



# VYS Board Meeting

**March 16, 2015**

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

**Staff:** Mary Nunley, Debbie Brenchick

**Guests:** Dave Harvey

The meeting opened at 7:34 pm. President Mike Allen made a motion to accept the December Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ryan Phair. Unanimous agreement.

There was also discussion to include Executive Session topics in meeting minutes.

## Good of the Game:

Bob Amani highlighted that local author and VYS member Ian Caldwell was hosting a book signing for his new book, “The Fifth Gospel: A Novel” at the Tysons Corner Barnes and Noble. Mr. Caldwell generously offered to donate 25% of the proceeds at the book signing to The Outreach Plan for Soccer (TOPS).

Margaret Kerfoot raised that she had received positive feedback on the recently conducted “F Course” coaching class.

## Reports of Officers and Directors:

### **Finance (Bob Amani/Aravind “Jag” Jagannathan)**

Bob mentioned that he is in the process of collecting all the information on trainers for each of the teams to complete 1099s.

He also highlighted that he is pulling all the financial data from the travel teams to complete the P&L statement. The staff salaries are a new component of the P&L. Additionally, there are other expenses such as fields and trainers that are being updated.

Jag stated that they will be meeting with Catherine Keightley (VYS Executive Director) to aid in her understanding of VYS finances. The goal is also to convert the P&L forecasts to actuals, but first a chart of accounts needs to be properly aligned.

Additionally Jag mentioned that a line of credit needs to be established.

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

Jag advised that there will be a meeting at the end of March to discuss applications and distribute financial aid checks to the teams by the start of the season.

**Registrar (Debbie Brenchick)**

Debbie provided the following registration numbers as of March 16, 2015:

TOPS	15
Travel	883
House	2718
Adult	97
Total	3713

Debbie also said that winter training was up 80 players from 514 to 594 and that there is an increase in House financial aid applications and a decrease in travel applications.

**House Program (Margaret Kerfoot)**

Margaret mentioned that there was recent discussion on the ability to play down for “All Stars”, but that it is not permitted.

She also heard positive feedback on the recent House commissioners meeting.

**Travel (Ryan Phair)**

Ryan said that the recent travel meeting was very successful with 73 people participating.

He also shared that Richard Gunney (VYS Technical Director) will train the U14 teams on Thursday nights.

Ryan recently met with Rich to discuss the training companies that VYS currently works with and that he would soon be having meetings with all the training companies.

Ryan also said that the current priority is to have successful tryouts.

**Administrator (Mary Nunley)**

Mary discussed that she has been working with Soccer.com on logos. She has rejected a few samples they have provided. A new one was recently received and once a final version is approved, it will take about two weeks for the VYS Soccer.com team page to be set up.

Mary highlighted some of the benefits of the DC United partnership. VYS receives discounted tickets to games (\$15 for \$30 seats and \$21 for \$35 seats) and VYS Night on June 6. On that

night, VYS players will be on the field before the game and form a tunnel for DC United to walk through as well as carry flags onto the field. Additionally there will be a tailgate 4 hours before the game. As an added benefit, DC United will provide “chalk talks” to VYS coaches 2-3 times during the season.

Mary also mentioned that financial aid vouchers will be through PJs.

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

Mike Allen has been discussing with Catherine about the concerns of the use of artificial turf fields and the recent article in USA Today. He said that Catherine is engaged in this and is working with Fairfax County. Fairfax County is taking the lead on this issue.

Mike asked for assistance with support for the Adult league. Bob Amani and Margaret Kerfoot agreed to help.

Mike also addressed the Board and said that it will be going through a transition. The Board has been involved in many aspects of the daily operations of VYS. However, with an Executive Director (Catherine) on staff, many functions will be transitioning and the ED will be responsible for handling items previously handled by BOD members. He also asked to include Catherine on all contract negotiations as she is to take the lead.

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

Margaret has been working with the VYS attorney on various items of guidance for VYS.

### **Programs (Jamie Wilson/Dave Shiells)**

Jamie mentioned that the “Concussion Awareness Night” with featured speaker Briana Scurry has been rescheduled for April 28. A brief discussion also centered on baseline testing and it was suggested by Scott Holec to work with Catherine on this effort.

Dave discussed the recent “F License” coaching courses that were conducted at Luther Jackson. He also thanked Debbie for validating coaches that were with VYS, Liz for assigning fields and Mary for arranging for Lecture Rooms. Over 30 coaches participated with 19 being VYS coaches. There is an upcoming “E License” coaching class with 30 coaches participating.

### **Club Sportal (Scott Holec)**

Scott updated all on the status of the development of the Club Sportal modules. The U5/U6 activities and 9 practice sessions are loaded. The U9 and U10 activities are also loaded. The

season and practice sessions are the only thing outstanding to be loaded. In the spring this will be in beta test and Rich will start updating shortly after he starts as TD.

### **New Business (Ryan Phair)**

Ryan highlighted a proposal for the U9 and U10 travel ages based on feedback from members in those academies. This would be based on an opt-in system to either have professional or parent coaches at that age. Ryan will provide further information on the proposal via email to the Board.

### **Closing**

Mike Allen made a motion to proceed to Executive Session at 9:05 pm. It was seconded by Linda McDonald, with unanimous agreement,

### **Executive Sessions (a few Executive Sessions occurred between the December and March BOD Meetings and are included here):**

Dates(s)/Topic(s) discussed:

12/14/2014 – In person Executive Director Candidates interviewed

1/9/2015 – Telecon discussion on TD renewal

1/10/2015 – Telecon discussion on TD renewal

1/26/2015 – In person discussion and interviews for TD role

3/16/2015 – Discussion of Travel Committee proposal

Respectfully Submitted,

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