



MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Fredericksburg Field House – Large Meeting Room

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, John Haugh, Staci Leake, Kari' Blosser, Pete Cinalli, Melissa Boney, Carmen Nicholas, James Conlee, Chuck Perrin, Tracey Gerstbrein, and Mike Webb.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following the revisions submitted by Carmen Nicholas, Staci made a motion to approve the December 17, 2007, minutes. Matt seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

VSLI – Nichole Gregory

Not in attendance.

WAGS – Carmen Nicholas

- Emails have been sent out directly to teams regarding important dates and information.
- Forms and instructions can be found on the WAGS website – www.wagsl.com .

ODSL – Lisa Stretch

- Emails have been sent out directly to teams regarding important dates and information.
- Dates have been provided to Pete.

NCSL – Lisa Stretch

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT – Carmen Nicholas

- Registration issues are currently being worked.
- VYSA database is now available.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Kari' Blosser

- The Treasurer's Report was distributed and a brief explanation was provided. There were two statements distributed – one as of January 20, 2008, and one for 2007 in its entirety.
- Team financial statements for 2007 are now due.
- 1099s were available at the meeting for pickup. Any 1099s not picked up will be mailed.
- FASA accounting records are now computerized.
- Steve Van Reenan requested a check for VYSA tournament fees for the Blue & Gray Cup. There was discussion regarding the fact that this has never been paid for the Fredericksburg Cup in the past. Steve and Kari' will investigate and report back.
- FASA fees will be due at the February, 2008 Board meeting.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Steve Van Reenen

- All goals have been covered, including Mary Lee Carter and Legion. Requests have been received for use in mid to late March, but no responses have been sent as we want to leave them covered for as long as possible. A target date of March 1, 2008, was set for the opening of all fields. Pete agreed to contact Spotsylvania County in order to verify when their fields are scheduled to be uncovered and opened.
- Procedures for the Spring 2008 practice field lottery were discussed and it was decided that individual needs would be requested from the teams and coordinated by Steve. Requests from coaches of multiple teams in multiple age groups would be given preference and all other requests would be considered in the order received. A target date of February 15, 2008, was set for release of the schedule.
- Pete reported that our partnership with Spotsylvania County continues to be excellent. Fees for field usage were recently paid as follows: 54 games at Legion at \$17 each or \$918 total; 14 weeks of exclusive use of Harrison Road at a total cost of \$560; 11 days of lights at Loriella at a cost of \$1,320; and 36 games at Mary Lee Carter at \$8.50 each or \$306.00 total. Pete suggested that he obtain an oversized thank you card for the players to sign. Pete also suggested that we purchase gift cards as done in the past for the groundskeepers.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Steve Van Reenen

2008 Blue & Gray Cup:

- Online payment will be accepted using Demosphere at a cost of \$7 per team.
- All FASA teams need to register and promote participation.
- An example of the logo designed by Tim was presented and is also available for viewing on the website.
- 1,000 t-shirts were donated by Adidas. Cost for adding the logo is \$3/each.
- Chuck announced that Eurosport generously offered to donate bags with deodorant and other similar items.
- Pete reported that he had not made contact with the Strikers yet to solicit their participation and promotion, but that he would pursue.
- Hotel partnerships will not be pursued and we will not use a booking agent, but we may be able to recommend certain area hotels. Steve will investigate further.

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. Pete agreed to draft a job description/vacancy announcement that Staci will distribute to all coaches and team managers.

ELKS' LIAISON REPORT – Matt Galligan

Matt reported that on December 26, 2007, the lease addendum was signed by FASA and the Elks granting year-round use at a cost equal to the total paid in 2007. The discrepancy with the Elks' notice to its members was discussed and Matt agreed to resolve with the Elks.

FIELD OF DREAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – Pete Cinalli

- Our attorney Ron Maupin recently had a heart attack but is feeling better. Pete met with him last Friday regarding contract additions (e.g., arrangements for payment of real estate taxes). Pete has plans to meet with Willie Jett next week to negotiate this point and others such as water and dates. We are hopeful that an official contract ready for signature will be available next month.

- RCCI is still offering to donate clearing with a target date of March, 2008.
- Final plans were displayed for review. VDOT made revisions and the plans were resubmitted on January 4, 2008. We are currently awaiting approval.
- SDI's total bill for the design was \$12,500, but they have generously donated \$10,000, making our total cost only \$2,500. Pete suggested that he obtain an oversized thank you card for the players to sign. Staci suggested that we take a picture of the presentation of the card and submit it to the Free-Lance Star Extra section.

FUNDRAISING REPORT – ACTIVITIES/PLANS/RESULTS – Doug Martinez

- New committee members are needed.
- Joe Corbi's - FASA's Joe Corbi's fundraiser was the company's second largest in the United States, resulting in a \$2,500 bonus for FASA. Team rebate checks are still available. Any questions or discrepancies should be submitted to Doug in writing.
- Deed Lot/Brick Sale – Fundraiser is underway. All checks should be submitted to Kari' but copies and forms of sales will be kept and recorded in a spreadsheet by the Fundraising Committee.
- Need confirmation/update from teams regarding the identification of Fundraising Coordinators. They should not be team managers.
- Melissa added information regarding TSS Photography and their offer to provide a 15% rebate to FASA. She agreed to coordinate their possible involvement in FASA tournaments with Steve. She will also invite them to the next Board meeting for a presentation.
- FASA Coaches v. Generals – Pete reported that attendance was high and great fun was had by all. Pete and Kari' reported that although exact numbers are not in, an estimated \$1,800 was raised through this event. Final details will be provided at the next meeting.

ASDL CLASSIC LEAGUE REPORT – Melissa Boney

- Age group coordinators were suggested and requested from travel coaches. Melissa plans to send an email soliciting help.
- Registration is ongoing and will remain open through March 2, 2008. Over 100 players are currently registered. Several Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation teams have told Melissa that they plan to bring their entire team to the league. Registration will be advertised in the Free-Lance Star every Tuesday in February. Melissa anticipates 300 players total.
- Additional fields will probably be needed from Spotsylvania County. Pete agreed to contact them to investigate possibilities. We currently have Chancellor Middle and Mary Lee Carter and may be able to get Thornburg Middle and/or Cosner Park, but may have to purchase goals.
- Games will begin soon after Easter – the end of March or beginning of April. Schedules must be coordinated with SASA so final details are not yet known.

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

- Coaches' Education – "D" class will hopefully be offered by FASA in July or August, 2008. There are currently no plans for an "E" class because of gym availability. Stafford is sponsoring an "E" in March that we plan to offer to ASDL coaches.
- Super Y – First two tryouts are complete. It is estimated that 250 players have attended tryouts. A third tryout/training session will be scheduled sometime around the end of February or beginning of March. Watch the website for details.
- Camps/Academies – 5th Annual Advanced Skills Development Camp registration is open and available online using Demosphere. FASA's cost for this service was \$75. E-mails have been sent to all coaches and team managers with details. We expect 75-100 participants. This camp continues to be operated by FASA coaches only with the help of two high school teams (Courtland and Chancellor) to which we donate funds (approximately \$1,000 each) in return. It was suggested that different high school teams be used each year in an effort to support all area teams equally. Pete agreed to investigate.
- FASA boys and girls U11-U14 "A" teams will participate in friendlies with FC Richmond on March 2, 2008 at Huguenot Park in Richmond, Virginia. Each team will have one game. There will be no cost to individual teams. FASA will cover the cost of referees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Galligan

- 2008 Board meeting schedule announced and is published on the website.
- Past meeting minutes have been lost due to a hard disk crash. Any notes kept by others are requested in trying to re-create.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pete presented the draft FASA/FC Fredericksburg Partnership Agreement – Phase II and provided a brief explanation. In addition, Brian Shumate was present and provided additional input. Following discussion, it was decided that feedback would be requested from the team and player levels and a vote would be made on the revised agreement at the next meeting.
- Pete proposed a bylaws revision disallowing team transfers between the Fall and Spring seasons. Exact wording will be provided at the next Board meeting followed by a vote to adopt.
- Marcello Manzano asked that FASA investigate the possible use of other practice fields such as Patriot and Dixon Parks. Pete agreed to investigate with Spotsylvania County and Steve agreed to investigate with the City of Fredericksburg. Marcello offered his assistance, if needed.
- Staci noted that the Hotspurs Success Page needed updating. Pete reported that it had been updated today and he would contact Julie McKeen to see if assistance is needed.
- Matt reported that establishment of the new non-voting Board position of Parliamentarian would be voted on at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. It was seconded by Chuck Perrin and approved unanimously.