

Bellaire High School Soccer Booster Club  
Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2008 7 PM, Room S267  
By Linda Maher

The meeting was well-attended. Jim Fish is hopeful that is a sign of more interest and involvement in improving what the club can offer the teams. Main speakers at the meeting were Jim, Coach Kanzig, and Coach Mulet.

**Meeting Highlights**

- **Field upkeep:** Club approved payment to an outside service of approx. \$520 for mowing and painting of BHS fields last weekend. Less expensive chalking was not an option due to rain expected.
- **Uniforms:** There have been on-going delays with uniforms from the supplier. Club expects to spend about \$10,000 on uniforms, including some inexpensive, but readily available, white jerseys for the girls.
- **Transportation Issues - SUVs:** For some games SUVs are rented, paid for by BHS, and then HISD reimburses the school. The problem is the SUVs must be driven by HISD employees, and there are only 2 available qualified drivers, yet 3 are typically needed. Parents are asked to volunteer to help drive players if a 3<sup>rd</sup> SUV driver is not found, and Coach Kanzig needs to know who is volunteering to drive for which games.
- **Transportation Issues - Buses.** The buses HISD provides for V games are sometimes not big enough to hold the combined girls and boys teams, coaches, and equipment. Parents are needed to help with last minute transport in personal vehicles. Several schools have complained to HISD, but there has been no action. Parents who wish to comment on this problem, and ask for the bigger buses, should send emails to HISD's Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Wade at:  
[dwade3@houstonisd.org](mailto:dwade3@houstonisd.org)  
[tfitzger@houstonisd.org](mailto:tfitzger@houstonisd.org)

Players need to be reminded not to leave personal items on the bus, since sometimes the buses do not wait during the games (L. Maher personal comment - Trust me, you do not want to have to deal with Butler Motor Pool).

- **Turf shoes:** There was discussion about problems with wearing regular cleats on artificial turf surfaces. The cleats dig in too far and can lead to injuries, such as a recent ACL injury to a varsity girl player. Special soccer "turf" shoes can help minimize the risk of injury. Some of the fields on which BHS plays are artificial turf, and the club will try to identify those fields in the field information compilation (see below).
- **Budget status:** After the recent outlays for uniforms and the field upkeep, the club estimates about \$10,000 will remain in the account.
- **Donut sales:** Donut sales during December finals week netted about \$950 in 3 ½ days. The spring sales are a bigger event and often net about \$2,000. Michelle Lowe will head up the spring sales.
- **Spring banquet:** Janus Lazaris will head the committee. Ideas are sought for location and caterer. Some ideas for location include Bellaire United Methodist, Faith Lutheran, and Bellaire City facilities. Approximately 200

- people generally attend. The players are asked to pay a nominal deposit (usually \$10) to encourage attendance, but the deposit is later returned. Janus will be asking for help. There was some discussion about how to get a good speaker for the event (e.g., Dynamo-related person would be great). Coach Kanzig to look into arranging a speaker. See also Photos and Club and player information compilation below.
- Photos: Volunteers are needed to take photographs during the games. The photos can be posted on the web, and used for the slide show during the banquet. This is a great way to embarrass your kid on multiple levels. Is that enough motivation to step up for this job?
  - Equipment needs: Coach Mulet mentioned the need for some equipment, including 2 medical kits and more balls.
  - Girls soccer website: Coach Mulet set up a website for V and JV team schedules and related information at: [www.bhs-soccer.org](http://www.bhs-soccer.org)
  - Field information compilation: Nancy Delhommer volunteered to put together a booklet of information on school playing fields including maps and field type (e.g., grass or artificial turf). This will be available to parents.
  - Club and player information compilation: It was recognized that a directory of player/parent information would be helpful. Coach Kanzig has a lot of this information put together for the boys, and Coach Mulet will start a similar compilation for the girls. Linda Maher to help. This process should be started earlier next year. Since banquet invitations go out by mail it is important to at least get address information asap.
  - Game analysis: Coach Mulet invites  $\frac{1}{2}$ -time commentary at the girls' games by the armchair strikers among us who are watching and analyzing. Sometimes a fresh perspective can help improve play. Serious gamers only please, since the teams and coaches need to stay focused.
  - JV tournament: the schedule for the Jan. 18-19 boys and girls games was distributed.
  - Changing of the guard: Secretary Gloria Estrajon stepped down as club secretary. She needs to re-focus her time and energy to help her son recover from an injury. Gloria was thanked for her services. Linda Maher was voted in as the new club Secretary.
  - Club volunteer needs: Club is still looking for someone to take over maintenance of the club website. Also, some club officers will be leaving at the end of this year, including President Fish, and nominations for new officers are sought. Just think of the opportunities: power, prestige, donuts out the wazoo, and doing Important Things with fellow soccer junkies outdoors on cold wet afternoons. All in the name of the game.