

GRFC General Membership Minutes 9-23-09 (7-8:10pm)

Board Members Attending: Kaelen Aramaki, Theresa Beauchene, Jeff Childs, Edith DuVall, Sheri Hanson, Jeff Hemmen, Todd Johnson, Richard Turner and Barbara Zetterberg. The meeting was called to order by Todd Johnson at 7:05 and concluded at 8:10.

Team representatives attending: Boys teams- 98 Red, 98 White, 97 Blue, 97 Red, 97 White, 96 Blue, 96 Red, 95 Blue, 94, Blue and 94 Red. Girls teams- 99 Blue, 98 Blue, 96 Blue, 96 Red, 95 Blue, 95 Red, 94 Red and 93 Blue.

Calendar of upcoming events:

October 9th: GRFC Golf Tournament (1:00pm) and Auction (6:30pm). **If you are forming a golf foursome, please let Todd Johnson know ASAP so he can reserve your spot.** Obogeyz@comcast.net

October 21st at 7:00pm – GRFC Club meeting

January 15th through 18th – GRFC Winter Classic soccer tournament

Beginning October 2nd, entry level referee clinic at Starfire (level 8). Registration at 6:00pm, instruction from 6:30 - 9:30. Continues October 3rd from 3:00 - 9:00pm. Finishes Saturday October 10th from 3:00 – 9:00pm. Cost is \$50 for the clinic and another \$50 for the USSF license and badge. Preregistration is required: <http://www.wasrc.org/clinicregistration>. This is an excellent opportunity for young kids to learn the laws and then apply them on the field, while earning money to spend as they please.

Volunteer Update (Jeff Hemmen):

50 families have elected freedom from volunteering and 150-160 families have chosen to volunteer. This is a lot to coordinate so we have created a volunteer section on the website. The website will be the primary means of advertising volunteer opportunities. Please get this information out to your team!

Starfire has given us 4 weekends of parking shifts to use for our volunteers. The profits earned from these shifts will go directly to scholarship funds for our players. This volunteer program was initiated by our parents to help raise funds for scholarships. This is a fantastic opportunity to directly generate funds for our scholarship program. The dates are as follows:

11/20 - 11/22 Cutoff date 11/18

11/27 - 11/29 Cut off date 11/25 (This is Thanksgiving weekend)

12/4 - 12/6 Cut off date is 12/2

Martin Luther King weekend in January 2010 (This is the weekend of the GRFC Winter Classic)

Please contact Jeff Hemmen at hemjef@hotmail.com to sign up. Any dates that are not filled by the cut off date will be opened to families for personal fund raising to help cover their child's team costs.

In addition our club has been working on communication with our membership. We have a volunteer translator to facilitate the translation of our documents into Spanish. In addition we would like to start a newsletter. Please contact Jeff if you have someone on your team who would be good at this.

There are many more opportunities listed. Please visit our website at http://www.greaterrentonfc.org/volopps/index_E.html for complete information.

Please go and evaluate your team's website. Team web pages provide one volunteer exemption for the team webmaster. This is very important to the club. We are expecting that the team webmasters spend at least 10 hours on this site. This should also be a management aid for team managers. Push parents to your website and utilize it as a resource for your team. Rick Grefthen is our club webmaster and will help in any way possible. He is incredibly generous with his time and is very knowledgeable on how these sites work.

Red/Yellow/Green (Jeff Childs):

The status of the players on your team needs to be reported by the 20th of every month. Everyone should have received directions in a recent e-mail. If you did not receive these directions please contact Jeff Childs at pyrofyterjc@yahoo.com. This program is to support the efforts of the treasurers and managers in their efforts to collect fees as agreed upon by your team. Many teams have reported players in yellow status. Please keep communicating with these families and be sure that they know that red is the next step. For those teams that have reported specific needs to Jeff he will be getting back to you shortly.

Some of you have been told by families that their child has a "special deal." Please know, GRFC does not pay for anybody. Please immediately contact Jeff with any stories you are getting of special deals. Special deals do not exist!

Treasurer Report (Theresa Beauchene):

Several teams have reported receiving e-mails requesting information form Bank of America. Bank of America does not send e-mails. DO NOT OPEN these e-mails! Bank of America has been sending credit card offers to teams. The GRFC policy is No Credit Cards. Do not apply for a credit card for your team.

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your payments by the 15th of each month. We greatly appreciate this. Please be sure to write in the memo portion of your check what the payment is for, "July Coach," "August Fields," etc.

Budget: We set the registration fee for our club as low as we possibly could with no cushion built in. Part of the registration fee pays for your home game referees. PDL came out with a 14 game fall schedule this year whereas last year it was only 10 games. This is a problem for the club because we only collected for 5 home games per team and now we are at 7. Please be warned that there will probably be a referee assessment for each team to cover this disparity. The amount assessed will depend on how much we

make at the auction, golf and soccer tournaments. We will know these numbers in January and will decide then what this assessment will be.

Field Plan (Todd Johnson):

Everyone should be back at Starfire now. Hopefully the savings from utilizing the grass fields was helpful to those of you who used them. Fields costs have gone back up again. Costs for October and November are:
U12+ ---- \$400 per month (1/3 of \$400 in December)
U11 ----- \$350 per month (1/3 of \$350 in December)
U10 ----- \$300 per month (1/3 of \$300 in December)

Kyle and Don have done a great job with the schedule out through October. Thank you!

Dean DuVall has sent out fantastic information on the fall season, Thank you! If you have any questions please continue to contact him. deanduvall@comcast.net.

Auction and Golf Tournament (Barb Zetterberg):

If you have registered for either event please be sure to send in your payment. If you are planning to attend, please get the forms in ASAP. We will host a maximum of 22 foursomes. **If you are forming a golf foursome, please let Todd Johnson know ASAP so he can reserve your spot.** Obogeyz@comcast.net (that's a zero at the beginning of that e-mail address).

Auction donations include several donations from Nintendo, barbeques and a safari! The golf tournament is \$95 and the auction is \$40. You can attend one or both. Invite your friends and family. It's a fun night for all.

Please get your auction donation forms turned in so that we can get your items listed and valued correctly. This fundraiser is very important. It pays for our goal keeper training, and academy sessions. Without this funding these programs would not exist.

We currently need auction "clean up" volunteers. This will take about 2 hours but because we are desperate for volunteers for this job we will give you credit for 5 hours. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Zetterberg bzetterberg@comcast.net.

Fund Raising (Barb Zetterberg):

The coffee fund raiser is set to start next week. Look for information on the website www.greaterrentonfc.org.

We have secured membership in Albertson's Community Partners program. This information will soon be found on our website. Albertsons will donate a certain amount to the community when you make purchases using your club card. You can designate GRFC to be the recipient of your funds.

The team toolbar easy installation sheet will be available shortly. The team that created and utilized this sheet made \$50 last month alone. This is a great opportunity for you to raise funds for your team.

If you have any players that are in Red status that need to earn money please contact Barb Zetterberg. She will fill you in on all of our opportunities.

One of our teams is looking for another team to sell GRFC water bottles with them because they can't sell the minimum required to purchase them. The bottles are 20 oz BPA free plastic with a leak proof flip top for easy drinking. They are shatterproof/break resistant. They cost \$6 and sell for \$10. If you are interested in selling these bottles or have questions please contact Caryn Frey, caryn333@comcast.net.

Uniforms (Edith DuVall):

Thank you Edith for all your dedication and hard work. She is so amazingly organized and on top of things our supplier has hired her. She is still volunteering and working for us. Please contact her with any issues your team individually has.

Team Pictures (Sheri Hanson):

Sheri has tried to put together picture days in the past. It has never quite worked out for everyone. Some teams utilize their own photographers. Her current picture contact is a GRFC family. She will put this information on the website. Please contact Sherri if you want team pictures. sheri.hanson@hotmail.com.