



## MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 17, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Cosner Park Community Center

### CALL TO ORDER

7:05 pm

Matt Galligan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Attending Executive Board members were Matt Galligan, Staci Leake, Kari' Blosser, Pete Cinalli, Melissa Boney, and Carmen Nicholas.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Staci made a motion to defer the approval of the missing minutes. Matt seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

#### VSLI – Nichole Gregory

- Spring 2008 teams now forming. Deadline is January 8, 2008.
- Spring 2008 league fees have been posted.
- There will be no opt-outs for Spring 2008.

#### WAGS – Carmen Nicholas

- Sit-out form due to Carmen by January 16, 2008.
- Mandatory meetings for Team Sportsmanship Liaisons (TSLs). There are currently two scheduled, with the first being January 26 and 27, 2008.
- Schedule for new coaches' meetings available online. There is no fee. Dates are January 26, 27, and 28.
- There will be no roster additions or transfers until after January 1, 2008.

#### ODSL – Lisa Stretch

Not in attendance.

#### NCSL – Lisa Stretch

Not in attendance.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Kari' Blosser

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and a brief explanation was provided. All league fees are now due. Any league fees not paid tonight must be received by January 5, 2008. FASA fees will be due at the January, 2008 Board meeting.

### FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Steve Van Reenen

- All fields at Hotspurs Park have been limed, seeded, and fertilized. Goals will be covered this week.
- Mr. Bruce Goplan who owns the neighboring property met with Matt Galligan to report a hole in the fence. His insurance agent advises that it is a safety hazard. An estimate is will be obtained to repair the fence. Overall, he is pleased with FASA as a neighbor. Mr. Goplan is restoring an old cemetery on his property and it was requested that rocks removed from our fields not be thrown over the fence. Mr. Goplan reported that he had a trap stolen from his property about three months ago. Matt plans to meet with him again to find out more information.

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Steve Van Reenen**

### 2008 Blue & Gray Cup:

The first Blue & Gray Cup will be held on March 29-30, 2008. This is a joint venture between FASA and Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation. Games will be held primarily at Dixon Park with possible overflow at Hotspurs Park. All championship games will be held at Dixon Park. The tournament will be listed on the VYSA website within one week hopefully. Everyone needs to help promote this tournament and was asked to contact at least five teams in their age group and invite them to participate. Pete Cinalli will contact the Strikers to request support and participation. It is mandatory that all FASA teams participate. Exceptions for participation in a conflicting showcase tournament or the Jefferson Cup will be decided on a case-by-case basis and should be submitted in writing to Matt Galligan. Fees will be as follows:

U9-U12	\$475.00
U13-U15	\$550.00
U16 and up	\$575.00

Online payment will be accepted using Demosphere. Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation will be responsible for all concessions and will retain 100% of any profit derived from the same. FASA will be responsible for t-shirt and miscellaneous sales and will retain 100% of any profit derived from the same.

Discussion followed concerning conflicts with other tournaments, exceptions for non-participation, and problems with only FASA teams in an age group. No changes were made to the previously listed rules for participation. The solution to most of these concerns is to work hard to market and promote this tournament.

### 2008 Fredericksburg Cup:

The 2008 Fredericksburg Cup is scheduled for August 23-24, 2008. We are investigating possible use of Dixon Park and/or Patriot Park fields.

## **TOPSOCCER REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Vacant**

Matt again asked for nominations to fill this vacancy. A discussion followed about the importance of this program and how rewarding it is for all who participate.

## **ELKS' LIAISON REPORT – Matt Galligan**

Matt Galligan and John Haugh are currently working on lease amendment negotiations with the Elks. FASA submitted a proposal that would allow for year-round use at a cost equal to the total paid in 2007. Negotiations have been positive and we are optimistic that the Trustees and Elks Members will vote to accept this proposal in January, 2008.

## **FIELD OF DREAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – Pete Cinalli**

Plans have been submitted to Spotsylvania County. Grading is tentatively scheduled for February, 2008. FASA attorney Ron Maupin is working on the second draft of the Purchase Agreement.

## **FUNDRAISING REPORT – ACTIVITIES/PLANS/RESULTS – Doug Martinez**

Not in attendance. Staci responded to a question from the floor regarding Joe Corbi's rebate checks and their availability.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT – Kari' Blosser**

\$50,000 was moved to the Operating Account from the Fundraising Account to cover the cost of the Field of Dreams bond.

## **ASDL CLASSIC LEAGUE REPORT – Melissa Boney**

Spring 2008 registration is ongoing. Uniform improvement is still being investigated and considered, but there will be no changes for Spring 2008. All ASDL players are carded and if you need a player's recreation card, see FASA Registrar Carmen Nicholas. A possible ASDL tournament is being investigated for the future.

## **DIRECTOR OF COACHING/PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Pete Cinalli**

- VCCL – FASA has deferred applying for entrance since the league's continued existence is in question.
- The Second Annual FASA Coaches v. Generals games is scheduled for January 12, 2008.
- Super Y – The first tryout has been completed. Second tryouts are scheduled for January 12 and 13, 2008. There have been coaching changes for U13-U17 girls. Team managers and coaches were asked to get the word out about tryouts.
- Camps/Academies – Details will be sent out shortly regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Skills Camp.
- Coaches' Education – FASA will again offer an "E" course and perhaps a "D" course. Details will follow.
- Justin Armitage Financial Aid Program – Team managers and coaches were reminded of the financial aid opportunity offered by FASA. Details and application are located on the website.
- KidSafe Registration – Team managers and coaches were reminded that this must be completed every year.
- Kerry Keilty Memorial Award – Nominations are being accepted through January 10, 2008 and the winner will be announced at the January, 2008 Board meeting.
- FASA Goalkeepers' Training – Weekly goalkeeper training sessions will again be offered by Danny Huerta for Spring 2008 as well as a camp in the summer. Danny is also offering indoor training on Tuesday evenings at the Field House.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Galligan**

- Executive Board elections for the vacant seats were held. Boys' Teams Representatives are James Conlee and Chuck Perrin. Girls' Teams Representatives are Tracey Gerstbrein and Mike Webb.
- A suggestion was made for adding a Parliamentarian as a non-voting member of the Executive Board. Discussion followed and it was generally thought to be a good idea well supported by all. Nominations will be requested at the January, 2008 Board meeting and a vote will follow at the February, 2008 Board meeting.
- A general explanation was provided to reiterate the past actions of the Board regarding the basic operating procedures of the newly-formed Executive Board. Monthly Board meetings will remain open to everyone and continued attendance and

participation is strongly recommended as the monthly Board meetings will continue to be the primary forum for FASA news and information. Team managers will nominate and vote for Executive Board members biannually. The bylaws are currently under revision and will incorporate these changes.

- Due to several recent issues, an explanation was provided regarding the FASA A/B team structure and policy as previously passed by the Board, distributed to coaches and team managers, and published on the website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Staci Leake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. It was seconded by Pete Cinalli and approved unanimously.