



VYS Board Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2015

Board Members Present: Pete Wacht, Margaret Kerfoot, Jamie Wilson, Melissa Taylormoore, Simon Hamilton, and Andrew Ritter.

Board Members Not Present: Mike Gurdak, Dave Harvey, Michele Sullivan, Mike Allen, Arvind Jagannathan, and Linda McDonald.

Staff: Catherine Keightley, Rich Gunney, Chris Pisani.

VYS Members at meeting: Beau Dure, Doug Walls, Mr. and Mrs. Hevre Dufrois.

Pete called meeting to order at 7:00.

Pete's initial comments included mention of the important upcoming travel and house meetings on September 8th and 9th respectively, the recently announced change of age group definition by US soccer – and that the travel committee would be taking the lead on behalf of the club to understand the impact to VYS.

The minutes of the July board meeting were presented by Andrew. After receiving a few typographical comments, Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes, Pete seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete handed the meeting over to Catherine, Rich, and Chris to review their presentations and lead the discussion. Topics of discussions included:

- 1) Request to provide same level of age related detail for house and travel registrants.
- 2) Discussion about lower level of participants for both house and travel programs from prior years. Staff said that they did not know of a particular item or items that would have caused the reduction. Rich mentioned that there were steps being taken to address adding players to selected travel teams where the current number of players was not sustainable.
- 3) A request to have the Tech director push out coaching curriculum to house coaches through the house commissioners for use when practices start.
- 4) Cancellation of pick up soccer program for the fall. Discussed reasons for the cancellation, and options to restart the program possibly under volunteer administration. No final consensus was reached. Staff was going to look into ways to gauge interest in Friday night pick up with the new NPL Friday practice schedule.

- 5) Changes to the cross over program were briefly discussed. Rich described his approach to initially limit program numbers to focus on program quality and then grow the size of the program.
- 6) Chris presented the new financial statement of the club. Andrew commented that given the change to accrual based accounting, the financial results of the club would look materially different than in the past. Pete requested that staff prepare a 5-10 minute discussion of the impact of these changes for the October board meeting.
- 7) Andrew commented that the lower level of participants - in particular travel players- has impacted the club financially.

Catherine handed the meeting over to the Committee VP's for their reports. Pete discussed the plans for the Steering Committee. There were no reports from VP of Travel and VP of House, but people discussed pushing the coaching curriculum for the house coaches through the House league commissioners. . Simon presented initial thoughts regarding Fund Development including material used by Loudon soccer club. Key proposed areas of focus as the club looks to move forward with fund development were 1) a capital campaign, 2) business sponsorship and donation opportunities, and 3) ways to increase membership.

Pete opened the floor for member questions. Topics raised were the following:

- 1) Jamie mentioned the need for volunteers to distribute house soccer equipment to kick off the fall season, and the fact that he was exploring options for a shed at Marshall Road.
- 2) A member asked about the impact to the club and possible alternatives to US Soccer's recent announcement regarding the change in age group classification.
- 3) A member asked to see the new travel policies and procedures.
- 4) A member expressed concern about the limitations of the travel coaching curriculum as it relates to some older age groups.
- 5) Questions regarding the amount of the new club fee amounts for the travel program.

The following motions were made for the board to consider.

- 1) Melissa made a motion to approve the travel policies and procedures that were approved via email by the Board. Jamie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Melissa made a motion to approve the appointment of Kathy Milligan as the AGC representative on the Travel Committee. Jamie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Melissa made a motion to approve the appointment of Linda McDonald as the at large board member on the Travel Committee. Margaret seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 8:30 Pete made a motion to end the meeting and to go into executive session to discuss administrative matters. Andrew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ritter
VYS Board Secretary