



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 13, 2014
Neighbors Restaurant

Present: Margaret Kerfoot, Orest Fedak, Mary McIntyre, Leigh Palmer, Faith Boettger, DJ Moutinho, John Coffey, Hadi Rezazad, Brian Ebert, Rod Hines, Liz DiFrancisco – Field Assignor, Eddie Lima – Technical Director, Anjali Thompson – Webmaster, Patty McNeill – ODSL Rep, Mary Nunley – Administrator, Debbie Brenchik – Registrar

Guest – Elizabeth Villota

Absent – Bob Zadeh, Mike Gurdak, Bob Amani, Chuck O’Reilly, Dave Shiells

President Margaret Kerfoot called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Introductions:

Margaret introduced Elizabeth Villota, who presented an issue that occurred at the 2013 Herndon All Star Cup.

The minutes for the November, 2013 meeting were approved as revised (motion by Leigh Palmer; second by DJ Moutinho).

New Business:

The following item was presented “for the good of the game”:

Congratulations to all the all the Fall 2013 Randy Rawls Sportsmanship Award and the Washington Area Girls Soccer League Sportsmanship Award Winners:

U10 VYS Fire White	U10 VYS Vipers Silver	
U11 VYS Fury Silver	U11 VYS Fury White	U11 VYS Spartans White
U12 VYS Lightning White	U12 VYS Pride '01 White	
U13 VYS Freedom Red	U13 VYS Raptors White	
U14 VYS Patriots Black	U14 VYS Patriots Silver	
U15 VYS Thunder White		
U18-19 VYS Falcons	U19 VYS Fusion	

The Code of Conduct and Policies were distributed for review. A full discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

The VYSA Convention will be held January 31 and February 1 in Richmond. Eddie Lima will attend. Two VYS coaches will be honored as Rec Coaches of the Year (Boys – Roger Mahach; Girls – Michel Jean Vanderhart). There was a brief discussion by the board regarding the lack of programming on concussion policy at the upcoming convention.

Reports:

Treasurer – There was no treasurer’s report.

Fields – Hadi Rezazad reported that a new lock is needed for New Song.

Operations – Brian Ebert noted that new 7x21 goals are needed for State Cup play (U!2). There was a discussion as to where these games would be played. Margaret will follow-up with Chuck O’Reilly to encourage play on grass fields for this event. Brian also reported that new nets need to be ordered for Luther Jackson. Margaret approved the purchase of the nets but not the goals (pending location decision).

Training – Technical Director Eddie Lima reported that winter training is ongoing, with over 500 players registered for all sessions. Eddie noted that there is a good mix of programs this year and an excellent match up with coaches for these programs. Eddie also discussed his ongoing work on spring parent meetings, curriculum, and FAQ; both curriculum and FAQ will be available via the VYS website.

Hadi noted under the training discussion that VYS will offer F and E license training in March.

TOPS – Hadi reported that there will be a meeting next week for planning and goal-setting purposes for the upcoming season. Again, there will be two sessions on Saturdays for TOPS.

Community Outreach – Faith Boettger announced that she is looking into participating with the Leveling the Playing Field program (equipment collection). Faith also noted that VYS was listed as a food contributor in the Food For Others annual report. Upcoming Food For Other collections will be held at Giant (versus at fields) and will not conflict with All-Star weekends.

Eddie noted under the Community Outreach discussion that there will be a VYS Alumni Day at the end of the spring season.

Field Scheduler – Liz Di Francisco announced that temporary field permits are now available. She also noted that 150 protective blankets are on fields currently; we must stay off grass fields until at least

March 31 (weather dependent). Liz also reported that Thoreau will now be unavailable due to renovation (formerly the home of the U6 divisions; one U6 division may move to Oakton Elementary), and that there is a new track around Field #2 at Freedom Hill.

Administrator – Mary Nunley announced that the calendar for spring meetings (coaches and commissioners) will be finalized next week; finding locations for these meetings has been a challenge.

Registrar – Debbie Brenchick announced over 900 registrants for the spring season as of January 15. Late fees will begin February 24.

Website – Webmaster Anjali Thompson noted that the top viewed pages are registration, winter training, and travel team landing pages. There is currently a 40% open rate on the newsletter, a 20% click-through rate. There are currently over 600 VYS Facebook fans, and good feedback continues through Facebook. Anjali encouraged board members to let her know of any section updates.

Announcements and Comments:

- Orest Fedak will attend the NSCAA Convention in Philadelphia.
- DJ Moutinho will retire as U13 AGC.
- Brain Ebert requested that the Travel Committee return with a revised policies and procedures document.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2014 at Neighbors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. (motion by Rod Hines; second by Orest Fedak).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McIntyre

Secretary of the Board