



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 9, 2009**  
**Neighbor's Restaurant**

**Present:** Margaret Kerfoot, Rod Hines, Nick Klop, Richard Montano, Denise Lee, Mary McIntyre, Steve Van Winkle, Brian Ebert, Kenneth Doyle, Mike Gurdak, Mary Nunley – Administrator and Debbie Brenchick – Registrar.

**Guests:** Mark Gardiner, Hadi Rezazad, Liz DiFrancisco, Barry Dyson and Mike Skigan

**Absent:** Bob Zadeh, Todd Wilkins, Alan Nunley, Bill Tesch, John Coffey and Chuck O'Reilly

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

President Margaret Kerfoot thanked a number of volunteers for helping make VYS so successful.

Richard Montano gave the report on the TOPS program. The board thanked Meena Rezazad for her help and congratulated her on being named the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) TOPSoccer Buddy Volunteer of the year. The TOPS program has been very successful so far. VYS will take this program indoors for the winter and well into the spring. The fee next season will be \$30.00 per player to defray VYS's costs.

Rod Hines reported on his discussions with DC United about partnering with VYS. It was discussed that VYS might want to work with DC United to oversee the planned pick-up soccer session for Kids.

Richard Montano reported that Street Soccer wants to do a demonstration in December in an effort to get kids involved in soccer outside of VYS's organized seasons and also provide more time during the seasons for kids to get more touches, especially those in the house program.

The board discussed a new proposal to partner with a 3 v 3 tournament organizer. More information will be sent out to the board later.

The board discussed the club's training programs and the position of a technical director. Several training programs are planned. The trainers may need to have some additional oversight from VYS. Mark Gardiner will look at what other clubs are doing and report back to the board.

Nick Klop discussed the house program's heavy work load and raised a question as to whether VYS needs an assistant or assistants to the Vice President House.

Mike Gurdak gave the report on house soccer. The board was in unanimous agreement that the goal in forming house league teams should be to form balanced teams throughout each division, and specifically rejected the notion of creating tiers of teams within a division. And that that VYS should ensure that house league teams are structured to nurture all players in an age group, regardless of skill level.

Registration for the spring 2010 season should start in December 15, 2009 and close on February 15, 2010.

There was a motion to refund 50% of the fall season's Parent's league fees since there were so few games played. The board decided to extend the parent's league season so they can play more games this year.

Travel reported that there is a problem with keys to unlock the goals at Marshall and other fields. Trash is still an issue at VYS travel games and practices.

Equipment/Operations - VYS may need a field manager to make sure that all issues with fields are resolved, that proper procedures are followed and problems are reported in a timely fashion. VYS continues to have to follow up with coaches on cleaning up the trash at the fields we use. Everyone in VYS is encouraged to clean up after themselves.

Again the board discussed increasing the travel fees to cover the actual cost of the travel program to VYS.

Demosphere has been working well as the new website.

The next meeting is December 7, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth A. Doyle  
Secretary