



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 1, 2007
Neighbor's Restaurant

Present: Richard Montano, John Coffey, Rod Hines, Kenneth Doyle, Frank Buzek, Margaret Kerfoot, Andrea Beck, Steve Van Winkle, Michael Moore, Mary McIntyre, Mike Gurdak, Debbie Brenchick – Registrar and Mary Nunley – Administrator.

Absent: Bob Zadeh, Sandy MacDonnell, Todd Wilkins and Susan Monk.

Guest: Kevin Kunze, Kip Brailey & Barry Dyson

The Board of the Directors meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m.

Proof of proper meeting notice was received and approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Fred Buzek gave the operations report. He suggested that the responsibility for each field be given to parents who have volunteered as field coordinators. The board decided to ask for a quote from Premier to take care of the lining the fields. Premier cannot do fields that need orange lines.

Richard Montano gave the Treasurers Report for Sandy MacDonnell. Due to investment in fields, VYS will end up over the originally approved budget for the year by almost \$100,000.

Margaret Kerfoot gave the report on fields. VYS has given the county money and is waiting for Fairfax County to start the work at Dunn Loring. Marshall High School is working towards a turf field this year.

Slide tackling was discussed and the board reinforced that VYS limits slide tackling, at the very least, to comply with age restrictions that are in line with VYSA and US Youth Soccer guidelines. It was noted that slide tackling is not restricted in the FIFA Laws of the Game. On other issues such as team size, the commissioners may, within reason, make adjustments to fit the needs of the children.

Mike Gurdak gave the report of the Vice President of House. Recycling of containers and used equipment was discussed.

The board next wanted to discuss parity and how VYS organizes teams. Kevin Kunz requested a port-a-potty be set up at Clarks Crossing. He suggested that VYS use survey monkey to survey the membership and gave the board a list of suggested questions. Kevin also stated that his league is unbalanced. He suggested using co-commissioners as a way to better balance the talent across teams, especially in divisions where two or more age groups are present. VYS reviewed the team standings in this league which showed the teams are fairly balanced. VYS does not want to mandate co-commissioners. However, co-commissioner or other accommodations will always be considered based upon the needs of the kids. Everyone present agreed that balancing a team is not a science. The board thought the survey idea might have merit, but should focus on the kids and ask them their opinion.

The dates of the fall board meetings are set for November 5, 2007, and December 3, 2007.

Future Board meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Doyle
Secretary