the Fall season. Lars will look into different brands for durability and the cost of about 5 per team and bring that information to the May meeting.
3. Sharon - Secretary/Concessions
 - a) Secretary - Personal goal is to get the minutes out around a week after the meeting. I would appreciate communication from the Board after the minutes are sent out. Agenda items that need to be added need to be sent out by Sunday before the Board meeting. The format of the minutes and agenda will continue to be in Google Docs; however, they will be emailed out to the Board as well as text messaged out.

- b) Concessions - Who do I talk to about holding concessions for the Varsity games? The city will build a concession stand underneath the crow's nest, but it is on hold due to flooding and ADA compliance. Adam N. would be the contact for the school. Booster club has done pop up concessions behind the crow's nest before. Ryan will check with Stedillie at the city to make sure there are no permits or vendor licenses that need to be issued.
- 4. Jucole - Treasurer/Equipment - Jucole, Lars, and Sharon spent three hours on Saturday organizing the team equipment bags. We will need to purchase more pennies, ball balls, and size 3 and 4 balls. Stephanie motioned to approve up to \$200 purchase for the BFSA allowed by Board members, Lars seconded, MC.
- 5. Stephanie - Ref Coordinator/Scheduler
 - a) Adam, the ref assignor, agreed to take over for this season and will use Spearfish's platform. Spearfish is asking for an additional fee, \$150 plus \$1 per game, to continue using their platform. Previous assignors, Matt and Carrie, recommend BFSA have their own official assignor.
 - b) Ref meeting/training coming up on Friday.
 - c) Middle school fields - As of right now we do not need the use of the middle school fields. All the teams have strategically scheduled practice times, however, if any team need to schedule a different time they will need to contact Stephanie to ensure that the space and time is available. It is possible that in the fall BFSA will need to use the middle school for practice/game space for the U6/U8 so that there is less conflict with the BFHS practice/games. If so Ryan will contact Brooks and fill out the necessary paperwork.
- 6. Chelsea - Registrar
 - a) Sports Affinity continues to not respond to troubleshooting inquiries.
 - b) The insurance through the state is not yet paid, but the state just finalized the upload of registrations, so an invoice should be coming soon.

- c) New registration platform - Our current platform payment runs out in June. Next meeting will review a possible new platform.
- d) Registration Cost - There were a few players that were given a scholarship. There was some confusion as to the cost with the jerseys, and some may not have paid yet. Chelsea will let the coaches know if any of their players still have to pay registration.

7. Brandon -

8. Bill - Field Prep

- a) Painted fields today except the U14 and NU6 field.
- b) Still need a mow schedule from the city.
- c) The NU6 field will be larger than the SU6 field so it can accommodate more U8 players. It will have goalie boxes as well.

B. Spring Soccer

1. Registration

- a) Payments Due - Majority used Paypal this season
- b) Refunds - A few families asked for refunds, mostly due to conflicting schedules less than \$200 worth.

2. Jerseys

- a) Payment - Chelsea and Stephanie chose to not collect any more fees because of limited jerseys.
- b) Distribution - All jerseys are labeled with demi gun and labeled bags ready for coaches to hand out. Very few jerseys left. With continued growth, we will need to look at other options for jerseys.
- c) U6/U8 shirts - In the printing process, they will arrive shortly.

3. Fields

- a) Practice Schedules - Coaches contact Stephanie if needing to change times.
- b) Goals - Stephanie recommended purchasing two new U10 goals. And repairing the U12 goals.
- c) New fields
 - (1) Ryan - The city will put the field expansion plan into the 2025 budget. Until that time we will need to make due with the field space that is currently available.

(2) Bill - Possibly able to put another U10 field where the current U6 fields are if we could get with the city to move the fence that is currently there. Also if we turn the SU8 field east to west, it may be possible to put in another U8 field bringing the total to three U8 fields.

(3) More discussion on removing the west fence, leveling the parking area and expanding, also utilizing the benches and bleachers that are down there; also confirmation of the Lion's Shelter which should begin construction this summer and the drainage pipe that will be installed.

d) Conditions and marking - discussed in member reports

4. Coaches

a) Background check, concussion, safe sport - Everyone is up-to-date save two.

b) Coaches meeting/packets - Have been handed out to most coaches, Stephanie will be meeting with a possible U8 coach tomorrow.

c) Equipment checkout - discussed in member reports

5. Refs

a) Assignor - more details and discussion of the Assignor.com and the situation with using Spearfish's platform

(1) Tier 2 bracket - \$995/yr to host 1200 games, comes out to about \$1/game, also includes all the tournaments

(2) Next tier up would be 1300 games at \$0.85 per game

(3) Assignor fees are set by the assignors. Harry and Matt decided to charge more because it was taking them more time due to platform changes

(4) Jucole as Treasurer is thankful for this program as it makes paying ref much easier and directly deposits into their account via a single withdrawal from the BFSA account

(5) For \$70 we can have our own assignor, set our own fees for the next season.

b) Training - Certified ref training coming up possibly in Sturgis and asked Norm and Kayla to share it with the U14s. We need to

make sure that the refs if they have issues are reporting it to Stephanie so that the issues can be dealt with properly.

VII. New Business

Aa - See E.

A. Sports Engine Platform - Demonstration tabled to May meeting

B. Committee Formation

1. Updating Bylaws and Policies - Stephanie, Lars, Sharon, Maria, Megan committee
2. Other - Troy will chair the Sponsorship Committee, updating sponsorship form and levels

C. SDYSA Division Change - Club vs Rec A vs Rec B

1. Jucole recommends that the Bylaw Committee prepare a proposal to change to Rec A to be presented at a future Board meeting.

D. Coaching Systems

1. Program Development Plan - Lars presented on the principals of positional play which utilizes the grassroots leading to prolevel system.
2. Academy Style - With an academy style, one coach works with 7-8 kids focusing on a particular development skill, then rotating to a new set. Academy style allows for one head coach to help assistant coaches, who do not feel comfortable being a head coach.
3. More discussion was held.

E. Board Member Additions

1. Interviews
2. Executive Session
 - a) Stephanie motions to have a temporary increase in the BFSA Board of Directors to 11 with a six member quorum until the establishment of new bylaws, Sharon seconded. MC
 - b) Stephanie motions to add Megan Decar, Maria Ellendorf, and Troy Jensen to the three available seats of the Board of Directors, Lars second. MC

F. Challenge Teams - Will keep the same policy as previous Fall and Spring seasons, similar to Indoor.

G. Fall Season

1. Registration Dates - will discuss at May meeting

H. CDs

1. Field Expansion CD matures April 11th and 5 month CD matures is May. The rates are terrible. \$50,000 issued in 2018 is currently at \$52,390. The \$10,000 5-month CD will only accrue \$155.
 2. Jucole recommends withdrawing the funds out and placing them into a savings account temporarily while looking into other options for investments with a greater return. Stephanie moves to follow Jucole's recommendation, Megan seconds. MC
- I. Signs Sponsorship - Need an updated list of current sponsors and remove the signs of the businesses no longer sponsoring.

VIII. Informational

- IX. Motion to adjourn - Jucole motions to adjourn, Stephanie seconds. MC