

North Platte United Soccer Club
February 3rd, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Leland Poppe at 7:05 P.M.

The minutes from the January 3, 2004 meeting were read by Secretary Wendy Schramm and approved by majority vote.

Because of the several new faces which have joined the group, Vice President Poppe asked for each person in attendance to introduce themselves and to share their ties to the game of soccer.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Deb Simpson. Deb handed out a financial statement (attached to the minutes). Deb asked a question about a bond refund that was paid from the club's account and it was determined to leave it where it was and not move it to the tournament account.

Registrar Lori Schoenholz reported that she was working with Kim Johnson to learn her role as Registrar and that they are working to get current rosters caught up. She offered that she can be reached at her work phone, should anyone have any questions. Her number is 696-7477.

The Coaching Administrator's report was given by Mary Elmshaeuser.

A. Last year over \$9,000 was spent thru the MLS organization and Barry Mantle, who is with MLS, proposed an exchange program by which if our club spends \$10,000 or more, we get a kick-back of money/equipment to be used for camp scholarships, etc. to benefit the kids. They have come up with a way to help make the \$10,000 limit by creating a 'munchkin mini-camp' for players age 5-9. This camp will run June 1-6 for \$50.00/player, each player getting 2 hrs of contact time each day. Down payments for players in this age group are needed by March 15th.

B. Mary also presented a revised registration form for each coach to use in registering their players for the regular MLS camp, which is still set for June 6-12. She is requesting each team complete the registration form and send it along with 1 check to her for the down payment, which is also due to her by March 1st. The contract with MLS will be given to the club president and a vote will be called at the next meeting to proceed with it.

C. The meeting scheduled with the Board of Governors of Mid-Plains Community College was postponed. It has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 PM. Mary has worked hard on the presentation and requests all coaches and soccer board members to be present at this meeting. She is hopeful that the current soccer coach at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff might also come to enhance our presentation. Mary reviewed her current presentation with all present and many positive comments were received.

D. Mary presented a situation that has been identified in the 8-9 year old boys division. It has been expressed that there are too many boys in this age bracket for 1 roster and a request has been received to split this age group into 2 separate teams. An additional coach, Mr. Kevin Fries, has been contacted and is willing to work with the current coach, Mr. Jeff Hedgecock, to divide the players evenly so each will have more playing time. The motion was made by Mary Elmshaeuser to proceed with this plan, a second was given by Julie Nielsen and the motion carried.

Gordon Hanson gave the Referee Administrator's report. He is hoping to hold a recertification clinic in March but needs a commitment of 10-12 people for the state to bring the clinic to North Platte. Gordon discussed the comparison of being USSF certified, which is what our club needs

for tournament refs, compared to AYSO certified, of which cross-over certification can be an option. The age limit for someone to be certified is 15 years old. He clarified that for a new certification, it is a 2-day clinic for \$30, where re-certification is a 1-day refresher clinic for \$20. He estimates that so far he has 9 individuals who have shown interest.

Old Business:

It was clarified by the spring league coordinator that the \$450 initial fee covers a 6-game schedule and each team can request the number of games they want to play.

A short report on the 3 v 3 indoor soccer league at the Rec Center was given. They have approximately 60 kids signed up, there are 5 weeks of play left and overall the Rec Center is pleased with the numbers. No adult league was formed as no one signed up in the 17+ division.

An update on the North Platte Tournament was given. The date has been changed and is now on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31. Yes, they will be looking for vendors to come in again and our tourney is already listed on the Nebraska State Soccer Assoc. website. Ft. Hays, KS has already committed to sending several teams to our tournament. It was expressed by the tournament committee that all North Platte teams will be expected to play in our tournament or then be available to work it, should they not choose to play. There will again be a pancake feed one morning and a pork feed one evening.

It was noted that all old spring league bills have now been paid by all teams.

New Business:

There are 7 teams enrolled in the upcoming spring league.

As noted above, the tournament dates have been changed.

Presentation to MPCC was discussed during the Coaching Administrator's report.

No report was given on the indoor soccer facility. The proposed grant-finding committee has not met and Wendy shared that she is not available before the March meeting to do so.

A motion was made by Mel McNea to have Mary Elmshaeuser, representing the board of North Platte United Soccer Club, meet with the family of Bobbi Leggott and the principal of Jefferson School to determine the best use of the memorial money given. Several teams within the club donated a total of \$350 towards the memorial and the motion is to include a match from the club, to round the total gift to \$1,000. Rod Dye seconded the motion, motion carried.

The discussion of giving scholarships to two Senior Soccer players continued and needs further research. Discussion on where/how to hold the funds occurred and it was suggested to contact Cal Robinson for further information. Wendy Schramm was asked to do this and will bring information back at a future meeting.

No decision was made on a memorial tree in Centennial Park but it appeared to lose interest after identifying that the memorial money would be better used at Jefferson School.

Other Business:

Mike Cullina from the Nebraska State Soccer Association will be coming to North Platte on February 11th to meet with all coaches. He is interested in finding out what education and training we would like to have provided to our club. Mary will notify the coaches.

Hogan's Sporting Goods store is being contacted to see if they can match prices for our club uniforms, which we currently order from a company in Lincoln.

It was mentioned by a parent rep that the meeting area was noisy and it was hard to hear all discussion points during the meeting. A suggestion was made to move the meeting from the Canteen Bar and Grill to the Hampton Inn meeting room, which would be more quiet. No objections were voiced and so the Hampton will be tried in March, should the room be available for our normal meeting date and time.

An email distribution list was suggested to be built to help with the dissemination of club information to coaches, board members, and parent reps. Wendy Schramm suggested that she could look into this in future months.

It was noted that AYSO has approximately 700 players registered for this spring and that numbers were up greatly in the younger division but down some in the U-10 range.

The next meeting will be on March 2nd at 7:00 PM. This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
March 2, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mel McNea.

The minutes from the February 3rd meeting were read. Julie Nielsen moved that the minutes be approved as read, and it was seconded by Natalie Jahnke. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Deb Simpson then gave the Treasurer's Report. Deb handed out a financial statement (attached to the minutes). Deb does not have the figures from the Tournament Accounts. Mel made a correction to the Treasurer's Report as the \$1,000.00 from the City of North Platte for the Tournament had been deposited into the Checking Account and should have been deposited into the Tournament Account. Deb will make this correction to the accounts. Julie Nielsen made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with the correction, and Kim Johnson seconded it. The Treasurer's Report was approved with the correction.

Mary Elmshaeuser gave the Coaching Administrator's report:

A. Mary thanked all of the coaches and parents that attended the Board meeting at Mid-Plains Community College in support of providing soccer at the college level. Mel stated that the feedback he had heard was very positive. He said that the presentation by Mary was well received and the Board was complementary and showed genuine interest.

B. Mary reported that there had been a meeting on February 11 with Mike Cullina, and that tryout rules for this year have changed. The United Tryouts will be the last week in June on a Tuesday night.

C. Spring league will hold five games in North Platte.

D. Teams volunteering to ball shag for the High School Girls Games were Kim Johnsons' U-8, Mike Browns' U-12, and Natalie Jahnkes' U-13.

E. Mary needs the MLS Registrations and deposit money. The MLS Munchkin Camp will have a date change. There will not be any scholarships given for the MLS Camp this year, instead our coaches are going to get MLS training on-site.

Gordon Hanson gave the Referee Administrator's Report. The recertification clinic was held on February 28. Fourteen signed up for the Clinic and as there was a funeral that day, only 9 actually attended. Gordon will bring a hand out concerning the rule changes to the next meeting. There will be no new certification clinic for this year.

Old Business:

Becka has submitted the order for the older teams uniforms. Lisa is going to get together with Hogans this month to check into uniform prices for the younger teams.

Mel reported that Chris Kranjc will come out and help with coaching if anyone is interested.

The tournament plans are going well.

Wendy has talked with Lori Brouillette and Cal Robinson concerning getting a Scholarship Program started. Cal had told her that we really needed to have approximately \$5,000.00 as base money. This will be tabled until a later date.

Regarding the Bobbi Leggott Memorial, no decision has been made as to how those funds

should be spent.

New Business:

Mel reported that the NSSA will start doing background checks this fall on anyone involved with Youth Soccer. They also are looking at long term, in regards to where they want to be as a group, and concerning players, guest players, traveling papers and so forth.

Julie Nielsen made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Natalie Jahnke seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Simpson for Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
April 6th, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the April 6th, 2004 meeting were read. Julie Nielsen moved that the minutes be approved and Deb seconded, with majority vote to approve.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Deb handed out a financial statement (attached to the minutes). Deb asked if anyone was aware who was in possession of the actual paper certificate of deposit held at First National Bank. Suggestions were given but no one seemed to know for sure. It was recommended that Deb contact the bank again and ask them to reissue the physical certificate. It was also discussed that Deb needed to get access to the tournament accounts and still work to get copies of all club bank accounts as she would be needing to complete the tax return very soon. Lori S. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Julie N. seconded and it was approved.

Registrar Lori Schoenholz reported that there are currently 11 teams registered thru our club. She is still working on the U-9 boys' player passes. She also mentioned that she still needs letters for the players who are requesting to play up a division that they need to be reviewed by the board and approved by the coach as well.

The Coaching Administrator's report was given by Mary Elmshaeuser. She reported that most of the select teams are attending the MLS camp and that some AYSO teams were also joining. The munchkin camp was moved to June 1-4, from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. The older team will be the following week, 3 hours every day. Homes have been lined up as host families and they will plan correlated activities throughout the week for the MLS coaches. They are also offering a coach's training session June 8-11. Mary reminded the club that we still need to look for a Coaching Administrator for her replacement.

Gordon Hanson gave the Referee Administrator's report. The rule changes were not delivered in writing because only one was related to our club needs. It involves coaches making sure that their players are safely uniformed! Appropriate size shin guards were outlined, safe cleats, etc. Gordon had no other update.

Old Business:

The Bobbi Leggott Memorial Scholarship was discussed. Mary E. spoke to the school and because playground equipment was too expensive a piece of equipment for the teachers was mentioned. The school principal did not approve that idea and so Dave Leggott requested the money go towards Bobbi's son, Shay's college education. Mary E. made a motion to create a \$600 CD investment in the name of Shay Leggott, to be invested until Shay turns 18 years old. Anne O'Connor seconded, motion carried. (\$600 is the remaining amount of the original pledge of 1,000 - \$400 of which was raised by several club teams and already given directly to the family-see February minutes.)

The discussion of offering 2 annual scholarships continued. Wendy clarified that the original \$5,000 investment requested by Mid Nebraska Community Foundation could be accumulated over a 3-5 year period and that we could consider several ways to start building that fund. Grant

C. recommended the club consider increasing the registration fee by \$10/child to help start this fund. It was determined that this needed to have a committee assigned to it for further review.

New Business:

Body Basics has continued to cause some strains for our club in getting uniforms. It was reported that they are hard to work with and do not want to come out as a vendor for our tournament. Several people brought up ideas for other outlets for our uniforms, including SCORE (which AYSO uses), Hogan's – a local option, and MLS, which offers Zara brands. In relation to full uniform options, it was also outlined that as a related, yet separate issue, our current shorts are not appealing to some of the boys' teams and they are requesting the ability to purchase a longer inseam style of short. Much discussion was held – both pro and con - and it was determined to let the uniform committee try to come up with a plan. This committee is Becca Arteburn, Lisa Bianco, and Julie Nielsen.

Marshall Doughty of the tournament committee reported that they continue to get a good response for our tournament. They are holding 1 more calling night at the Chamber to contact coaches to invite them here. There will again be a pancake breakfast and pork supper. They need help from each team to make it successful.

Mel McNea discussed what our next step should be in relation to Mary's earlier presentation to Mid-Plains Community College. He feels it important for our club to be proactive and not just sit back to wait to see what they might decide. He suggested ways to show that we want to help them and possibly offer to help them get started by sponsoring equipment, etc. It was suggested that letters be sent to Dr. Chipps, the college President, from parents to show support for the addition of soccer to their program. Mary felt she could draft a letter for this use. She will remain the primary contact for the club and will try to schedule another meeting with the college administration in the near future.

Kim Johnson encouraged the club to remember to promote the indoor soccer league that the Rec Center started this past winter. It's good for them to help soccer in general and good for AYSO and this club to promote the indoor league for the Rec Center as well.

Kim also presented a hand out related to the U-10 and younger age divisions. Several issues have arisen since the club took this age group under its umbrella (before they were sanctioned by AYSO). To avoid continuing troubles with tryouts vs. organizational meetings; players playing up an age group; multiple teams of the same age, etc., she presented a rough draft of guidelines for the club to adopt. These need to be reviewed and will be a topic of discussion at our next meeting.

Anne O'Connor requested direction in putting together a U16-17 boys' team for the upcoming summer. Because this age group involves high school soccer players, it is difficult to determine one summer in advance if numbers would support a team at this age bracket. She has inquired with some players/parents and asked for direction from the club. Mary E outlined that she needs to have her plan in writing and presented to the coach administrator for approval before proceeding much further. Anne will continue to work on this so that these boys can have an opportunity to play – quite possibly in the NP Tournament.

Leland Poppe discussed the donation of the PVC pipe goals which were built for 3v3 games. He would like to see them donated to the NP elementary schools as good PR. NPPS would also need to approve the acceptance of the gifts but all felt it was a good idea for him to pursue. Each goal originally cost about \$70. Along that line, Dennis Young contacted Mary about equipment he has remaining after the closing of his sporting goods store. He offered her the entire amount for \$60, most of it is for the younger aged players. Anyone interested can contact him.

Other Business:

A parent from the U-8 boys' age division approached the board with questions related to the coaching situation for the U-8 age group. He was concerned that his son was not being given an opportunity to play because the U-9 team was full and he was not aware of enough players to have a U-8 team in place. He was reassured that there is a coach for the U-8 age group and that an organizational meeting would be held soon to gather more interested players. It was clarified that the club was working hard to keep each age group separate and to discourage any player from playing up one age group. If a U-8 player from last year's roster wanted to play with the now U-9's, they would need to submit a written request to do so. So far only 1 letter had been received. Mary will continue to guide this group of players and parents so that each team can be developed.

Grant C. discussed a fundraiser in progress to help a fellow soccer parent/coach. John Guethlein was recently hit by a car and seriously hurt while training for a triathlon. He is an AYSO coach and good friend of several soccer board members. A raffle has been started and tickets will be sold at AYSO games and around the community. Any suggestions of other ways the club could help him and his family would be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be on April 6th at 7:00 PM. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The board continued into Executive Session and adjourned from Executive Session at approximately 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the May 4th, 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the April 6th, 2004 meeting were read. A request for amendment was made in relation to the team that Anne O'Connor wants to put together. It is a U15/16 boy's team, not a U16/17 as noted in the original minutes. Leland Poppe moved to approve the minutes as amended and Deb Simpson seconded, with majority vote to approve.

A quick review of the previous month's executive session outlined that the board approved the 1 request received for a U-8 boy to play up one age division on the U-9 team. It was also noted that Anne O'Connor's request to form a boys U15/16 team was granted.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Deb handed out a financial statement (attached to the minutes). Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$6,451.24. She still has not obtained access to the tournament accounts and continues to request this information from Marcia. She is almost finished with the tax return and has received the past 3 year's bank statement copies from the bank. Kim Johnson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mary Elmshaeuser seconded and it was approved.

There was no Registrar report.

The Coaching Administrator's report was given by Mary Elmshaeuser. She handed out forms for each coach to complete along with the remaining balance due. She is still working on housing of the MLS coaches.

There was no Referee Administrator's report.

Old Business:

Mary reported that she has had another very good meeting with representatives from Mid-Plains Community College, including Dr. Chipps and some board of governors. She feels things are very much moving in a positive direction but stressed that this process is very much in the 'baby' stage, very fragile and it will take considerable time before results are realized. The college has requested that we keep our efforts very quiet and under control, staying positive but remembering to let them work through this in their own time. Grant Creager stressed to all club members to please not step out of any boundaries in contacting the college or their representatives. He has worked with them some on their site drawings and it is very crucial to this entire process that only Mary Elmshaeuser make contact, formal or informal, as we do not want to upset them with pushy inquiries.

The club website is up and running. It was not determined what the website address was at the time of the meeting (it has since been learned to be: www.npunitedsoccer.com)

Mel McNea reported that the tournament plans were going well; we have as many teams registered as last year. There will be AYSO teams playing and there will be several fun things for the kids to do.

Uniform Report: The U10 boys coach, Mike Diedel, requested to have Lisa Bianco look into longer inseam shorts for the boys' teams. She can get the same style short through Score with just a longer inseam and will do that in hopes of having them here by the NP Tourney. There was then again considerable discussion on the older teams' short issues. After much discussion, it was determined again that we need to remain consistent as a club and to be careful in granting too many exceptions to the current uniform. There needs to be clarification of the role of the uniform committee and they are to start researching and planning for complete uniform replacement-club wide-for the next soccer year(to have in place by January 2005). Until then and to resolve the issue of the short inseams that are causing some older boys' teams some issues, Mel made a motion to allow the U14 and older boys' teams the option of purchasing replacement shorts with longer inseams for the purpose of improved privacy. This motion was under the guidelines that both teams will purchase the same style and that the style will not clash with the current jersey. Mary E. seconded and the motion was approved.

No report on club scholarships.

New Business:

It was mentioned that the NP club teams had done very well in spring league competition.

A comment about the tournament was made in relation to volunteers and how crucial it will be to have parents volunteer.

Grant mentioned the continual need to promote the NP United Club for talented players who may not have the funds available to play. He inquired about a foundation to be set up for underprivileged players and wondered if we could go out into the business community to try to raise funds for this type of thing. It was also asked by Anne if there were guidelines for whether someone could donate directly to a players' travel and fee expenses or if it could be a problem. No one felt there were any issues with someone wanting to do that voluntarily.

Mel shared that Lori Schoenholz had requested him to ask if it was possible to start to search for a 2nd Registrar for the club. Lori is thinking it could possibly be someone from a younger team who could learn the process with her and be available as backup in her absence. Several felt this was a good idea and names will be considered.

It was mentioned that the U-8 boys' team has held their first practice and they have 9 new boys on the team for a total of 11 players. Kevin will be having them play in the NP Tourney.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the June 8th 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the May 4th, 2004 meeting were read. Mel McNea moved to approve the minutes and Deb Simpson seconded, majority vote approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given. A financial statement is attached to the minutes) Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$6,294.84. Tournament account is still unknown. Wendy Schramm made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mel McNea seconded and it was approved. Deb also noted that the club currently owes Marcia Higgins for monthly charges of maintaining the club website, which are currently being charged to her personal credit card. Deb was approved to pay Marcia and it was recommended that we check into a debit or credit card at the bank to be tied to our own club accounts.

There was no Registrar report.

The Coach Administrator's report was given by Deb Simpson, for Mary Elmshaeuser, who was absent due to the MLS camp activities of the week. Deb reminded everyone that tryouts are going to be June 29th. The club would like one parent from each team available to help collect the registration forms and money. Advertising needs to get in both newspapers with the hope of printing a list of coaches for each team. As in the past, each coach needs to apply/reapply to be head coach and the executive committee will meet to approve these requests. It is important to list the U8-U10's as a Rec division with organizational meetings, not tryouts. It would be nice to add the Registration form and Coach's application to the webpage. We are planning to modify the player's application form and all involved will confer with the Registrar also so that our documentation is better this year.

Gordon arrived to give the Referee Administrator's report. He also reported that the NP Tourney went well from the referee's perspective. He is working on a certification clinic for volunteers, to try for early fall. This will be for linesman and centers, we will need to pay the motel rooms for the trainers who come.

Old Business:

Mel reported that the tournament went very well. He recommended we send a letter to the editor to commend the tournament committee on a great job. Mel believes there is an initial post-tournament meeting scheduled for June 15th and after the post meetings a financial statement will be coming from the committee. He would like to see us build on the unique demographics of our tournament to be used for promotion in the future. There was a concern related to volunteer usage as some who showed up to help the committee did not feel the committee wanted their help, things seemed to be already done when asked what to do to help. Mel reported that they had better volunteer support this year than last and so it is hard to judge the numbers needed. He noted also that the tourney was good for the community as Hogan's sporting goods store in downtown NP reported 3 times the amount of business on Saturday alone.

Marshall Doughty also noted there is a request to inquire on and have available for next year a software program to help bracket teams, schedule field marshals, referees, etc. There is also a

national support – or web service – for this process, which runs about \$49 for the set-up and \$1 per team entered, per year. Deb Simpson noted she may have software available to loan us, she will research that. Mel recommended the tournament committee decide what would work best for them and bring their request to the board.

Grant recommended again increasing our annual club tryout fee to \$40 per child to start the high school scholarship fund that we want to move forward on. Discussion ensued about other ways to help fund this, as some felt the increase could be a deterrent to having kids play soccer and our intent is not to keep away families who can't afford the increase. Marshall suggested fundraisers and even an increase in the tournament team application fee for next year and felt we had other good options to follow-up on. Mel made a motion to keep the tryout fee the same, at \$30, and to look at other sources to fund the scholarship fund. Marshall seconded the motion, motion approved.

New Business:

Deb reported, for Mary, that the spring league winners will be getting their medals mailed to them.

We have known for some time that Mary Elmshaeuser wants to step down from the Coach Administrator's position to pursue other things in her life. Mel McNea has offered to move into this role with Mary's approval (and overall club approval) - and as long as Mary will help him thru a transition period. Mel mentioned that he has some new ideas to bring and that he feels western Nebraska is a hotbed for soccer right now and he would like to see a western league formed as just one new idea. This transition will be evaluated further in the near future.

Our club was asked by the state organization to adopt the state's by-laws. They want to host a coach's course on rules, etc. and to have us start governing by the same standards for accountability. This will be evaluated and likely voted on by the entire club at tryouts or possibly the year-end celebration (yet to be determined).

There is interest to set up a goalie camp to be hosted by Chris Kranjc. His summer is very full so timing has not yet been decided.

Marshall also expressed that Hayes KS is hosting a tournament later this fall and he encourages all coaches to consider attending since their club was so well represented at our tournament.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The executive committee went into executive session to review a parent's letter. The committee adjourned from executive session at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the July 6th 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the June 8th, 2004 meeting were read. Deb Simpson moved to approve the minutes and Lori Schoenholz seconded, majority vote approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$9,220.12. Tournament account is still unknown but Marcia Higgins tells Deb it will be ready by our August meeting. Deb also reported she deposited tryout registration fees that equal 142 players and some teams have a few registration fees yet to collect. No motion was made to approve the minutes, just due to oversight. Deb also reported that she received a letter from the IRS outlining that the Federal EIN number she provided on the tax return last May does not match what they have on file for us. Deb and Grant will approach the local IRS office to get guidance from them on what we need to do to get this corrected. Deb received the number from previous bank documents and no one seems to know where the original issuance letter is to determine where that number came from. Deb also shared that she's contacted the bank and they are to be sending her a credit card application to be attached to our club account for the payment of our website monthly fee.

Lori reported in the Registrar's report that she has had no current activity with our new roster applications but has been working to delete the old players who had been entered but not previously attached to a particular team. Grant reported that an offer was made by Lori Mendenhall to be an assistant registrar. Lori reported that she's also already had conversation with Julie Bunker about being an assistant and Grant encouraged Lori S. to follow her lead first since he had not been aware of that activity.

The Coach Administrator's report was given by Mary one last time, as she opened her report by sharing that Mel McNea has been accepted as her replacement as Coach Administrator for the remainder of this term. She also shared that she and Mel have made contact with the retired professional soccer player who has recently relocated to Broken Bow. His name is John Maessner and both Mary and Mel were pleased with what they saw during a short mini-camp he hosted for 2 younger boys teams. He is putting together a proposal for the club to possibly host training sessions during the off-season, possibly Sunday afternoons during the winter/early spring months for a reasonable fee. Mel will continue to stay in contact with him and bring information to the board for further decision and evaluation of where we want to go with him.

There was no Referee Administrator's report

Old Business:

Deb Simpson reported that the software she thought might be available for tournament brackets is not likely going to work out as it is older and runs on a DOS based system, which most people no longer utilize.

Grant reported back and had handouts available for all in attendance that are the first draft of the proposed Bylaws and Constitution for our club. As stated in earlier minutes, the state organization wants us to adopt the state bylaws format and have recently provided a 'backbone' draft of their current bylaws to help develop ours to model their format and information. Grant and Mel have worked to create this first draft. Most sections stay very similar to our current bylaws. Sections of moderate change that Grant outlined include the Grievance, Playing up, and Hardship sections. Grant encouraged each of those in attendance to carefully review these first drafts and to make recommendations so they can best fit our club. Grant will try to keep us updated as changes are outlined in the next few weeks. We need to try to get these copies out to all coaches and parent reps with the plan to have the final copy ready to vote on at the upcoming club picnic. We will need 2/3 majority approval of those in attendance at the time of the vote for the vote to pass.

The board is requesting that the tournament committee attend the next board meeting or at least send a representative to the meeting to report on the tournament wrap-up meetings and the overall success of the tournament. The board requests that a full outline of the financials related to the tournament also be brought to share. The board greatly appreciates the work and efforts of the committee, but because the committee is a subcommittee of the club, it is important to keep the board informed on all matters related to the tournament.

New Business:

Grant commented that with the approach made to John Maessner, it is a clear signal that it is time to move our club to the next level. One area John stressed during his mini-camp was the need to push 'speed of ball' in our players. Grant shared that Columbus has premier teams in several age divisions and our club should be able to move some teams to that level as well. He wants to find ways to bring specific 'skills' coaches to our area to help players focus on improved skills but knows it takes a financial obligation to do that. In relation:

Grant has approached Marshall Doughty about filling a newly created roll within our club as a Fundraising Coordinator. There are many opportunities available for us but with no financial backing to help them along, we are not able to pursue them. Within the bylaws it states the Board President is able to appoint this type of position and he has, with Marshall willing and enthused about this role. Marshall has many untapped resources and ideas for fundraising and promotion and utilizing his energetic efforts will be a real advantage to the club.

Mary passed on to Mel the MLS camp information for evaluation for next year. Grant commented that we want to continue to search for camp and training opportunities that lend to a long-term commitment of valued training and that this camp will be evaluated along with others that have been used before.

It was identified that we have several teams playing in the Loveland tournament but that it was visibly apparent that they have not ever reciprocated to our tourney. Discussion continued about asking coaches to evaluate this situation and to consider changing tournament locations next year to sites that might better reciprocate. It was again noted that the Hayes KS tournament would be a good tournament to try to do that with. Along this line, Grant mentioned that another new position on the board be considered which would be related to promotion/advertising of our tourney. This roll would be to 'sell' our tournament on our unique demographic feature through print and email promotion.

Mel discussed that he would like to have the club host the end of year club picnic sometime in Mid-August. He is planning to contact all coaches to ask them to be prepared to make a short presentation about their team record, awards, accomplishments, etc. Rod Dye has offered the use of a big grill. Deb made a motion to have the club furnish hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. Kim Johnson seconded, motion carried. The remainder of the picnic will be potluck. A final date will be determined by Mel in the near future.

Fall league starts on August 21st. Grant reported we will have a few teams participating and although the fee is \$500 for a full slate of games, it is possible to request fewer games and the league is getting back to Grant on what that reduced fee might be.

Jeff Hedgecock is taking a group of players to the new indoor facility/league in Grand Island this winter. Any further information anyone has about this would be appreciated with the hopes that others might be able to do the same.

Grant shared that he will be meeting with reps from the City tomorrow and they will be reviewing proposed field development ideas that Grant has been working on. As a member of the City Parks and Recreation board, Grant is aware that the city is very supportive of developing additional 'green space' along the river in Centennial Park. Because the South Park soccer development idea is more of a long-term solution for developing additional soccer fields, Grant is encouraged by the possibility of adding fields and modifying field sizes right in the Centennial Park area, which would be more of a short-term solution. With the support of equipment and volunteer labor from the soccer community, Grant feels work could be moved along quick enough that one new field could possibly be ready in time for our next tournament.

This type of field and complex development needs the support of grants as well. Grant writing continues to be needed because although the city is supportive with land for both outdoor and indoor soccer/sports facilities, they are not able to help support anything through financial means, as the Newburn funds are committed for the next 4 years. The US Soccer Federation is a great source and needs to be pursued.

Because most coach applications have not been received yet, Mel is planning to follow-up with coaches to have them get this done, hopefully through contact on the website. However, because some teams are planning to travel shortly after the August 1 new year, it was requested that we approve some coaches at this time. All coaches will be submitted for approval at the August meeting. Until then, Mary Elmshaeuser made a motion to approve the following:

Mary Elmshaeuser, Head; KC Stark, Assistant – U14 Boys
Kim Johnson, Head; Brad Johnson, Assisnat – U9 Girls
Gordon Larsen, Head; Mike Diedel and Nathan Settles, Assistants – U11 Boys

Deb Simpson seconded the motion, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the August 3rd, 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the July 6th, 2004 meeting were read. Leland Poppe moved to approve the minutes and Deb Simpson seconded, majority vote approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$9,748.84. We still owe MLS about \$2,700, she will be sure our records agree and then pay them. Deb and Grant tried to visit the IRS office but they were not open so they will try again. A motion was made by Leland to approve both the July and August treasurer's report. Mary Elmshaeuser seconded, motion carried.

There was no Registrar's report.

The Coach Administrator's report was given by Grant for Mel, who was absent. The Center of Excellence Camps that the state held here last year are still a possibility this fall, before the York tournament. The camp scheduled for the first week of August, hosted by the state, has been cancelled.

The Referee Administrator's report was given by Gordon Hansen. The end of October and/or first week of November he is planning to host a recertification clinic for 'local' referees (branching out as far as the state lines). If dates are conflicting for anyone they are to contact him right away to let him know.

Old Business:

Wendy and Mel have not yet made contact with Bob Allberry about getting the minutes and coach's forms published on the website but will try to do that soon.

There was no update on the date for the club picnic.

No changes have been requested or determined from the original draft of the club by-laws that were handed out in July.

The treasurer's report from the tournament is still unresolved.

The meeting with the city has not yet happened but Grant feels things are still OK to move on adding two new fields west of current fields #1&2. Issues to deal with are the flood plain, maintaining sprinklers, and new FEMA guidelines. Mike Brown may take the lead on this as Grant feels he could have a conflict of interest since he sits on the parks commission. Rod has confirmed that the 'ends' of sod are available for the new fields. Rod also has contacted the high school to see if students can make the goals for the new fields and it was well received.

No proposal has been received from John Maessner in Broken Bow. Mary stated that his work with the club will be most advantageous for players age 13 and older.

New Business:

Grant presented the full list of coaches for the upcoming season, on behalf of Mel. The following list was presented for vote:

Boys:

U8/U9 - next meeting

U10 – Jeff Hedgecock/Kathy Bargell

U11 – Gordon Larsen, Mike Deidel, Nate Settles

U12 – Mike Bianco, Annie O’Connor

U13 – Mel McNea, Vern Orr, Dave Leggott

U14 – Mary Elmshaeuser, KC Stark, Tim Bourke

U15 – Grant Schramm, Jeff Aurich

Girls:

U8 – KC Stark

U9 – Kim Johnson, Brad Johnson

U10 – Marshall Doughty

U11 – Grant Creager, Leland Poppe

U12 – no team formed

U13 – Mike Brown, John Weiseler

U14 – Rod Dye, Alan White, Brian Jahnke

U15 – Dana Hurst

U19 – Rose Baker

All coaches were approved with unanimous vote.

Inquiry was made regarding ‘D’ license training for coaches as the new bylaws will encourage appropriate training for coaches. No upcoming session is known of at this time but it was suggested to try to host a D license session here next year.

It was reported that Sunday evening pick-up games are still in progress and everyone is encouraged to stop by to play.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the September 7th, 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the August 3rd, 2004 meeting were not read, as Secretary Wendy Schramm arrived late to the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$9,672.19. The issue with duplicate tax ID numbers was straightened out with our local IRS office and Deb has made the correction at First National Bank. The issue stemmed from back when there were two club organizations in NP and the merger of the two.

Rod Dye was present to give a Tournament Committee update. Rod shared that there were a few bills yet to settle up and that there was a small problem with getting trophies mailed out to one team. He also stated they would not be dealing with trophy mailing in the future. Their official wrap-up report has already been submitted to the state but that the committee hasn't met lately to finalize data, etc. because everyone is so busy. They will try soon to meet to talk about dates for next year.

Lori gave a brief Registrar's report and stated she has 10 teams currently registered and she worked to correct the problem related to 1 boy who was too old to be playing for the U-9 team.

The Coach Administrator's report was given Mel McNea. He is still working on dates for the Center of Excellence Camps through the state. He also has not yet received a written proposal from Mr. Maessner for the club. They continue to maintain the field stripping for fall league games and wanted to inform the club that there would be supply expense involved this fall because AYSO does not play in the fall and so we are not able to share their supplies. Mel also presented the final coaches for the 2004-2005. They are for the U8-9 boys' team. Mike Cook and Mike Monch are parents who would like to take the team and they are being assisted by Rose Baker, who has offered her coaching assistance to get them started and then will phase out. Mel made a motion to accept these coaches, Lori seconded. Motion carried. Mel also shared he's had some thoughts on how to organize the high school age players for this year. He's proposing 2 teams – Fresh/Soph and Jr/Srs, in both the girls and boys division.

The Referee Administrator's report was given by Gordon Hansen. The date for the recertification clinic has been set for October 23/24. For a new certification they will need to attend both days, for a recertification they will only need to attend on the 24th from 9-5. They must be 14 years old by the 2005 season to attend. He will try to get a public service announcement to the Telegraph for advertising. He also asked that we pay for rooms for the trainers as we have in the past. He also asked coaches to let him know how the crews were doing for the local spring league games, both good and bad comments because he is not always available to be there to monitor how the crews are doing.

Old Business:

Wendy and Mel have still not made contact with Bob Allberry about getting the minutes and coach's forms published on the website but will have an update by the next meeting.

Grant reported that we need to get moving on the creation of the two new fields in that undeveloped area west of fields #1 & 2.

In inquiry was made about the progress of the new uniforms. Grant reported that the committee has met a few times and found some prices, etc. They have found nice uniforms at about ½ the cost of our current uniforms but the committee is still in progress with any final recommendations. Rod Dye requested a club exemption for the one year left his girls' team will be playing to purchase new shirts. He is willing to be flexible but needs some guidelines because his girls have absolutely outgrown their original uniforms and must have an alternative in place soon.

Mel reported that he did not have a lot of interest in organizing the picnic again this year because of so many busy schedules as the school year and fall sports began. He suggested trying to have it in July next year. There was a suggestion to utilize Maranatha Bible Camp for the picnic location with several comments of support for that as well.

New Business:

Wendy discussed that we will need an alternate meeting spot for the October meeting because the Hampton Inn is already booked by another organization for our normal October meeting date. There was also discussion about finding another spot that might generate better attendance at the meetings but still be quiet enough to have a productive meeting. Suggestions included the Depot, the Firefly Inn, Quality Inn, and the Airport Inn meeting room. Wendy offered to find an alternate meeting spot and Grant C later offered to help as well.

Lori requested a search for a new registrar. This person would train with her and then take over the role permanently. A couple of names came up and this will be considered further in the near future.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the October 5th , 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mel McNea as both President Grant Creager and Vice President Leland Poppe were unavailable for this meeting.

The minutes from the September 7th 2004 meeting were read by Secretary Wendy Schramm.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$7,220.69. Deb has still not received an update on the tournament's primary or emergency fund accounts.

A motion to approve both the minutes and the treasurer's report was made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Chris Bourke, motion carried.

There was no Registrar's report.

The Coach Administrator's report was given Mel McNea. Dates for the camp provided by Mr. Maessner have been set for Oct 30-31, at \$30 per child. It will be fore ages U-12 or older, possibly U-11 if there is enough interest from that age group. Sessions will be from 3:30-4:30 and 5-6:30 those days. John's proposal to the high school has also included a winter camp beginning in November and running through February. The cost of that camp is \$100 per player and will be held on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 PM, at Centennial Park or the DN Center in case of bad weather. Fliers are available for this camp. Although there were previous concerns about John's ability to relate to younger players, he has done a session with the U-12 boys team and the coaches watching felt he did a great job with that younger age.

The Referee Administrator's report was given by Gordon Hansen. The recertification clinic is still scheduled for October 23-24. Cost for a new certification is \$30 and the cost for recertification is \$25. Gordon clarified that participants need to be 13 years old by January 1, 2005 to attend.

Old Business:

Wendy has had phone conversations with Bob Allberry about the club website. Bob stated he was very willing to add items to the website and felt he was likely the primary contact for the website and did not mind helping in this manner. He outlined that it would be good to get the club to take over the monthly fee and that he was willing to put out minutes, forms, etc. whenever they were sent to him, he would even complete the reformatting needed to have them ready to post. We discussed the advertising component a bit and determined that someone from the club needed to develop some guidelines and pricing related to advertisers on the site. Wendy shared that we are to get back in touch with Bob when we are ready to proceed. Mel suggested that because of the outstanding issues and the fact that the website was originally set-up for the tournament information to be shared that we get a committee developed to oversee it. He felt the key issues for the committee to determine would be 1) keeping too many people from giving info to Bob in an unorganized manner 2) advertising 3) getting Marcia paid back and removed from the payment process. He requested having a tournament member on the committee and Wendy is to contact Marshall or Rod to see who they would like to have join us. Wendy will contact

people and the committee will try to have conclusions and direction outlined by the next club meeting.

Deb Simpson reported that she investigated the picnic options with Maranatha Bible Camp for next year and found that they insist on providing all food and entertainment. They would charge us approximately \$15.00 per family or \$3.00 per person (a bit of a reduced rate) and would prefer we have it in June or July of next summer. Considering the entertainment piece this seemed to be very reasonable and much less work than organizing our own picnic. Wendy made a motion to approve the 4th weekend of July as the club picnic date at Maranatha, Kim Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business:

Deb shared that Larry Haneborg has purchased some used astro-turf from a college in Iowa and is planning to use it to cover the dirt area of the DN center for sports activities. His intention is to have it available but not down permanently so it would be rolled and unrolled as needed. This might be a nice opportunity for soccer teams to practice on and the safety issue of it not being secured will have to be evaluated.

Mel shared that a small group of club representatives will be planning to attend the Mid Plains Community College Board of Governors meeting in McCook at the end of this month. They are wanting to follow-up after the board quietly approved women's softball for the 2006 school year to ask a few questions and to verify if men's and women's soccer is still being considered as well.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the November 2nd, 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager.

The minutes from the October 5th, 2004 meeting were read by President Grant Creager.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$8,329.71. Deb has still not received an update on the tournament's primary or emergency fund accounts. Rod reported that the final accounting had been done and the club should be receiving it soon. Grant has received an invoice from A.Y.S.O. for striping and concessions for the tournament. Rod volunteered to make sure that Marcia Higgins received the invoice for payment.

A motion to approve both the minutes and the treasurer's report was made by Tammy LaLanne, and seconded by Mary Elmshaeuser, motion carried.

There was no Registrar's report.

There was no Referee Administrator's report. Grant reported that Gordon will not be able to be the Referee Administrator for a couple of years due to some personal commitments, so the club will need to find someone to fill this position. Grant also reported that there was disappointing attendance at the Referee Clinic held on October 23rd & 24th. There are other Clinics scheduled in Kearney and Grand Island if someone was unable to attend the North Platte Clinic.

Old Business:

Grant reported that Mel McNea went to McCook and met with the Mid-Plains Community College Board of Governors. He shared with them the concerns that soccer was not given a fair opportunity at the recent decision to add softball to the School activities for the 2006 school year. They were receptive and have not ruled out soccer. Mel is pursuing a study into the economic and social impact that a soccer program could have for the school.

New Business:

Grant received a letter from the Nebraska State Soccer Association requesting reporting from the Tournament. Rod stated that the reporting had already been sent to them, but he will follow up to see if additional information is needed.

Leland Poppe requested a donation from North Platte United Soccer to help with the cost of striping the North Platte High School Football/Soccer Field. He reported that the striping cost approximately \$14,000.00 and they would like a donation of \$2,000.00. Discussion was held as to whether the Club was financially stable enough to make the donation. Mary Elmshaeuser stated that she would like to see some Exhibition Games brought in to play on

the field this spring. Mary made a motion that if the Club is financially stable enough to allow us to donate to the striping fund that we do so as long as the school allows soccer to be played on the field. Tammy seconded. This motion was then withdrawn and Mary made the motion that after the Financial Statement was looked at, that the North Platte United Soccer Club and the Buffalo Bill Shootout share the cost of the \$2,000.00 contribution for striping for the North Platte High School Field. This motion was seconded by Tammy LaLanne. The motion carried.

Grant reported that next month would have a full agenda as we needed to have a vote concerning the local teams participating in our local tournament. Rod Dye stated that we should not have to wait until December to conduct this vote. Rod made the motion that all teams need to support the North Platte Tournament or else be available to help with the Tournament. If they are unable to participate in the Tournament, the coach needs to individually appear before the board with the reason their team cannot participate. Grant added to the motion stating that the coaches should be required to participate in recruiting teams to come to the tournament in their age level. Tammy LaLanne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On November 13 there will be a meeting in York to set dates for the tournaments for next year.

At the December meeting the vote for the new slate of officers for the 2005 season will be held. Also, new U-8 Boys Coaches, John Heathline and Brian Jahnke will need to be approved.

There will be a coaches meeting in January to try to coordinate tournaments for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Simpson for Wendy Schramm, Secretary

North Platte United Soccer Club
Minutes from the December 7th, 2004 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Creager at 7:15 PM.

The minutes from the November 2nd, 2004 meeting were read by Secretary Wendy Schramm.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Deb Simpson. A financial statement is attached to the minutes. Deb reported the CD balance at \$2,876.97 and the checking balance at \$6,208.32. Wendy reported that in conversation with Marshall Doughty, he has received the tournament accounting information from Marcia but has misplaced it himself and will continue to search for it so it can be forwarded to Deb. It was also noted that two teams (Titans and Hotshots) still owe a balance for spring league.

A motion to approve both the minutes and the treasurer's report was made by Alan White, seconded by Kim Johnson, motion carried.

Mel McNea reported a Registrar's update from Lori Schoenholz. She has shared all teams who have turned in their material to her have been processed at the state level. There are still a few teams who need to get their documentation turned in so the new Registrar can get them processed timely.

There was no Referee Administrator's report.

Rod Dye gave a tournament committee report. He and Marshall had attended a meeting in York and did give them a full written report on last year's tournament results. They presented our request to again hold the NP Shootout on Memorial Day weekend, 2005. Per Mel, that date has been approved and the tournament will be Fri-Sun, no Monday games. The committee is meeting next Wednesday and is wanting to reorganize some tournament functions (ads, booklets, coaches packets etc.) to have them complete by March 1 to have them out of the way.

The Coach Administrator report was given by Mel. He is planning the annual coaches meeting to determine what tourneys our teams want to travel to. This will be scheduled for sometime in January. He shared that the NE Soccer website has information about D license training if anyone is interested. He also shared that Doug Peterson (new NPHS boys' head coach) would like to work with the older teams (FR/SO and JR/SR) for summer game/tourney options. He reported that the winter camp hosted by John Maessner for the high school boys has been going well. One item of concern is related to indoor space rental for Sundays during bad weather. The DN Center is \$200 per day. Our Redeemer's gym has been the less expensive indoor choice at a cost of \$15.00 per hour. Each boy has been asked to bring \$1.00 to help cover the cost and Elmshaeuser's have made a large donation to also help cover the expense. Although that has worked fairly well thus far, Mel made a motion to ask the club to help cover rental expenses in the event they exceed the monies collected. Kim Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried. Mel also requested a motion and it was seconded by Alan to pursue the combining of the high school aged players (both boys and girls) for summer tourney travels. The motion carried. Mel

also reported that he had a meeting scheduled with Mid Plains Community College representatives to continue working along side of them during their soccer evaluation. Finally, Mel asked the coaches to be thinking of what kind of summer camps they'd be interested in having available this summer. John Maessner, Chris Kranjc, MLS and others are available, dates would need to be set soon.

Old Business:

The credit card discussed in previous meetings this past fall has not yet been processed. Mel McNea made a motion, Kim Johnson seconded it – to allow a credit card to be associated with the NP United Soccer Club's banking accounts at First National Bank. The club President and Vice President would be the approved signers. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The website continues to be better utilized and links for forms, etc. will be made more readily available in the coming months. Wendy is to check if an email account comes with the Yahoo registration. A calendar for coaches to post practice schedules on has also been suggested.

The final recommendations for team coaches for this current soccer season were presented. Mel presented Brian Jahnke and John Geuthlein as coaches for the U-8 boys' team. Deb Simpson made a motion to accept them, Rod Dye seconded, motion carried. Kim Johnson moved to approve all 4 current NPHS soccer coaches for club coaching duties for the summer. These coaches are Doug Peterson, Mary Elmshaeuser, Janie McCarthy, and Sara Kaminski. Mel seconded the motion, motion carried.

New Business:

On behalf of VP Leland Poppe, Grant Creager brought forward a slate of officer candidates for the upcoming year.

President-Grant Creager
Vice President-Leland Poppe
Secretary-vacant
Treasurer-Deb Simpson
Registrar-Natalie Jahnke

Alan White approved the candidate list, Rod Dye seconded. Motion carried. A search for the secretary position will continue.

Additional (appointed) positions within the board include Coach and Referee Administrators. Mel McNea will remain as Coach Administrator and the Referee Administrator position is currently vacant. John Sorranto was a suggested name and he will be contacted to see if he is interested.

Our club has been approached by the state association to approve a new 'standard' bylaws document, which was handed out to those present at the meeting. It would be very similar to our current bylaws with minor format changes. Two primary changes would involve sections related

to the 3 player 'playing up' limit and the voting requirements for making bylaw changes. After several discussion points were made, it was decided that a vote on these changes could not be made until members had more time to evaluate them. Deb made a motion to have the proposed bylaws posted on our website for review, of which a copy could be requested by mail if a family did not have internet access. We could then have postcards mailed out to all families to ask them to review and vote on the proposed changes. The votes would need to be received by a certain date, with no response indicating a 'yes' vote. Alan seconded the motion, motion carried.

Grant inquired with the uniform committee to see if they could bring samples of possible new uniforms to the next meeting. They will see what can be done.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Schramm, Secretary