

## FHF Meeting 12/9/2017

Meeting attended by Alan Scally, Phil Schofield, Rich Gupta, Mike Whitehead, Dave Krawczyk, Tom Harris, Dave Jackson, Mile LaSala, Marc Bakerman, Shilpika Reynolds, Dale Reynolds.

Meeting called to order at 9:10am. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting – Phil moved to approve, Rich seconded, minutes approved.

President – Junior National Team series vs Canada was positive. We are working on the process to request water. Discussion of potential improvements and purchase of a backflow to control rental costs.

Treasurers Report – Rich is working to eliminate late tax filing penalties for prior years.

Competitions Director Report – We need to improve our communication of the schedule. The changes to the D2 schedule at the end of the season was a communication problem. 2017 Fall season went well. We will work to get the boards updated.

Volunteers – Volunteer of the month – Ethan LaSala. Requested approval for purchase of starbucks cards to give out as a token of gratitude. Dave will request \$\$ to purchase around \$200 worth of \$5 gift cards. Please send shirt size request to Dave so he can order new FHF polo shirts for the board. Dave will organize the FHF season awards and would prefer going back to pen and pencil sets.

Facilities – College observed that the inside of the bathrooms were dirty. Dale will look into better seals on the bottom of the door to prevent wind-blown dirt entering the bathroom. Dale proposed to replace one set of side boards to replace some of the most battered and warped boards for Fall Season. We will plan to paint and move the boards in January. Paint for the field will not void the warranty, this will be passed along to the college. Dale will get quotes on a FHF backflow. Graffiti was observed and repaired in the men's bathroom within the FHF perimeter.

Bulldogs – Nothing to report.

Moorpark – preparing for the MS/ES tournaments.

Road Runners – coaching request. When will registration be open so we can open club registration?

Systems – The migration from League Athletics to SportsEngine was discussed, Matt B will look into this.

## New Business

Marc Bakerman – CalCup President – attended to discuss the focus of CalCup for 2018.

There are 3 focus areas for CalCup for 2018 – Venue, recruiting teams and revenue. The poor condition of the facilities is costing us teams. We are down to 120 from 140+. There are now 18 people on the committee, Marc is helping Barbara VL with the team recruitment effort. The parking lot field is not fit for playing and the shot put field is also not fit. There are up to 5 fields available at Arroyo. Clubs are not committing to return to play. We are offering to maintain the college fields.

New divisions are planned which will include a U19 elite girls and elite boys division with 4 teams each. We are planning a college recruiting seminar along with video-taping capability. CalCup is trying to bring

a team from New Zealand, VCRD/Rush, Canada and an east coast team for the elite girls division. The divisions generally will be 16U instead of U16, following the “true-age” trend.

There’s an issue with USA and the men’s groups. USA MNT/JNT has asked for the U21 squad to play in the Supers division and the U19 squad to play in the U19 division. We are already overloaded with interest for Supers, 12 mens teams interested in 8 spots. Proposed to allow the U21 squad, but instead of pulling up U19/U16s, fill in with MNT senior players. Response from CalCup to the USA request is pending.

Competitions – Spring Divisions were discussed – we agreed to follow the CalCup true-age model. !9U, 14U, 12U and 10U. We discussed the senior boys division, and agreed to get a headcount to develop a solution for the existing issues with some clubs not having sufficient quality/quantity of senior boys.

We agreed to support a tournament for Janice Mohr to help with her medical bills

We agreed to support a memorial for Pat, similar to the George Waterman tree.

Umpire training – Attendance at the Umpire training session will keep the hourly rate the same, failure to attend the training session will result in a \$5 wage cut. We will try to train youth umpires at the February showcase. We are all asked to support the umpires. There was a proposal for each team to be required to provide an umpire. We also discussed an umpire rating system.

Sunday Field Hockey – Tom requested more open play days.

Investment Proposal – The investment committee (Rich, Dave, Phil and Joan as an observer) proposed FHF participate in an investment opportunity using Tremblay investments. We would put \$200,000 in a BlueRock property investment with 6% monthly dividend and put another \$50,000 in a moneymarket fund. Questions were asked about the recent performance of the property investment, and addressed by Rich and Dave. After discussion the investment proposal was moved by Rich and seconded by Mike. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 and the next meeting was scheduled for 1/9/2018.