



VYS Board Meeting Minutes:

December 2, 2015

Board Members Present: Margaret Kerfoot, Dave Harvey, Jamie Wilson, Simon Hamilton, Andrew Ritter, Mike Allen, Melissa Taylormoore, Michele Sullivan, and Aravind (Jag) Jagannathan.

Board Members Not Present: Mike Gurdak.

Staff: Rich Gunney, Mary Nunley, and Liz DiFrancisco.

Dave called meeting to order at approximately 8:00.

Dave announced that Pete Wacht and Linda McDonald had officially resigned from the board. There was a brief discussion regarding the resignations and the impact to the operation of the board going forward.

Jag made a motion for the board to elect Dave to serve out Pete's remaining term as President of VYS. Mike seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the adoption of the motion.

Jag made a motion for the board to elect Simon to serve out Dave's remaining term as VP of Travel. Mike seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the adoption of the motion.

Dave led the board in a discussion of the following topics:

- 1) Communication. The group discussed ways to improve communication with the membership and outlined communication options for the next few months. Mike and Margaret agreed to develop a list of items that would be useful to communicate to the membership and to propose forums to communicate those items.
- 2) Development of a Strategic Plan. The group discussed options to create a strategic plan for the club. There was general consensus that this was important for the club. The group discussed options to begin this process.
- 3) Uniforms. Jamie provided an update to the board on the uniform RFP. The RFP was sent out in November and will be reviewed by a committee which will make a recommendation to the president by the end of December.
- 4) US Soccer Age Group Changes. Rich lead an extensive discussion of the age group changes and other US soccer mandates that will impact the club in the next few years. The implications of these changes will be significant for the Fall 2016 season. Rich and his team were still in the process of collecting all relevant information to propose a

policy for VYS to implement these mandates. The most important information that Rich and his team were still gathering are i) the rules that the local travel leagues adopt, which is expected in late December / early January; and ii) the NASCC convention in mid-January – the US soccer mandates are expected to be a major topic of the conference. With this information in hand, Rich and the technical team will prepare recommendations for the board to vote on by the end of January.

- 5) Fields. Melissa gave an update on fields. She said she had had some initial discussions to provide financial support at Louise Archer for the 6th grade class gift - a set of soccer goals - if the class could not raise money to cover the full cost of the goals.

At approximately 9:45, Mike made a motion to end the open portion of the board meeting and go into an Executive Session, Simon seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the adoption of the motion and the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Ritter
VYS Board Secretary