

**Bolton Soccer, Inc.
General Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Georgina's
6:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marty Waung (MW)	President / U6/U8 Director	✓
	Tracy Sargent (TS)	Vice President / Secretary	✓
	Andrea Gudauskas (AG)	Treasurer	✓
	Marie Stearns (MS)	Registrar	✓
	Steve Minicucci (SM)	Field & Equipment Director	✓
	Tim Callahan (TC)	Referee Assignor	✓
	Peter Zimmerman (PZ)	Travel Team Director	✓
	George Assard (GA)	Recreation Team Director	✓
	Dave Stearns (DS)	Training & Development Director	

1. Fall 2008 Season Update

⇒ Complaints and / or Compliments

Discussion was held on Division 4 concerns; with emphasis on the younger U10 group. Items discussed included: checking stats at end of season, do we have enough kids for this younger age group, combining girls and boys, possible solutions, and parent expectations. It was agreed that this topic be discussed in much more detail post-season in preparation for spring and fall 2009.

Compliments – all agreed, and have heard the same from parents/coaches, that Dave Stearns is doing a great job as Training and Development Director. His work is appreciated by all.

⇒ Lessons Learned – Things to Keep in Mind for Next Season

Much discussion held on team selection/make-up. It was agreed that these topics be discussed after the fall season ends when we have a full season to look back on for reference.

2. Registrar's Report – Marie Stearns

We have 261 registered for the fall 2008 season. This includes 89 D4 players and 168 D5 players. There are 82 K-2 players. CJSA on-line registration system is not yet up and running. We await more info/direction from the district regarding posting registrations and payment. Marie is looking at other towns' registration forms for ideas on redesigning ours. An on-line registration form would be ideal as handwriting on forms is sometimes an issue when it comes to contacting people. George will work with Marie on this.

3. K-2 Report – Marty Waung

K-2 program is going well. New coaches all appear to be doing great job. Dave Stearns has been a great help to this group. Drills have been distributed and all coaches are following some aspect of the program.

4. **Division 4 Report – Pete Zimmerman**

⇒ U10 Jamboree (WAM/Marlborough) Registration Deadlines/Interest

U10 Jamboree is for D4 and D5 teams. U10 D4 girls team has declined to participate. Peter and George will check with the five other U10 teams to gauge interest. Deadline to register is October 16, 2008.

⇒ General D4 Comments/Feedback

Peter has been reaching out to the D4 coaches to solicit feedback on the season thus far. More discussion will be forthcoming as the season nears an end.

There is one D4 team participating in the Columbus Day Tournament – Girls U14.

Peter has received some feedback regarding team standings and the parents expectations, especially at the U10 level. These issues will be discussed further during the off-season. See Item 1 above.

Discussion was held regarding having the coaches rate their current players at the end of the season. It was not decided if or how this information would be used but it was agreed that we should at least collect the data. Peter and George will solicit a general rating from each coach. Again, more discussion will be held during the off-season.

5. **Division 5 Report – George Assard**

⇒ Jamboree (Marlborough) Registration Deadlines/Interest

George has been reaching out to the D5 U12 and U14 teams to gauge interest for the Jamboree. Three teams interested at this point. Deadline to register is October 16, 2008.

⇒ General D5 Comments/ Feedback

George will begin to solicit feedback from the coaches and parents at the D5 level and will also make an effort to attend some games.

6. **Treasurer's Update – Andrea Gudauskas**

Andrea distributed the latest "Profits and Loss" and "Balance Sheet" to the group. There are still outstanding items to be paid. We are within budget on all items and will most likely go into the off-season with a balance remaining.

7. **Field & Equipment Report – Steve Minicucci**

The lights at Herrick Park remain an issue. The board will check with the Parks Department and Fire Department to assess the possibility of using the new ladder truck to adjust/fix the lights. Regardless of equipment used, the ground would still need to be in ideal condition to attempt without causing damage.

The board has accepted the responsibility of determining field usage when it is in question due to wet (or other) conditions. This information will be posted on the web page.

There is \$30k already approved towards a new soccer field. The board will follow-up with the town to discuss project status.

8. Referee Report – Tim Callahan

Discussion was held on season thus far. Status is being tracked as far as games, position, and monies earned for each referee. We will need to recruit more referees. There are no referees nearing the \$600 IRS 1099 reporting requirement. Need for payment of referees individually noted.

9. Training & Development Report – Dave Stearns

Dave not in attendance but group did discuss all his work thus far. See previous items.

10. Miscellaneous Items for Discussion

⇒ Scholarship and Recycle Program Discussion

Not ready to roll out either program yet. More discussion required during off-season. Issues raised included multiple child discounts and determining need. Marty will circulate the financial aid (scholarship) package to the board again for review and further discussion.

⇒ Need for Procedures/Tasks/Timeline Description for Board Positions

Board members are committed to two-year term. However, this first initial board should be staggered so as not to decimate the board when terms are up. All board members were asked to draft a “description” of their duties – in as much detail as possible (including tasks and timelines).

⇒ Background Checks

All agreed that this is a necessity. Plan is to do a “soft” start-up with the spring program (i.e. run checks on coaches that are realistically going to be involved in the fall and beyond). Will implement as a definite requirement with the fall 2009 program.

⇒ Fundraising

Sample auto magnet layout was looked at. All agreed on color – navy blue/red. Marty will follow-up and place order. Will sell for \$5 per.

Dance – 5th grade and up. Fee \$10 with BSI board and parent support for food/set-up/clean-up. Marty will inquire with Karen Cordero as to her interest in spearheading the event (as she has had success in the past with similar dance for the baseball program). She would have BSI support.

⇒ Web page development

Need to update: add link to score reporting on coaches page, have CJSA site list BSI as link, add field closing information, fix bylaws [remove *proposed*], note that magnets are “coming soon”. Web page is an on-going task and will require frequent updating.

⇒ Survey

All agreed that end of season survey was good idea to gather feedback from coaches/parents, etc. on our work thus far and to use as a guidance document for future discussions. Marty will draft.

⇒ K-2 Photos

A lot of inquiries regarding K-2 picture options. Marty will research further.

⇒ Head Bands

Brief discussion was held regarding the use/sale of safety headbands. The board did not think that there was the interest at this time; however, Peter will look into the possibility of obtaining a few for demo purposes for the spring program.

⇒ UCONN Soccer "Bolton" Night

Dane Brenner, from UCONN soccer men's soccer, approached Tracy regarding the possibility of hosting a "Bolton" night at a UCONN game. Our club would buy group tickets for a night and then 1 or 2 of our teams would be able to be ball boys/girls for the entire game, and another team could play a halftime game on the field. Clubs also normally try and get to the game early to Tailgate and an announcement would be made during the game that the evening was Bolton Youth Soccer Club night and they'd thank us for attending, etc. A lot of clubs do this every year (Tolland, NEU, Granby, Glastonbury, etc.). Board members all liked the idea and agreed to do this next fall season. Tracy will contact Dane to coordinate.