

## ASA Rec Committee Meeting

February 11, 2014

Meeting started at 7:05pm

Attendees: John Mingus, Justin Wilt, Tommy Lo, Matt Craig, Dan Lopez, Dave Hurren, Bob Bigney, Chad Gent, Ron Malachowski, Charles Schulz, Mary Bevis, David Gould, Robb Tanner, Chris Madison

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### UNIFORM DECISIONS

This coming fall is a new uniform tier cycle; everyone gets new uniforms. Some clubs will need to choose new uniforms because the style has been discontinued. This will also be an opportunity to fix issues where multiple clubs have similar looking uniforms. Justin will send out uniform info to all the clubs with a timeframe for decisions.

### DECISION ON SINGLE DIVISION AGE GROUPS

John pointed out that current rules state that age groups can be split into divisions as long as there's at least 8 teams. In the past, Mary had tried to polling coaches on whether or not to split an age group. She didn't hear from anyone so the default was to form a single division.

In the future, the decision to split needs to be made before TFD. The club managers can make the decision at the pizza meeting whether or not to split based on various factors including whether or not a logical split would allow a division to have the minimum 4 teams and also whether or not there would be a significant imbalance without splitting.

It was proposed that the rec committee request that the high school program no longer allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This may help address the imbalance issue. The motion was approved. John will talk to the high school program committee.

It was briefly discussed to combine 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade again but the rec committee did not favor this idea because of the size differences.

For future discussion, the rec committee will discuss Tommy's idea whether or not it makes sense to change 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to be not 11v11 format. This may allow for more teams and help address the imbalance issue. Robb and Tommy will discuss and share some ideas on this issue. Also, the idea of doing the team size change at 6<sup>th</sup> grade instead of 7<sup>th</sup> will be discussed.

### DATE OF PIZZA MEETING

TFD is March 10. Pizza meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### BOB'S FUNDAMENTAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Decision by March 31<sup>st</sup> if the program is going to take place or not. Fundamental would start the week after spring break which is later than the rec season starts.

Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, players will move into Fundamental after registration in the system.

The program will take place all on one evening for all age groups in order to combine ages as needed.

#### WILLIAMSBURG

For 3 or 4 seasons, Williamsburg fields will be lost to practices and games. 110 practice slots will be lost. Practice spaces for all teams across ASA will be tighter than usual during this time.

There was a lot of concern among the committee how the pain from the loss of fields will be shared across the ASA programs and that the rec program is bearing a disproportionate amount of the loss.

John will reach out to the Travel Committee about the rec committee's concerns about this issue.

#### APPROVAL OF PRACTICE POLICY

Mary's formula is 60 minutes for K & 1st and 90 minutes for others.

Bob's practice proposal indicates 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older teams can have one or two practices per week. It was discussed how each club approaches its practice field assignments differently.

The rec committee adopted Bob's practice policy document. This does not impact Mary Bevis' formula for allocating practice fields to clubs.

#### BUDGET UPDATE

Tabling the K Soccer Coordinator discussion.

Club Head Coach:

Bob proposed the idea of a club head coach. The club head coaches would meet with Bob and disseminate information to the other coaches. The club head coaches would also be available to show up at practices to help coaches. The rec committee decided to move forward this spring as a volunteer pilot program and start identifying candidates. Bob will approach the club managers with ideas for candidates within each club.

Indoor Programs, Academy for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders, All-Star Program (auxiliary programs):

Bob suggested any changes/ideas to ASA programs outside of rec should require review by and input from the rec committee if the changes/ideas impact rec. The rec committee was asked to provide more input into the ART rec tournament. The rec committee agreed that any changes that impact the rec program should have some input from the rec committee. The rec committee will invite Luis to come talk about auxiliary programs and Jerry Ellison to talk about ART.

#### REFEREE PROGRAM

Bob met Charlie Corry today to discuss the referee program. The staff and rec committee would like to provide more support and input into the referee program to enhance the program. Bob will draft a letter to send to Charlie Corry expressing the rec committee's gratitude for Charlie's efforts and desire to help support the program. The rec committee discussed Charlie's invaluable contributions and the importance of the referee program to the success of rec soccer.

#### AGE GROUP COORDINATORS

The position description needs to be finalized. John asked the committee to provide feedback on the position description.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is second Tuesday in May (May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.