

Bemidji Youth Soccer
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2026
5:30 PM Fozzie's BBQ

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jordan Anderson (President), Patrick Quinn (Vice President), Jake Reiersen (Treasurer), Kelly Martinka (Secretary), Rob Elliott, Chris Hess, Craig Morin, Jenny Willford, Jeff Mitchell (Club Administrator).

Members absent: Sydney Novak

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM.

Review of agenda.

Additions to agenda:

- None

Club Administrator's Report:

- We are up to 240 registered players.
- First time on the turf at the Neilson Fieldhouse on Sunday, January 25. Will take some time for the players to get used to it and hoping for more off-season participation now that the Neilson Fieldhouse is open for the players and coaches to use.
- Blaine tournament registration has been completed.
- There is potential to break up the boys U-19 team to one U-19 team and one U-16 team if we can get a few more U-19 boys to participate. Right now the U-16 and U-19 are one team under U-19.

Elliott made a motion to approve the club administrator's report. Quinn seconded. Unanimous.

Secretary's Report:

- Reviewed December's minutes sent out via email.

Elliott made a motion to approve August and October meeting minutes. Quinn seconded. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

- Emailed treasurer report by Reiersen. Items noted on treasurer's report: paid Shakopee tournament expense, finished the association's tax return and **Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the charitable organization report. Quinn seconded. Unanimous.**
- Conversation had amongst the board included coaches per diem for the 4 tournaments and what the savings account earnings are. Reiersen reported that they are at around 1.5% on money market. Anderson wondered if we could move it into a CD for further investment. Reiersen will look into it for further discussion.

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- Booster accounts all look good. School district pays for 50% of bussing cost, boosters have to pay for the rest.

Elliott made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Hess seconded.
Unanimous.

Old Business:

- Soccer.com store updated: Jerseys are live. Fan page is not. Waiting for uniforms before we go live with the fan page to make sure they replace the logo on the fan wear.
- Logo was shared on website and Facebook page. Good response from many players and their families.
- Willford has contact that can make \$5.00 patches with new BYS logo for purchase with no minimum for us to stitch over old logo on bags, jackets, etc.

New Business:

- Grand Rapids Soccer Association would like to scrimmage our teams in the spring. Mitchell will pass onto the coaches to see if there's interest. Would be team by team decision and would need to be scheduled before Shakopee tournament. There's also a Grand Rapids Tournament option for our teams June 11-12.
- Neilson Fieldhouse agreement: discussion was had amongst the board regarding the \$5,000 annual contribution (starting September 2027) to the Neilson Fieldhouse for operating costs. There was also an ask of 1/3 contribution needed if the fieldhouse went into a deficit per organization. The BYS board is not okay with supporting the 1/3 deficit but were okay with the annual \$5,000 contribution. Asked Elliott and Martinka to go back to the Bemidji Indoor Sports Commission board of directors and ask for clarity on the budget shortfall and if there's further opportunity for capped amounts on the budget shortfall in the user agreement, so we have better opportunity to budget if there is a shortfall. Further conversation was had with the board on the usage agreement regarding the non-school days and holidays; how does BISC foresee those being rotated? Also, how does BYS protect us for first right of refusal on the usage of the building.
- Elliott gave an update on the Neilson Fieldhouse regarding the batting cages being installed and how that could effect some scheduling when that does happen due to the amount of turf that needs to be removed for lifts to get in to hang the retractable cages. Board members had questions on storage areas for equipment and when it will open to the public. Details still being figured out on code to enter facility. Cubbies and coat racks for shoes and coats were ordered.

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Motion to adjourn: 6:33 PM. Morin made a motion to adjourn. Reiersen seconded.

Next meeting: February 24, 2026 at Neilson Fieldhouse