

BIGFORK BANDITS

From the President

In the Spring of 2006 my 11 year old daughter was playing on her first competitive sports team, the Bandits U12 Girls team. And as any proud Papa I went to every game, mixing with the other parents and cheering on all the players. It was fun and we became a close family.

At a game in Butte, Dani, my daughter, was playing keeper. She made a save on a shot on goal. With ball in hand and the wind at her back, she stepped up to punt the ball. She kicked it high, long and straight down the middle of the pitch. The wind caught it and it bounced once over the keepers head. Well it hit the cross bar and went out of play. But everyone cheered her and from there on I was hooked on soccer. That summer I took the referee course, coached that U12 girls team in the fall and started going to board meetings. The rest is history.

I am truly excited about the up-coming 2010/2011 season. The passion and involvement for soccer in Bigfork is higher than ever, and the Bandits are headed in the right direction. With more certified coaches on staff than ever before, the addition of your new Director of Coaching (Bill Buxton) and the experience and knowledge of the Director of Soccer Operations (Tim Guenzler), our area youth will get the training, the skills and the understanding of the game they need to be their best at soccer. Not to leave out how this helps make them better students and good citizens of the community.

You as parents deserve the best for your children from the Bandits organization and we want to live up to your expectations. As your involve-ment with your child is expected, your help with the Club is needed. You don't have be a Board Member, coach or a referee, that takes a special level of commitment, but if everyone volunteered a hour here, half hour there then the burden would have less impact on the few that are always there to help. It is fun and you get to know the names of people you see all the time. Who knows, you might become friends and family!!

As we organize the up-coming season I will post information as it comes up on our web site at, www.bigforkbandits.com.

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