



# VYS Board Meeting

**April 20, 2015**

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

**Staff:** Catherine Keightley, Mary Nunley, Liz DiFrancisco, Anjali Thompson, Michel Vanderhart, Bill Delaney

**Guests:** Holly Berry

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. President Mike Allen Introduced the new Assistant Technical Director, Bill Delaney and allowed Bill to share his experience with the BOD members.

Dave Shiells made a motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ryan Phair. Unanimous agreement.

## Good of the Game:

Mike Allen thanked the Admin Staff for all their hard work over the last several months and keeping the club running as the BOD was in the process of hiring an Executive Director and a Technical Director. He also thanked Mike Gurdak for filling in a hole on one of the game fields allowing House teams to have games over a recent weekend.

Melissa Taylormoore shared the great experience of the Washington Spirit visit to VYS and highlighted the excitement and energy of Crystal Dunn from the Spirit, just a short time after learning she had not made the US Women’s National Team.

Margaret Kerfoot thanked VYS for contributing DC United tickets for Danish exchange students to attend a game.

Brian Ebert shared appreciation that Washington Spirit coaches came out to work with a team recently during practice.

Liz DiFrancisco shared appreciation for the volunteers who helped to change out the nets at Luther Jackson and OakMarr.

Ryan Phair shared the story of a Spanish-speaking PTA member at Freedom Hill who has offered to help kids and parents who otherwise would have challenges communicating with coaches and teammates.

## **Reports of Officers and Directors:**

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

Bob Amani reported that finance is currently working on adding the travel team profit and loss (P&L) data. These data will be added in to complete the 990 reporting.

Jag reported that at the next meeting Finance can show the forecast to actual data. Following that there will be monthly financials going forward.

Mike Allen asked how the process was going to centralize finance rather than on a team basis. Jag suggested that it could be rolled out if it can be handled administratively. He also mentioned that this would be for main training fees and administratively it would be much cleaner. Teams would still maintain accounts for additional tournaments and other team-specific costs.

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

Jag advised that process wise everything went smoothly but suggested that sometimes circumstances necessitated a longer review process (i.e. – such as a unforeseen family event). A motion was made to adjust the time period of the reviews by Jag, was seconded by Bob Amani. Unanimous agreement.

### **Fields (Melissa Taylormoore)**

Melissa gave a public thank you to Liz for taking the public brunt of frustration for the field challenges. She also reported that Fields is trying to gain access to Cunningham Park.

She also noted that the U10G get 30 minutes less training on one night but have added 30 minutes to another night.

The latest update on the status of Arbor Row is that it should be released for use in May. Fields will work through the process of future issues of opening fields having learned a lot from this experience. Melissa shared her appreciation of a very flexible membership and is working to get funds back from NCS as they have not met their obligation to VYS.

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

Mike shared that players are still being added to rosters despite the deadline having passed and shared thanks to Linda and Holly for accepting additional players to their rosters.

He brought to the attention of the BOD an incident that occurred at the end of a recent U11 game where one player punched an opponent in the stomach. The BOD decided that such actions of the individual warranted a one game suspension.

Michele Sullivan raised the status of players being able to wear glasses for House games. This is allowed and Mike Allen asked Anjali Thompson to communicate such on the VYS website.

## **Travel (Ryan Phair)**

Ryan shared that in discussions with Richard Gunney that Rich wants to move to the USSF structure. As such, the academies and teams will be structured U9-U12 and U13 and up. This also aligns with the curriculum that will be implemented.

As such the following Assistant Technical Directors are assigned as below:

U9-U12 Girls: Michel Vanderhart

U9-U12 Boys: Bill Delaney

U13 + Girls: Hank Leung

U13 + Boys: Richard Gunney (temporary)

Tryout meetings for parents will start on May 9<sup>th</sup>. All Red teams (with some exceptions in the older groups whose Red Team is not the top team) from U13+ will move to the National Premier League (NPL) starting in the fall of 2015. U11 and U12 will compete in a “pre-NPL”. Catherine and Richard will be taking the lead for tryouts, with Richard overseeing the whole process. Ryan also reported that the pricing scheme for contracts will be more consistent. He also shared that Jag and Pete are working on the Financial Refund Policy and it will be distributed electronically.

Ryan also mentioned that there have been issues of referees not showing up for NCSL and WAGS games. They are provided and assigned to games by those leagues. Mike Allen asked Ryan to have John Lee (NCSL rep) and Doug Walls (WAGS rep) reach out to those leagues to solve the issue.

Ryan also mentioned that McLean announced its partnership with Arlington.

## **Administrator (Mary Nunley)**

Mary announced that the VYS Annual Meeting is planned for June 15 at 7:30 PM. Luther Jackson Middle School has been secured as the site.

There will be an All Stars coaches meeting on May 13.

Mary also shared that the soccer.com site will become active on June 1.

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

Mike Allen announced that Richard Gunney should be here at the end of the week.

Mike also shared some highlights from the recent Washington Spirit game that he attended (which the Spirit won 3-1).

- The VYS U10 Silver team won a Sportsmanship award and received it at the game.
- The VYS U10 Red and Black teams scrimmaged at halftime.
- The VYS U10 White tea, formed a tunnel for the Spirit to enter the field.
- There is a plan to bring 5-6 Spirit players back to Vienna in May to conduct a session similar to how they have in the past.
- The Spirit welcomes teams to participate and help at games. Mike asked that the AGCs be notified.

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

Jamie mentioned that the “Concussion Awareness Night” with featured speaker Briana Scurry has been rescheduled for April 28. He encouraged all BOD members to attend and to please spread the word.

Ryan asked what we are doing to implement the concussion policy. We all need to ensure and encourage the implementation of the policy.

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

Margaret briefed some of the highlights of the by-laws update that was distributed to all BOD members previously. She also emphasized that by-laws are not procedures. One of the highlights included downsizing the BOD from 15 to 11. Mike also asked that once it is ready, to post it to the website in advance of a meeting for membership to vote on the by-laws. If there are any comments on the by-laws, they will need to be provided by members in advance of the meeting.

Margaret is also going to check with legal counsel on “ex-officio”.

Mike Allen asked Catherine Keightley to ensure that there are one set of policies and procedures for VYS (not different sets for Travel and House).

### **New Business (U9/U10 Parent Survey Discussion)**

There was a lengthy discussion on the Travel Survey that was distributed to U9 and U10 parents. There were almost 200 responses to the survey and much of the data was still being analyzed. The data was extremely valuable to the BOD and further analysis and discussions

with Catherine Keighley, Richard Gunney (upon his arrival), and the Travel Committee would chart the path forward for the upcoming fall season.

**Closing**

Ryan Phair made a motion to proceed to Executive Session at 10:00 pm. It was seconded by Melissa Taylormoore, with unanimous agreement,

**Executive Session**

Topic discussed:

Training Company Contracts

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Wilson  
VYS Board Secretary