

MINUTES
PR BOYS SOCCER BOOSTERS
PLANNING & INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR FALL 2020
April 29, 2020, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Susan Hong-Bang - Co-President
 Carrie Zvejnieks - Co-President
 Randy Cornelius – Treasurer

Attendees:

Jill & Jeremy Bennet	Kal Gibron	Christine Wells
Katy Wygant	Kim Pierson & Mark Tamburri	Mi Ae Park
Julie & Phil Wojcik	Melissa & Joe Sharp	Fermanda Ramirez
Stacey Silipo	Joanna Ricchiuto	Karen Guise
Paul Bucek	Michelle Navoney	Meredith Waltenbaugh
Sarah Jancy	Nicole & Rob Waltrip	Alexandra Klaff
Chris Cochoran	Birgitta Annal	Kelley & Craig Pollard
Emily & Rob Ammerman	Will Baker	Brad Caldwell
Rachel & Phil LeDuc	Gavin Gilardi	Amy Amend
Maria Paluselli	Elise & Chad Scott	Susuie Pelletier
Grant Waltrip	Erin Colvin	Tracy Howe
Seema Kaloya	Ashley Harris	David Fritz
Denise Roach	Tricia Nolin	Elise Scott
Julie Katruska	Amy Mendelovich	Cammy Nichols
Michele & Jarrod Meehleib	Dan Tobin	David Rishel
Louise Cashman	Shawn Allen	Chatree Sang
Brenda Mullay	Christopher Brooks	Amy & Alan Sable
Sean Simmons	Coach Jordan Weigand	Coach Dan Allen

The April 29th PR Boys Soccer Boosters Meeting was divided into three main parts:

- (1) a Middle School Informational Session with Coach Jordan;
- (2) a combined Middle School/High School Booster Meeting; and
- (3) a High School Informational Session with Coach Jordan.

(1) The Middle School Informational Session portion of the meeting opened at 7 p.m. with a welcome to middle school parents by Susan Hong-Bang, followed by a Power Point presentation and Question & Answer session by Coach Jordan.

- Among other matters, Coach Jordan discussed:
 - the PR soccer pathway, particularly the change in middle school/9th grade team structure (now two teams instead of three, a **7th/8th grade team** with Coach John Pietrusinski at the helm, and an **8th/9th grade team** headed up by Coach Tim McCarthy);
 - rosters, which will be made up of **no more than 24 players**;
 - factors affecting team placement, including soccer abilities, physical aspects, and personality traits;
 - **tryouts (Monday, August 24-Wednesday, August 26** for middle schoolers—note that this is **one week after high school tryouts**) and expectations (players are required to attend all events from tryouts through the completion of the season. Additional off-season opportunities for players will be available)
 - A parent asked for clarification of 7th grade players. Coach Jordan indicated that 7th graders can only make the 7th/8th grade team. He then clarified that he does not want to cut players but may have to consider it if the numbers are too high. He does not feel this will happen.
- Coach Jordan's Power Point presentation was emailed via TeamSnap after the meeting.
- Meeting participants were encouraged to address any further questions to Coach Jordan via email (jwiegand_ramscoach@hotmail.com).

(2) Randy Cornelius called the Middle School/High School Booster Meeting portion of the evening to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Cornelius requested a virtual vote during the Zoom call on the proposed new board for 2020-2021, which consisted of:

- Co-Presidents - Carrie Zvejnieks & Susan Hong-Bang
- Member at Large - John Engel
- Secretary - Kim Pierson
- Treasurer - Randy Cornelius.

The new board was approved unanimously.

Mr. Cornelius requested final budget approval for 2020, which included the following dues:

- Soccer Team Member Dues
 - JV/Varsity - \$125 per player
 - 3 Practice Jerseys (For new players)

- Game Meals (or snacks)
- \$50 towards mandatory Team Camp in August (& transportation)
- Soccer Bag (Returned at end of season)
- Parent Passes for all JV/Varsity home games
- Ticket for end of season banquet
- Players are responsible for purchase of warm-ups and for Team Camp Registration
- 8th/9th grade team - \$100 per player
 - Practice jersey
 - Game Uniforms
 - Away game snacks
 - Parent Passes for all JV/Varsity home games
 - End of Season Party
 - Soccer Bag (Returned at end of season)
 - Optional Summer Training
- Middle School - \$75 per player
 - Practice Jersey
 - Game Uniforms
 - Parent Passes for all JV/Varsity home games
 - End of Season Party
 - Soccer Bag (Returned at end of season)
 - Possible Summer Training

Mr. Cornelius noted that the numbers in the budget were based on the assumption that we play soccer in the fall, with the accompanying concessions and admissions revenue.

The proposed 2020/2021 budget was approved unanimously during a virtual vote during the Zoom call.

- The following important dates for 2020 were reviewed:
 - After June 1 - Mandatory Physicals (players are responsible) - Forms will be available on the school website
 - Impact (Concussion) testing for 7th, 9th & 11th graders
 - July 1 - Start of Optional Summer Training for 9th-12th grade (3X a week)
 - July 12 - 15 - Optional Team Camp for 9th-12th grade at Gannon/Mercyhurst
 - **A final decision on whether this camp will be going forward will be made by June 15th**
 - August 17 - 19 - Mandatory Soccer Tryouts for 9th-12th grade
 - August 20 - Booster Meeting
 - August 20 - 22 - Mandatory JV/Varsity Training Camp - Edinboro
 - August 24 - 26 - Mandatory 7th-8th and 8th-9th Grade Team Tryouts
 - September 5 - 6 - JRK Tournament - All Teams
 - Erie McDowell, South Park, Winchester Thurston (NA for MS game)

- Note that this year **the JRK Tournament will be held on a Saturday and Sunday**
 - October 20 - Senior Night (vs. Baldwin High School)
 - October 22 - WPIAL Playoffs begin
 - November 11 - Banquet - JV/Varsity Teams (9th graders only if playing on JV/V)
- Note that all dates & events are subject to change.
- The request was made that parents please sign up on Signup.com to assist with the following Committees:
 - Website Redesign- Weebly
 - JRK Tournament
 - Senior Night
 - End of Year Banquet
 - 7th/8th grade Parent Team Liaison
 - 8th/9th grade Parent Team Liaison
 - JV/Varsity Team Meals
 - Concessions
 - Fundraising/Development
 - Spirit Wear
 - Home Game Clock Operator and Game Announcer
- Parent Concessions/admissions responsibilities were reviewed. Parents will be responsible for signing up via Signup.com closer to the start of the season.
 - 12th grade parents - 3 time slots (Mandatory)
 - 10th & 11th grade parents - 4 time slots (Mandatory)
 - 8th/9th grade parents - 2 time slots (Mandatory)
- 7th/8th & 8th/9th grade Players' Ball Boy responsibilities were reviewed. Players will be responsible for signing up via Signup.com closer to the start of the season.
 - 7th/8th grade Team - 3 games (Mandatory)
 - 8th/9th grade Team - 3 games (Mandatory)
- Meeting participants were encouraged to please direct any Booster-related questions to the Booster Board at prboyssoccerpres@gmail.com.
- PRSD Athletic Director, Sean Simmons, discussed what players and parents might expect in connection with social distancing if the fall soccer season does begin as planned.
- Mr. Simmons inquired as to how the players are handling isolation, and whether it was impacting college recruitment. A parent question prompted the discussion about college soccer information. The AD office does not have any kind of literature for players looking for college play.
- He also answered questions regarding the PR girls soccer team (indicating that a new coach, Rachelle Dixon, has been hired) and the state of the renovations to Field 6 (everything is proceeding on or ahead of schedule).

(3) Coach Jordan began the High School Informational Session portion of the meeting with a Power Point presentation around 8:15 p.m.

- Coach discussed the schedule until mandatory soccer begins:
 - spring training schedule packet (conditioning sessions, strength training, and soccer training—now 5 weeks in);
 - virtual film study (will begin meeting once every two weeks to watch film—Tuesdays)
 - virtual meeting (thirty minutes every other week—Fridays, divided by grade level)
 - summer training will be three days a week starting after July 1—likely Monday and Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Field training, strength, conditioning.
- He stressed that the summer team camp scheduled for July has been switched from Edinboro to either Gannon or Mercyhurst to allow access to additional turf for training/friendlies. We will know by June 15th if that camp will be going forward.
- **High school tryouts Monday, August 17-Wednesday, August 19 will consist of field and fitness training:**
 - one mile run 8/17 [goal, 5:50 or under],
 - five mile run 8/19 [goal: 35 minutes or under], and
 - a new sprintwork test 8/18 (prior to field training).
- A placement email will be sent out after tryouts 8/19, with JV and Varsity players meeting in the spirit room for fittings afterward.
- Coach discussed placement outcomes:
 - Varsity can be made by anyone grades 9-12
 - JV can only be made by those in 9-11
 - Practice players train with the team but do not participate in matches
 - Team managers attend home and away matches and assist the coaches with field set-up, statistics, etc.
- He mentioned factors affecting team placement, including soccer abilities (technical and tactical), physical aspects (have to be able to play a full match—no matter how good a player is tactically, it's no good if he can only play 10 minutes), and personality traits (drive, determination, leadership, coachability, etc.).
- **Mandatory team camp to follow tryouts August 20-22 at Edinboro.**
- He noted that attendance is mandatory from August 17th through the PIAA finals November 20th. He requested that parents and players please be flexible, as scheduling changes have made it necessary for some training sessions to be held on Sundays this year.
- Coach discussed his expectations of the parents—that we support the entire program (players, coaches, team), that we represent PR through its mission and values, that we be respectful to all, and that we promote player accountability.
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