

Arlington Soccer Association

Rec Committee Meeting

December 9, 2014 7:35pm

Attendees: Justin Wilt (staff), John Mingus (Lions), Mary Bevis (staff), David Gould (Lightning), Robb Tanner (Revolutionaries), Chuck (Civitans), Tiffany Sawers (Crystal City), Brian King (Tornados), Dave Hurren (Optimists), Ron (Potomac Kiwanis), Dan (South Arlington)

Absent: Chris (Falls Church), Kassie Stewart (Arlington Kiwanis), Kyle (Aces), Matt Craig (Tornados)

Admin: Minutes sent from October meeting were approved.

Changes to Rules proposed:

1. 10 Minute Grace period, Amend the team roster section of the Administrative Rules:
  - a. "In order to start a game, a team must have the number of players listed in the table above. If they do not have that number of minimum players within 10 minutes of the scheduled start-time for the game then the referee will declare a forfeit."
  - b. There was discussion regarding the need to adjust the total playing time equally between both halves. "In the event the game start is delayed, the referee shall reduce the total playing time of the game to account for the delayed start by equally reducing time played in each half."
  - c. This rule change was approved.
2. Clarification of score reporting, Amend the score reporting rule:
  - a. If a game score is not reported, by either coach involved, within two (2) weeks from the completion of the game, THE GAME WILL BE COUNTED, the score will be entered as 0-0 and neither team will receive any points for the game.
  - b. There was discussion about the fact that the system currently doesn't count a game without any reported score. This can affect the calculation of the division winner since the total number of games could be reduced.
  - c. Mary confirmed that the system can ensure the game is counted even if there's no score reported.
  - d. The clarification of score reporting was approved.

Arlington Rec Tournament (ART) Feedback:

- Ownership of the Arlington Rec Tournament (ART). This is our party, the rec families need to participate more and make it a recreational owned party.
- More participation is encouraged. Ideas to get more participation
  - each club could get one free entry
  - guest player limits could be adjusted to allow for merged teams
  - premier bracket for merged select players?
  - two developmental guest players are allowed to be added
  - templates to use for encouragement on a club by club level
  - perhaps next tournament could have some promotional video
  - Re-use promotional ideas used for ASSIST

- Reward volunteers with swag and pizza parties?
- Improve the welcome we provide to teams from outside of Arlington?
- In March timeframe Dan and others will discuss with Jerry about formulating an ART committee and other ideas to promote and adjust the rules for the Fall ART. Other Club Managers should begin to identify additional volunteers and encourage at least two teams per club to participate.

The proposed Mission Statement for Rec Soccer, with added phrase highlighted in yellow was discussed:

ASA's Recreational Soccer Program provides a high quality neighborhood-based recreational soccer program **for players of all abilities** that is safe, fun, healthy & developmentally-oriented, based on these focus areas: well-rounded player development, enjoyment of & love for the game, volunteer coach education, and a positive and inclusive sense of community and participation.

- The mission statement was approved unanimously.
- Goals to support this Mission Statement are needed next. Look for homework from John before the January meeting. We'll be using google docs to suggest goals/ideas that will support the new Mission Statement.

The first ever Director of Recreation Soccer has been hired. Dan is coming here from Montana on 12/11 through 12/14 – house hunting and his wife has some job interviews. He'll be starting 1/29/2015. VYSA convention. February interactions with him should be expected.

Budget inputs are due to John for consolidation by Monday 12/15/2014.

- Supplies, Coaching education, rec wide use

Consider new Rec Policy as a result of a request from an external rec team: 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls team from Clinton, MD. Planning to deny the request, but we should try to better understand the request with more background so we could suggest a league closer that may be a better fit for them.

Motion proposed, seconded and passed for the Rec Committee to review current ASA By-Laws to understand current membership rules, identify gaps and suggest potential improvements of the By-Laws to cover board member code of conduct, duty of loyalty, fiduciary responsibilities, etc.

Any thoughts on the increased reporting of unsportsmanlike conduct from parents, coaches, players? Is the actual rate and level of bad behavior really increasing or is the awareness and reporting of the behavior improved over years past?

There were multiple reports of runaway games this season. Please provide any suggestions for how we can better manage this unsportsmanlike behavior? Incentives or penalties?

Topics to consider for next month:

- Pizza meeting date for Spring, Summer Pizza meeting for Fall
- Age Group Coordinators, Middle School program
- New Discovery Elementary School. What effect should this new school have on our existing neighborhood based clubs?

Next meeting is planned for January 13th at 730pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.