



**MINUTES
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

June 3, 2013

THOREAU MIDDLE SCHOOL

With a quorum present, President Margaret Kerfoot called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Proof of proper meeting notice was received and approved.

The reading of the minutes of the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting was waived.

Reports of officers:

Brian Ebert – VP of Operations. The club enjoyed a successful year in operations. There were no major goal replacements, but a significant number of nets and temporary goals were purchased for use in training programs. Brian offered a thank you to commissioners, equipment coordinators, and travel managers, along with special appreciation to Rod Hines, DJ, Moutinho, and Eddie Lima for their assistance.

Bill Tesch – Treasurer. At the beginning of Bill's term as Treasurer, the club had a \$6,000 balance on hand; at the end of this year, the total is \$903,000. Taxes and 1099s have been filed.

Chuck O'Reilly – VP of Travel (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot). The travel program continues to grow and prosper, with the number of travel teams now at 60 for the Spring 2013 season. Presently, we have two teams competing in the US Youth Soccer Region 1 leagues. We continue to have teams competing in NCSL (18 teams), WAGS (19 teams), and ODSL (21 teams). More than 1,100 players registered for travel tryouts through our online system this past month, and teams from outside VYS have expressed interest in joining VYS (declined). Eddie Lima, Technical Director, has created and implemented impressive travel player development programs in the U9 through U12 age groups.

Hadi Rezazad – VP of Fields. Field maintenance continues the usual pattern with no extraordinary circumstances. Field development is primarily on hold due to the Oakton High School project. Margaret added that VYS continues to be "friends of the field" for several Fairfax County Park Authority and school fields, providing lining and maintenance.

Mary McIntyre – Secretary. There was no report for this office.

Mike Gurdak – Vice President of House (report presented by Margaret Kerfoot). The drop in registration numbers from fall to spring seasons has been negated and the numbers are more constant across seasons. There were a minimal number of issues, but there is a still an effort to encourage parents to dial it down and to adhere to field rules. Eddie Lima has continued to provide and enhance house training programs.

Richard Montano provided a clarification on scholarship donations. VYS does not request money from the county for this purpose. VYS scholarships are self-supported and include registration and uniforms.

Reports of Committees:

Faith Boettger – Outreach. VYS launched an online store this year. The club implemented a successful Give Cancer the Boot program that included T-shirt sales. The Give Cancer the Boot program will likely be expanded in the coming year. The iCAN food drive has to date collected 6,700 pounds of food that has been donated to Food for Others. In other outreach initiatives, VYS supported the Westbriar Elementary School drive for Mali soccer and began a Vienna Patch blog.

John Coffey – Technology. Demosphere will remain the provider for online registration, and there will be a new registration system open for Spring 2014. The club is continuing to make improvements to the VYS website, and is consistently reaching new open rates for the weekly blast. The VYS Facebook page is active and the number of fans is rising.

Bob Zadeh – Coaching Education. Over 100 coaches participated in the F License course. This required course had very good reviews from coaches and parents. The E and D License courses provided an opportunity to a dozen VYS coaches to improve their skills in coaching U12 and above teams. The E and D courses are on schedule for this summer and F will be offered in early September.

Hadi Rezazad / Bob Zadeh – TOPS Soccer. TOPS games have been moved to Saturdays; the nearly 30 players with various disabilities have been divided into two groups; and the program is now held at a safer, more secure field at Freedom Hill. VYS TOPS Soccer is a very successful program and is becoming more recognized throughout Fairfax County. The program thrives with great support. Thank you to buddies, coaches, and volunteers.

Eddie Lima – Technical Director. An increasing number of VYS players requires an increase in education and programming opportunities. There has been a significant overall improvement with House coaches, and we will continue to increase the curriculum and information available on the website. There are no travel teams leaving at the present time; players now want to remain with VYS.

Dave Shiells – Fields. There are now sheds at Colvin Run, and we are awaiting delivery of sheds for Freedom Hill.

Liz DiFrancisco – Field Assignor. Online field guides have been a tremendous improvement.

Al Nunley – Referees. There was no report.

Rod Hines – PCA Representative. VYS held four PCA training sessions with approximately 30 attendees per session. VYS renewed its PCA membership and is moving forward with exposing coaches to this alliance.

President's Report – Margaret Kerfoot:

All major club accomplishments have been highlighted in the officer and committee reports already presented. One additional accomplishment of note is the sportsmanship awards and recognition earned by VYS teams; there is a listing in the current [Vienna Connection](#).

Goals for the future include the completion of a safety manual; improved functional committee structure for the VYS Board; improved volunteer recognition programs; development of a fundraising / sponsorship program; and a high school students' college scholarship program.

The president commended the work of two outgoing board members, Richard Montano and Bill Tesch. A list of their many accomplishments and contributions was presented. Bill Tesch will stay on as an ex-officio member of the board.

Election of Officers and Directors:

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented to the membership, and the slate was read by Margaret Kerfoot. A motion was made by Richard Montano and seconded by Bob Amani to waive individual votes and approve the slate for 2013 – 2014:

Officers:

Margaret Kerfoot, President
Mike Gurdak, VP of House
Chuck O'Reilly, VP of Travel
Brian Ebert, VP of Operations
Hadi Rezazad, VP of Fields
Bob Amani, Treasurer
Mary McIntyre, Secretary

Board Members at Large:

Faith Boettger
John Coffey
Orest Fedak
Rod Hines
DJ Moutinho
Leigh Palmer
Dave Shiells

To be appointed Ex-Officio Members of the Board:

Al Nunley, VP of Referees
Bill Tesch, Past Treasurer

The report of the nominating committee was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was a question from the membership regarding opportunities to join newly-formed Travel leagues. Eddie Lima, VYS Technical Director, responded that his belief is that the best option is to stay with current leagues and to play Region 1. This provides the best opportunities for player development. Liz DiFrancisco, Field Assignor, added that VYS is constrained by field space requirements for new leagues. Eddie Lima noted that another consideration is community development vs. recruiting development.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McIntyre
Secretary