

GFYSC Meeting MINUTES

November 15, 2016 6:30 Granite Falls Library

Present: Mike, Brian, Megan, Jennifer, Eric and 7 club members (see sign in sheet)

1. President Report: Mike Trapp

-Mike wanted to talk about the coaches and how we can make the club feel more like a community. (see coaches business for notes)

2. Coaches business

14-17 year olds were better than last year. They have lots of talent. There weren't many field issues. There was one snafu in Snohomish where Snohomish rescheduled the wrong fields. Mike Trapp brought up that Lowell that we had real good referees this year and that the refing was better than normal. It was brought up that away game refs are not always impartial. The cranberry cup the refing was bad and they weren't calling the best calls.

Potter/Rachal coaches both agree we had great refs here in G.F. and the fields were great, scheduled well.

Hayter is a 1st year coach. He has a hard time with no parent help and had a hard group of kids.

Barth was repping the yellow Jackets and she said it was good to see local people helping, that we had local refs.

Occhiuto coached U9-she didn't get a lot of help from parents, the boys were good kids, she stepped up when no one could then couldn't do it half way through because of work, the parents wouldn't respond to e-mails and were not supportive, the boys had lots of fun, would coach again if needed to but with work it is hard, this age group uses off sides in games and the refs usually didn't call it, she thought refs were good as well.

Reining coached U8, parents were disrespectful - not supportive, Reining had never coached before - needed some help, parents said they would help but then nothing, Devina Galen is grandma to one of the boys and had to discipline grandson because Reining didn't know how far to go, the kids would hear bad mouthing about coach and then would show behavior to coach, several boys want to be on Reining's team again.

Trapp's oldest team graduated, he wants to go see the younger teams and help coaches if needed.

Melanie Freeman U14 team went undefeated, her and Dean's U11/12 had lots of new players, lots of growth, good backing from parents, going to Turkey Shoot (needed register signed by president for Turkey shoot).

Smith coached U14 girls, ball handling skills got better and lots of growth. Waggoner represents Coach Hazen coached U8 girls, he is a 1st time coach and he was so patient with the kids and had great parent support.

7 coaches showed up to the mtg.

3. Nominations and voting open to the board

These current positions were voted in in the October General Board Meeting

Only position to be voted on is Referee Coordinator

Board Members

President: Mike Trapp (two year term)

Vice President: Brian Smith (two year term)

Secretary: Megan Waggoner (two year term)

Treasurer: Jennifer Brookes (two year term)

Registrar #1: Tamie Driscoll (two year term)

Registrar #2: Melissa Raffensperger (two year term)

Representatives/Coordinators on the board

Fields Coordinator: Sarah Marks (two year term)

North County Representative: Eric Stewart (two year term)

Referee Coordinator: Open (two year term)

Mike Trapp is putting feelers out to Lowell to be referee coordinator. He has done it before and would be a great benefit to the club. We will see where it goes at next mtg.

4. Open Forum: questions, feedback, concerns, ideas, etc...

President wants the board to be more feet on the ground so the coaches and teams can get to know us so they will come to mtgs.

Trapp laid it out that as a board we don't deal with stuff DURING a game. We will deal with it afterwards. The coaches need to be understanding of our predicaments as well. We need to be, as a board, talk to people we know to bring them into the club. We need to be more social. The previous board member knew each other well and could deal with things easier. As new board members we need to bring it in closer and get to know one another.

For the most part, it was smooth sailing on the fields. We need more time between games to make it an easier transition for the teams. There is usually a 15/20 minutes gap between games, but some fields were stacked up. There was some Football/soccer game conflict. North County need to be aware of scheduling it better.

The coaches started to funnel game changes. Because of "wind storm" the reschedule this year was crazy. It was a unilateral decision from GFYSC to cancel games because of it. As a board we need to be 100% sure before canceling games. It was discussed that it is easier to show up and cancel and not to reschedule first. **Quite possibly we should make that into a by-law?**

We don't have a field marshal right now. Usually board members share that responsibility. We share the job to make sure the field is ok. this is part of the "whole feet on the ground" movement Trapp was talking about.

U11/12 field was horrible this year There were 4 teams practicing and playing on it. It was discussed that we try fitting another field on the upper field. There is room if we make it. try to coordinate with North County to discuss and make it so opposing teams know where the fields are as well - not all were are High school. Good etiquette to call/email opposing coach to let them know where the field is and best parking solutions. We need to be courteous to all other coaches. Again make this club feel like a community.

Rachal feels like the club is getting smaller, asked was it? He then asked what is being done to get kids into the club? Coaches have A LOT to do with getting kids to come back with word of mouth and kids requesting same coach. How are we getting the word out? Mostly through school handouts and preschool handouts. Possible to go to school open house like scouts and "recruit" there.

Rachal then asked about our U5/7 teams and are we doing academy style coaching or not. Walt had trouble with parents, it was chaos. We need more parent involvement. We can't always rely on parents. **We need to follow up with Walt to see how season went.** Academy style teaching is good program, but probably not a good idea for G.F. We need coaches because the parents have no idea how to help. It was brought up to try something like the Rocket Program that Lake Stevens does. It is a little kid program. It is maybe one practice the a half/half for game day. You practice 30 minutes before game, then do game. It keeps the kids attention span better.

It was talked about getting more youth/high school aged kids to coach. Nathan Hayter coached U10 boys. His mom's friend asked if he could. He got his community service for school signed off for. In the past high schoolers would coach and a parents would take over for pics, uniforms, etc.... We need to reiterate that this is not a babysitting service, the parents need to be involved.

Possible set up a games/practice parents/kids expectations guidelines. The Freemans have a parent/player code of conduct form they need to sign before the season starts. **Maybe have something like that for the whole club?** As a coach the less you HAVE to have parents involved is better. The line the coach has to toe should be set by the club, that way if the parents don't like it they can come talk to the board instead of the coach.

Spring registration in Jan/Feb with games in April. Spring league didn't exist in G.F. up until 3/4 years ago. The coaches need to sell it if they want players. Spring league is impossible to get High schoolers to coach - too many other activities going on. Fall registration opens in April until the beginning of July.

The board closed the mtg and decided to have the next one in January. Waggoner will set up the time date and place.

Mtg adjourned at 7:45