



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 15, 2013
Neighbors Restaurant

Present: Margaret Kerfoot, Hadi Rezazad, Orest Fedak, Mary McIntyre, DJ Moutinho, Brian Ebert, David Shiells, Bob Zadeh, Richard Montano, Liz DiFrancisco – Field Assignor, Eddie Lima – Technical Director, Anjali Thompson – Webmaster, Rod Hines – Director of Training, Patty McNeill – ODSL Rep, Mary Nunley – Administrator

Guests – Leigh Palmer, Bob Amani

Absent – Faith Boettger, Mike Gurdak, Chuck O'Reilly, John Coffey, Bill Tesch

President Margaret Kerfoot called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes from the March, 2013 meeting were approved.

The following items were reported for “the good of the game”:

- Mary McIntyre reported that the Sports Authority-sponsored discount weekends for VYS were well supported.
- Liz DiFrancisco commended DJ Moutinho for managing the winter indoor schedule.
- Margaret thanked Rod and Christopher Hines for their field lining efforts, and thanked the DiFrancisco family for lining Nottoway for the Friendship League games.

New Business:

Margaret announced that the VYS Annual Meeting will be held the first Monday in June (June 3, 2013) at Thoreau Middle School. For the upcoming term, there are two non-returning member of the Board of Directors. There are currently two candidates for these open positions.

Margaret noted that that registration signs will no longer be allowed on school property. She asked that board members volunteer to place the signs in prominent places. The possibility of a banner across Maple Avenue was discussed; availability, deadlines, and costs will be researched.

Old Business:

Korrio – Webmaster Anjali Thompson reported that Korrio presented a demo and addressed outstanding issues. A meeting with Demosphere is forthcoming.

Oakton High School fields – Richard Montano reported that meetings are continuing.

Reports:

Eddie Lima, Technical Director, noted the following highlights:

- Spring programs are underway.
- The crossover program is sold out.
- Travel coaches meeting and rising U9-U10 meetings have been a priority.
- F License training was completed for over 30 coaches. Eddie thanked Bob Zadeh for his assistance.
- Adult pickup games are being held on Tuesday evenings from 9:00 – 10:30 p.m. at New Song.
- The summer schedule is being finalized.

Bob Zadeh, Director of Coaching, reported that nearly all of the VYS coaches are now licensed. Bob also reported on TOPS, noting that there are over 25 players in two sessions. Bob thanked the many volunteers it takes to make the program work. He also urged that board members be proactive in telling the TOPS story to the community; the program continues to receive good references from the county.

Hadi Rezazad, Director of Fields – There is no current activity; awaiting decisions on Oakton High School.

Chuck O'Reilly, Director of Travel – There was no travel report.

Margaret presented the House report, noting, among other things:

- A U19 Girls game at Nottoway lacked nets, lines, referees.
- Kilmer 2 field has pothole issues, and sandbags are needed for the goals at Kilmer.

Brian Ebert, Director of Operations, commented on the use of goals for practice and the related safety and accountability issues. Liz will write guidelines regarding this issue.

Margaret presented the Registrar's report, which focused on the work involved in completing Kids Safe registrations.

Anjali Thompson, Webmaster, reported that travel tryouts and house schedules are now posted on the site. She also discussed more new elements to the home page, the increased use of social media and videos, the statistics for the top five viewed pages, and the increasing open rate for the newsletter.

Rod Hines, Director of Training, suggested that the cold weather policy for practices be reviewed.

Margaret gave the Community Outreach report, which focused on the renewed efforts in creating and selling sponsorship packages.

Liz DiFrancisco, Field Assignor, reminded the group that no dogs are allowed on FCPS fields and that this needs to be emphasized to visiting travel teams.

Margaret announced that the next meeting will be May 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McIntyre