



## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 5, 2013  
Neighbors Restaurant

**Present:** Margaret Kerfoot, Orest Fedak, Mary McIntyre, Mike Gurdak, Rod Hines, Leigh Palmer, Bob Amani, Faith Boettger, Eddie Lima – Technical Director, Patty McNeill – ODSL Rep, Mike Allen – NCSL Rep, Anjali Thompson – Webmaster, Mary Nunley – Administrator

Guests – Gerardo Ramirez

Absent – John Coffey, Bob Zadeh, Chuck O’Reilly, Hadi Rezazad, David Shiells, Brian Ebert, DJ Moutinho

President Margaret Kerfoot called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The minutes for the June 3 meeting were approved (motion by Orest Fedak; second by Faith Boettger).

Several items were presented “for the good of the game”:

- Rod Hines – praise for Coerver Coaching Clinic
- Margaret Kerfoot – recognition of Mike Gurdak for coaching a House team this fall and recognition of Dave Shiells for securing a shed for Freedom Hill and corner flags for Marshall High School
- Mary Nunley – shared the kind responses of gratitude from families who have received the DC United tickets

New Business:

Margaret noted some updates to the board’s organization: Leigh Palmer will be chairing the Conduct Committee; Faith Boettger will continue to lead Community Relations and Outreach. Board members should notify Margaret if they are interested in assuming any of the open committee leadership positions.

In a final item of New Business, Margaret announced that Leigh Palmer will assume a share of the PCA responsibilities.

Old Business:

Margaret presented a brief update on the Oakton High School turf project, which is moving along well and on schedule.

Reports:

Travel (report presented by Patty McNeill) – Travel teams are working through the new system of registration in place for this season; everything is now completed and certified online. Margaret added to the travel report that there is an uptick in scholarship applications this season. She also introduced the idea of self-insuring by the travel teams.

Fields (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot) – In addition to the Oakton progress, there is progress on the construction at Marshall High School. Parking availability at the stadium lot should be restored soon, and the remaining construction is expected to be completed by Labor Day.

House – VP Mike Gurdak announced that fall registration is now closed; there was a large percentage of last minute and late registrations. He recommended that in the future the registration closure date not be extended. There was limited discussion regarding the possibility of an “early bird discount” in the future. Mike also announced that coaches are still needed for the U7 Boys division.

Operations (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot) - Goals are being ordered for Oakton High School.

Training – Rod Hines reported on his experience at the Coerver training course.

TOPS (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot) – Currently there are 14 enrolled in TOPS.

Community Outreach – Faith Boettger reported that the VYS online store is closing. She also discussed the “Give Cancer the Boot” program for this year, which will occur during the month of October. Mary McIntyre added that the weekend of August 24-25 will be the VYS discount weekend at Sports Authority. Coupons will be provided online and promoted in the weekly blast.

Field Assignor (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot ) – The field assignments are nearly complete and will be released shortly.

Administrator – Mary Nunley announced that the fall season coaches meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Kilmer Middle School. Also, DC United will be offering a free coaches clinic on August 23 at RFK Stadium. In addition, DC United would like to hold a clinic for VYS coaches, featuring DC United players; this event could possibly be slated for the Oakton High School fields.

Registrar (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot) – Registration numbers for the fall season are good.

Website – Webmaster Anjali Thompson reported that lower click throughs were recorded for the summer months, and that the online store has been removed from the main menu. Ideas from the recent website survey included requests for more information on scores and standings, more coaching tips, and a team of the week feature. VYS now has 558 Facebook fans.

Technical Director – Eddie Lima reported that travel tryouts went well. The VYS summer camps were successful, nearly doubling both in terms of number of camps and number of participants. The VYS summer pickup games also went very well, and were aided by good organization by college assistants. Fall training programs are in place. Winter training planning is underway; more gym space is needed.

Treasurers Report – Bob Amani reported that everything is in order.

Orest Fedak reminded the board that the US Womens National Team will be playing Mexico at RFK Stadium on September 3.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McIntyre

Secretary of the Board