



# VYS Board Meeting

## December 1, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Mike Allen, Brian Ebert, Bob Amani, Ryan Phair, Mike Gurdak, Aravind “Jag” Jagannathan, Jamie Wilson, Peter Wacht, Dave Shiells, Linda McDonald, Michele Sullivan, Scott Holec, Al Nunley, Margaret Kerfoot

**Staff:** Eddie Lima, Anjali Thompson, Mary Nunley, Debbie Brenchick, Jane Dawber, Gerardo Ramirez

**Guests:** Andrew Ritter

The meeting opened at 7:30. President Mike Allen made a motion to accept the October Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded.

### Good of the Game:

Margaret Kerfoot shared that Denise Schwandt and Isabella Mouthino both were awarded “Champions of Character” awards for going above and beyond and promoting a positive character in athletics. (See link here: <http://vys.org/home/shortStory/845796.html>)

Anjali Thompson noted that over \$2000 was raised for “Give Cancer the Boot” by VYS.

Eddie Lima shared appreciation to Mary Nunley, Liz DiFrancisco, and Anjali Thompson for communications and support to the All-Star Clinic.

Mike Allen shared that he had received an email of appreciation about Mike DiNuzzo and his coaching.

### Reports of Officers and Directors:

#### **Secretary/Programs (Jamie Wilson)**

Jamie shared the success of the PCA “Parent Talks” at the U7 House games on November 1. He thanked Will Bowman for his help with this program. Almost 70 parents attended at three sites.

There was a suggestion to try and host a “PCS Double Goal Class” in the spring time. It will be VYS sponsored and NCSL will reimburse. It should be promoted to House coaches and commissioners

#### **Scholarships (Aravind “Jag” Jagannathan)**

Jag shared a draft VYS Financial Aid policy. Some highlights included:

- The eligibility threshold is combined parental adjusted Gross Income of \$80,000
- Not all applicants will be funded the entire amount
- The Scholarship committee will review all submittals
- The committee will become the collection agent (not AGCs, Team Managers or VP of House/Travel)

A discussion centered around why not an allocation of \$400 to each individual for travel as in the past? (The maximum under the new policy is \$400 season, \$800/travel year.) Due to funds available each season and a need for flexibility due to numbers of applicants, VYS may not be able to award all applicants the maximum amount each season. Additionally, it was explained that VYS needs to look forward and plan for other costs in the future such as fields, plus there is an increase in scholarship requests at the older travel groups. It is about expense management and the committee is trying to be equitable. Additionally it was stated that recipients of scholarships did not need to reside in specific zip codes to receive scholarship funds.

Mike Allen asked Jag to add Mary Nunley to the Committee.

Bob Amani made a motion to pass the draft policy, the motion was seconded by Mike Allen and was passed by a 12-0 vote.

### **Travel (Ryan Phair)**

Ryan mentioned that end of season player reviews were in progress and coach surveys (ratings for coaches) were going out soon.

Three new policies were being established by the Travel Committee:

1. Tryouts – will be open to House players if adding a player
2. Maximum roster sizes
3. Financial refunds – in select cases

Winter training space has been arranged. There is extra space at Vienna Adventist on Sundays from 9:00-12:00 which is available for both House and Travel.

Currently looking at “Injury Prevention” and “Speed and Agility” training. These are also being looked at to incorporate into base training.

A centralized payment program is being piloted in U10.

### **Operations (Brian Ebert)**

The goals at Oakton HS were being taken down and being transported to Kilmer (big goals). Brian will coordinate with Liz.

## **President Report (Mike Allen)**

### Uniforms

Mike Allen and Mary Nunley met with both Adidas and Under Armour. The quality with Adidas was much better so the decision was to remain with them. Unfortunately in years past, some benefits were “left on the table” and that will be tracked better going forward. Mike asked Brian, Ryan, and Melissa to review the contract.

The uniform coordinators have been inundated with work in years past. Going forward, VYS will use Soccer.com for ordering. Families can order directly from there rather than having to go through a uniform coordinator. Soccer.com can also support “Give Cancer the Boot” initiatives and VYS spirit wear. Travel will switch to Soccer.com in the fall. House will remain with “PJ’s”.

Soccer.com will host a couple “sizing nights” where families can come to try on gear for ordering purposes.

### Washington Spirit

VYS has entered into an agreement with the Washington Spirit. One of the benefits to VYS with this arrangement is for VYS players to be involved with the “Super Y” program. See info here: <http://washingtonspirit.com/super-y/>

The boys’ elite league over the summer will be through Washington FC.

The Washington Spirit will open their practices to VYS and Mark Parsons (Spirit Head Coach) will work with House coaches and travel coaches in an instructional setting.

### **Executive Director (ED) Search (Pete Wacht)**

The ED candidates will be presented to the Board on December 14. It has been narrowed down to three candidates. A binder will be sent out a week prior with information on each of the candidates.

### **Governance (Margaret Kerfoot)**

A draft of bylaws provisions as provided by the Governance Committee and outside counsel is in development. The next call to discuss is scheduled for December 11.

### **Concussion Policy (Dave Shiells):**

Dave mentioned changes to the draft policy he previously presented based on BOD feedback. Below is a list of the changes:

- All parents and players will be required to check boxes at registration and complete a paper form that is given to the player's Coach at the first practice/game
- All coaches (volunteer and professional) are required to complete the CDC certification class each season, even U5 coaches
- Tracking completion of the CDC certification is on an honor system with provision for an audit
- Baseline testing is optional but encouraged by VYS for U9 and older players
- The Head Injury Report Form will need to be a carbon copy form but also serves as a checklist for coaches
- Doctors clearance is a requirement to return to practice or play after a diagnosed concussion

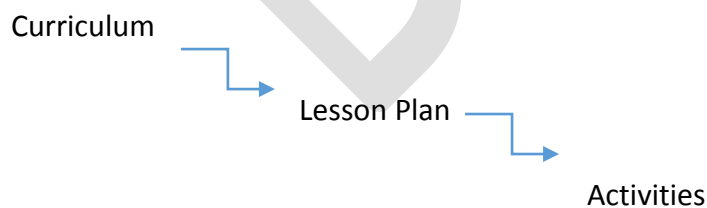
Mike Allen emphasized that pre-season meetings will be important this year to convey the message of Scholarships and the Concussion Policy. Dave also recommended having concussion sessions with members and coaches each season.

Dave will make the recommended changes and distribute to Board members for electronic approval.

### **ClubSportal (Scott Holec):**

Scott briefed that a demonstration was conducted on November 18. Many of the logistic issues, such as how to deal with password resets, are being addressed now.

ClubSportal is arranged in a three tiered structure:



Additionally content is currently being inputted. "Pilot coaches" will be tasked with establishing "best practices". A customizable player and coaches evaluation is built into the program. By mid-January it is anticipated that content will have been inputted and tested. This will be rolled

out to U12G coaches, but a designated coach on the committee will be the representative for them and communicate feedback to the committee and ClubSportal.

### **House Program (Mike Gurdak):**

Mike Gurdak reported that House had a good season and All Stars was successful. Mike mentioned a recent incident in a U15/19B Suburban Friendship League game regarding a roster issue, and plans to explore options for U15/19B going forward.

### **Administrator (Mary Nunley)**

Mary mentioned that referee classes were scheduled and three U8 referee classes are scheduled for February.

### **Miscellaneous (Dave Shiells)**

F license classes have been scheduled. VYS will cover the cost of class registration. There is a code to enter or the individual can pay with a credit card and be reimbursed as an expense. If the code is needed, Dave Shiells can provide it.

Dave also announced that VYS is set up through 2015 for license courses. This needs to be promoted to House and Travel coaches by Eddie, Jane and Gerardo and as a “blast”.

The NSCAA Convention is scheduled for January. Mike Allen mentioned that any Staff member or BOD member who wishes to attend will have their registration covered.

### **Closing:**

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mike Allen. It was seconded by Aravind “Jag” Jagannathan. The Board voted unanimously to move to Executive Session.

The open Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

### **Executive Session:**

Topic(s) discussed included:

Vote on VYS membership Application

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Wilson  
VYS Board Secretary