

## **GRFC General Membership Minutes 8-26-09 (7-8:30pm)**

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

### **-Welcome, Board Introductions**

The board members introduced themselves and identified their board position.

### **-Volunteer Update (Sheri Hanson and Jeff Hemmen)**

The volunteer initiative is in full swing. Every team has been contacted to send in the choices their families have made. We still haven't heard from some teams. G96 Blue, G95 Blue, G97 Red, G96 Red, B95 Red, B93 Blue, B93 Red and B91 Blue. These teams need to respond now so the board can move forward and the appropriate number of volunteer opportunities can be offered.

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the "Freedom from Volunteering" payment to be sent in to GRFC. Please indicate "volunteer payment" and team name in the memo line:

This can be sent directly to the club at:

Greater Renton FC  
6947 Coal Creek Pkwy SE #292  
Newcastle, WA. 98059-3159

Volunteer Coordinators; please send out directions to your team to remind them of this deadline and how to submit payment.

Everyone should have received an e-mail last weekend regarding the volunteer opportunity to work a parking shift. 8 families responded and completed their volunteer requirement for the year. It is believed each volunteer earned \$7-\$8 per hour and that money is going directly into the club scholarship fund. In the future we will have teams with parking volunteers assigned to a particular date so that those families working can work with a friend. This should make the time more enjoyable to all.

### **Questions and Answer:**

Can the team tournament travel coordinator receive credit for volunteer hours? This volunteer puts in a ridiculous amount of hours and takes this job off the hands of the manager; they should at least get 5 hours this year. This is a significant help to the manager and without some sort of credit for the work, why volunteer for that position? *Currently this is not an exempt position. The board will certainly discuss this at a future meeting, however currently the only positions that are exempt from the volunteer requirement are the Manager, Treasurer, Volunteer coordinator/fundraiser (combined position) and team webmaster.*

Has there been any amount collected so far?

*Yes, we have collected \$1500 so far, \$100 of that was collected tonight.*

How many kids have received scholarships and how were they chosen?

*4 players have received scholarships distributions. The club is made aware of players in need of scholarships through requests from the player, the families or the teams. Scholarships are given based on need. Need is established through documentation that the player qualifies for free or reduced lunch through the school system. These players are brought to the attention of the board and the DOC and scholarships are awarded as the money available allows. Right now there is not much money so the decisions are tough.*

A couple of parents have indicated that playing in the golf tournament covers their volunteer time. Is this true?

*No, golfing in the tournament does not fill any volunteer time!*

### **-Fund Raising Update (Barbara Zetterberg)**

The flyer for the Golf Tournament and Auction will be sent to all managers this weekend. The tournament will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> at Maplewood Golf Course. The tournament starts at 1:00pm but registration will open at 11:00am. The entry fee for the combination golf tournament/auction is \$135. Dinner and auction without golf will be \$40. The dinner auction will be held at the Renton Community Center from 6:30pm – 11:00pm immediately following the golf tournament. It included food and drinks (soda and water), silent auction, desert auction, raffle, music and dancing. We are working on the possibility of having a live auction. Barbara is working on getting beer and wine donated and Cathy Thompson is working to get the soda and water donated. The due date for reporting team basket themes was August 15<sup>th</sup>. Barbara will be sending out a reminder to all the teams that their basket theme is due.

We will need 12 volunteers for set-up, take down, auction item staging, table setting, etc. This will take about 10 hours of volunteer time the day of the auction. The U-14 teams will not be required to work at the auction. They have been relieved of this obligation.

**The auction and golf tournament are crucial fundraising events for the club. The proceeds fund many of the services we offer the kids for free, such as goalkeeper training and academy sessions. Please stress this to your teams and encourage participation in one or both. Invite friends from outside the club to join you for a day of fun!**

Question:

Do you need volunteers prior to the auction?

*Yes*

We will need two volunteers to run the coffee fund raiser; this will be worth 10 hours per person. In addition we will be looking volunteers to plan a “kick-a-thon.” Maybe have players collect sponsors per touch and do a dribbling course for the first half hour of practice? The proceeds will benefit the club, player and a charity. We need 5 people to plan this event, can we get this going this year and if so, what will it look like? Look for information to come!

The GRFC toolbar is making money for some teams. B95 has made \$50!! B97 Blue has made \$12!! Teresa Bockes from B95 helped make \$50 by making the directions to

install the toolbar easier for her parents to follow. She will send this to Todd Johnson for use by all teams. Thanks Teresa!

If anyone needs more Papa Murphy's cards contact Barbara at [bzetterberg@comcast.net](mailto:bzetterberg@comcast.net)

Things to come: Scratch cards – How this works is the donor is asked to scratch off a spot and pay the amount indicated under the scratched off spot. The maximum amount is \$2.50 and the minimum is \$0. The scratch card comes with 45 multiple coupon sheets. Albertson's club card members – Barbara is working on getting a code linked to your Albertson's card. By attaching this code to your card, Albertson's will donate to GRFC. Barbara is also looking into e-scrip.

Sponsorship: We have picked up a corporate sponsor, Boost Mobile, the prepaid division of Sprint Mobile has sponsored us for \$1000. They are now on our website. In addition you may see them at some of your games. Part of the deal was their presence at our events. They are not solicitors, they are an official GRFC sponsor. Nice work Barbara!

#### **-Fields (Todd Johnson)**

Teams currently practicing on grass (Ron Regis and Heritage Park) will be moved back to Starfire mid September. The teams scheduled from 6:30 to 8 are running out of sunlight. These teams will be charged \$100 for the use of Starfire for September in addition to \$10 for ½ month of grass fields. The good news is that teams will not be charged 1/3 of the monthly cost for December. U10 \$100, U11 \$117 and U12+ \$133. If you want field time after December 10<sup>th</sup> it will be at an additional cost to the team. Todd will send out the field information with the updates for September and December.

#### **-Fall Plan**

PDL – Every team has been placed! The schedule was supposed to be out last week but is still not out. It is due any minute. Once this comes out Kyle Janders will be assigning home fields. If you have any specific coach needs please get them into Kyle now [kylejanders@yahoo.com](mailto:kylejanders@yahoo.com). Talk to your coaches to avoid conflicts later!

#### **-RMA**

Richard Turner sent out a reminder to all of you who have not requested RMA clearance. All managers, treasurers and coaches must be RMA cleared. If you have not applied, please do so now. In addition if you have a team helper (anyone who will be involved with the kids) they must be RMA cleared.

Managers need to get signed up on the PDL website. Richard Turner has sent a reminder to those who have not registered as the team manager on PDL. Manager duties will be to log all home game information onto the PDL website. Kyle Janders will be sending out an e-mail with clear directions as to how this is done. Be aware that home games must be posted at least 72 hours prior to game time.

#### **-Winter Classic**

The Greater Renton FC Winter Classic will be held Martin Luther King Weekend, January 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Please communicate with friend teams to get them involved. We had 102 teams last year and can accommodate 160-170 teams this year. Ideally a good core of teams will come from WA Premier, Snohomish and Crossfire since GRFC had a great showing at their tournaments this summer.

Question:

Do you have any flyers for us to give opposing teams?

*As soon as all the paperwork is signed we will have flyers.*

### **-Red/Yellow/Green**

This is a program meant to help support you managers and treasurers as you collect funds from your families. Some of you may have been stonewalled with no response when payment is requested. This is meant to help you collect payment for your costs. Payment on time is green status. After 2 weeks, nonpayment results in a change to yellow status. At this time please send a friendly reminder that payment is past due. 30 days of non payment accompanied by no response or indication that payment is being attempted results in a change to red status. Please notify Jeff Childs of a player's red status. He will send out a form letter indicating that it has come to the Board's attention that the player is in red status due to non-payment and the player's card has been pulled until payment is received. Currently any players in red status will not receive player cards! Let your players know! Your coach will be notified as well and will be supporting the red status consequences. This is something that needs to be reported. Last year several teams got behind and it was an incredible struggle for them to recover months of non payment. You are responsible for helping us keep this from happening to your team. There is a player pass system in PDL that allows a team to borrow a player from a same age or younger team within their club. Borrowing a player can be arranged by your coach if you find your team shorthanded due to a player's red status.

### **-Player Passes** (previously known as player cards)

Managers are responsible for putting together the player pass cards. Please take a picture of each player (1" x 1"). Have the player sign the card, affix the picture and then laminate the card. These should be kept on a ring to be given to the referee prior to every game.

### **-Treasurer Report (Theresa Beauchene)**

Coaches were paid today. If money is due Theresa has sent you an e-mail. Thank you to those who responded so quickly.

Now is a good time to revisit your team's budget. **If you added a tournament or friendly, or budgeted for more players than your team actually has, you need to raise your fees now.** It is much easier to spread this additional cost over 9 months than to collect a chunk of money at the end of the year!

For those teams with a Spokane team in your bracket, Richard Turner will be sending you a brochure sent to us for a hotel that is promoting a \$67/room for 4 people and complimentary coach room.

**-Viet Nguyen**

Leighton is in Montreal for the next 3-6 weeks. Viet is filling in for him until he returns.