

GRAND COUNTY SOCCER CLUB

2024 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Location – Fraser Valley Library

Date: Monday December 2, 2024

Attendees: GCSC Members

Time: 5:30pm

A. Call to order

- a) President: Call to order - board meeting.
- b) Proof of Meeting Notice – The bulk email confirmation with 147 emails with 96 of them being read was used as Proof of Meeting Notice.
- c) Board member Roll Call – Quorum was established
Tony DePlata (TD) – Present
Dino Kaplanis – Not present
Rob Kauffman – Not present
Leah Bishop – (LB) Present
Kasi Ludwig – (KL) Present
Pete Ramirez – (PR) Present

B. Introduction of guests

Phill Martin, Steve Keilley, Jeff Lewis, Laura Davis, Nate Davis, Cassidi Peterson, Ian Jardine

C. Approval of prior minutes

- a) 2023 Annual Member Meeting minutes were reviewed. PR motioned to approve the prior minutes without revisions and 2nd by KL. 4 votes aye to accept 0 votes nay to reject

D. 2024 Reports

- a) Financial Report
 - i) Meaghan Brugge (MB)
 - Gave the financial report. The Club ended the year with loss of \$3062. Then current cash balance is approx. \$63,000. Cassidi Peterson (CP) asked if a portion of the cash balance could be invested. MB stated that it could be invested. And could give suggestions to the board. The board was not opposed to exploring opportunities. TD would like to look at upcoming expenses before committing.
- b) Insurance
 - (1) Directors and Officers insurance – Philadelphia
 - (2) Liability insurance – Players Health
 - The expense for both insurance was \$2166.77
- c) Free Camp – We were unable to schedule a camp with Hannah.
- d) Referees
 - i) The Club had 2 referees for the 2024 Fall season.
 - (1) Covered all home games.
 - (a) Typically, 1 ref per game
 - The state Assignr app did not list our home games. So we had to pay for the majority of the home games. CSA was contacted and will reimburse a portion of the referee fees paid during registration. There is also a possibility that Dakota (main ref) could also move out of state. The Club will need to look into getting new refs.
- e) Leagues
 - i) 2 – 2023/2024 Spring teams.
 - (1) U14 Girls (Pete Ramirez)
 - (2) U19 Boys (Jordy Macnamee)

- ii) 5 – 2024/2025 Fall Teams
 - (1) U13 Girls (Phill Martin)
 - (2) U12 Boys (Jeff Lewis)
 - (3) U15 Girls (Pete Ramirez)
 - (4) U14 Boys (Cassidi Peterson)
 - (5) U17 Girls (Tony DePlata)
 - iii) 79 total players (99 Total Fall 2023)
 - KL asked about the possibility of forming high school age girls teams as a more skilled and a less skilled team. The number and age of players will need to be evaluated at tryouts.
 - f) Cameras
 - i) Discuss
 - All of the coaches present were very happy with the cameras and reviewed all of their games. LB raised the question about being able to livestream. TD responded that the ability to livestream is possible at additional cost, but would want to see if the need would be worth the cost. CP suggested that we prepare for future upgrades/replacements. The coaches present were interested in adding the analytics do the subscription. TD to look into cost.
- E. Election of Board Directors**
- a) 4 Board members have been on the board for more than 2 years.
 - b) 3 Board members have been appointed since April 2023.
 - c) Jill Hutter has submitted a resignation email.
 - i) Vote to accept or reject resignation.
 - TD motioned to accept Jill’s resignation, PR 2nd motion. 4 votes aye to accept and 0 votes nay to reject.
 - d) Options for election of board members
 - i) Update by-laws to allow for longer terms.
 - ii) Hold vote for 4 new board members.
 - Due to the low interest in individuals wanting to volunteer, the Board would like to look at by-law language to allow for longer terms or multiple terms until positions can be filled.
- F. Unfinished Business**
- a) Unified team name
 - TD discussed opposing clubs creating individual team name and if it makes sense try and unify a name. CP suggested the possibly start with new teams using a unified team name. TD mentioned 2025 is the 30yr anniversary and if it makes sense to coordinate a possible unified team name. Phill Martin (PM) asked if the name could be changed to Fraser Valley to align with lacrosse, hockey, and gymnastics. TD explained when changing the name to GCSC, many names were considered, including Fraser Valley. GCSC was chosen to make sure to include all of Grand County. And would rather not change the name to Fraser Valley.
- G. New Business**
- a) Grand County Soccer Club started as Intermountain Youth Soccer Association in 1995. 2025 is the 30th anniversary of our club.
 - i) Discuss possible celebrations and marketing
 - b) Dome Maintenance
 - i) Granby Rec Julie Martin has contacted me to ask if the Club is willing to help pay for some maintenance on the dome. For 2025 they are looking at replacing the end panels and back door. This will cost \$46,000. They are also asking East Grand School District if they will help. They are also projecting they will need to replace the roof panels in approx. 5 years and are estimating the cost to be \$90,000.
 - ii) Discussion
 - The Board discussed the possibility of helping Granby Rec with expenses if they are open to creating a new agreement with GCSC. LD recommended giving some help to keep our relationship with Granby Rec. TD will discuss it with Granby Rec.
 - c) Required CSA Membership Expectations
 - (1) Club officers on record with CSA

- (a) President – Tony DePlata
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer – Kasi Ludwig
- (2) Risk management
 - (a) Point Person – Currently Rob Kauffman – Leah Bishop if Rob is no longer interested
- (3) Disciplinary
 - (a) Point Person – currently Rob Kauffman – Leah Bishop if Rob is no longer interested
 - (b) Communication Protocols – Safe Sport
- (4) Referee Assignor –
 - Currently TD is the only person qualified to become a Ref Assignor. TD will research what it takes to become an assignor with the state ref organization.
- ii) Current Club by-laws on record with CSA
 - Revisions will be filed with CSA.
- d) Creating a Director of Coaching position
 - i) Appointed position
 - ii) Discuss role
 - TD presented the idea of creating a DOC position to help with coach coordination and development. Ian Jardine (IJ) discussed his background and thoughts on a DOC position. His thought is the position should provide support and direction for coaches to help develop players in the same philosophies and methodologies. The attending coaches were in support of having a DOC believing that would be good overall as a club. Nate Davis (ND) presented his thoughts on player development and a soccer coaching system that he created. The board will review ND's system. The board would like to have a job description to review and then decide on creating a DOC position.
- e) Look at hiring Katie Hardie to provide a fitness plan for the Club.
 - i) Options -
 - (1) In person per team - \$100 per team per session
 - (2) Virtual or in person training on conditioning, nutrition, recovery
 - (3) Katie said she is flexible to the clubs or teams needs.
 - The Board is interested with moving forward with utilizing Katie. TD to coordinate with her.
- f) Uniforms
 - i) New uniforms for 2025?
 - (1) We've had the current design for 2 years
 - (2) Research companies?
 - (3) Coaches' gear - \$150 for new coaches and \$50 for returning players
 - With the 30th anniversary come up it was discussed to look at new uniforms and logo. KL will coordinate with New Gen Sports and CP has offered to work up a new logo coordinating with a possible name change.
- g) Equipment
 - i) New field equipment
 - (1) New size 5 practice balls
 - JL is needing game balls. The coaches present need additional practice balls. TD to order additional soccer balls.
- h) Kick it 3v3 tournament
 - i) Currently researching the possibility of hosting a 3v3 Air Pitch tournament during the summer.
 - ii) Marketing
 - (1) Club players
 - (2) Recreation players
 - (3) Adults
 - (4) Surrounding clubs
 - (a) Summit
 - (b) Steamboat

- (5) Possible marketing with Challenger Sports
 - iii) Possible 1 or 2 day tournament possibly on July 12th right after the Challenger camp.
 - iv) Possible revenue sharing.
 - The Board would like to move forward with Kick It 3v3. There was discussion on the date of the tournament.
 - i) Discuss Club Schedule for the 2025 year.
 - i) Tryouts
 - (1) Cannot be held before Memorial Day and cannot be presented as Intent to Play or Kick around (with intent to form teams)
 - (2) May 31st Graduation, May 26th Memorial Day, May 30th last day of school.
 - (3) Possible dates
 - 1. Tuesday/Wednesday May 27 & 28
 - The Board approved the dates
 - j) Coaches training
 - i) Research options
 - (1) Open to Rec coach
 - TD will touch base with the DOC for CSA to discuss possible coaches training.
 - k) Club team camp
 - (1) Research Summer Club camp
 - (a) Research possible companies or CSA offering.
 - (b) Look into possible dates
 - (2) Interest in Winter Club Camp
 - (a) Discuss
 - TD to research if Hannah will be able to hold a camp for us again and also looking into other options.
 - l) Winter Club activities
 - i) Ideas for keeping players on the ball
 - (1) Winter kick arounds
 - (2) Weekly 3v3 (5-6 players roster) games
 - (a) Age groups
 - (b) Coed
 - The Board is supportive of holding a weekly 3v3 kick around/tournament. PR and TD will coordinate.
 - m) Discuss Referee recruitment and training.
 - i) Club will pay for certs. Marketing to WP
 - ii) Discuss adding additional refs/ars
 - TD and LB will coordinate offline to discuss marketing options.
 - n) Club By-Laws
 - i) Discussion on proposed revisions
 - ii) Revised By-Laws to be sent to CSA
 - TD will revise the language for length of board member terms and circulate to the board and submit to CSA.
 - o) CSA meetings
 - i) Holiday Party, Thursday Dec 11, 2024
 - ii) Annual General Meeting, Saturday February 1, 2025
 - CP raised a concern that the recreation soccer league is only 4 weeks long and not developing skill because it is too short. She suggested the club holds a summer recreation league possibly mid July to Mid August. CP has volunteered to help organize it. TD and CP will research the possibility.
- H. End open board meeting.
 - TD motioned to end the meeting. KL second the motion. 4 aye votes to end the meeting and 0 nays.
- I. Executive Session