

August 4, 2015 – ASA Rec Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kassie (AK)
Matt (Tornados)
Bryan (Tornados)
Ron (PK)
Mary Bevis (ASA)
Dan Ferguson (ASA)
John Mingus (Lions)
Justin Wilt (ASA)
Michael (Optimists)
Chuck (Civitanos)
Doug (South Arlington)
Dan (South Arlington)
David (Lightning)
Ben (Revs)
Tiffany (CC)

- I. Intro New People
- II. ART Update – Ron & Matt
 - a. Website being updated
 - b. Scheduled for 3rd wknd of Nov. Adding U13/14
 - c. Rules Updated
 - d. Games 25 minute halves for U9-U12; 30 minutes for U13/14
 - e. Questions:
 - i. How to market?
 - ii. How to get more clubs to participate?
 - iii. Do we allow select players? Other clubs do not.
 - iv. Can we get 96 teams to register? Need field space & volunteers
 - f. Hurdles:
 - i. Need a GotSoccer username/password. Confusing.
 - ii. Committee to create a “How to Register” FAQ
 - iii. Why are teams not interested in registering?
 - g. Volunteers:
 - i. Need people to manage
 - ii. Plan to use last years format
 - iii. Volunteer slots will be 2-4 hours
 - h. SUMMARY – committee will get back to rec committee with possible speed bumps, best practice for marketing, a “How-To-Register” and a template for assigning volunteers.
- III. Slide Tackle Rule – Chuck
 - a. Problems with refs enforcing the slide tackle rule
 - b. Player was injured as a result.
 - c. Point of emphasis for safety
 - d. 7th, 8th and HS allows slide tackling

- e. SUMMARY – Dan will add the slide tackle rule to the ASA Matrix and hand out to refs as a “cheat sheet.” No Rule Change was made. Rec committee was advised to teach coaches to discuss the rule with the refs prior to game time.

IV. Approval of June Minutes – Approved

V. Staff Updates

a. Justin:

- i. August 12, 2015 is 5% day at Whole Foods (flyer handed out). Looking for volunteers to hand out flyers and bag groceries on the day of. The money earned is earmarked for Financial Aid Fund. Tangent – Financial Aid Fund helps defray costs for people who qualify for the Free/Reduced Lunch program. 20 Travel kids on the Financial Aid wait list. Some kids are not able to play if there is no aid.
- ii. Expect email from Dave Berver re: equipment requests. No requests can be fulfilled until the ASA receives practice schedules. Early/Changing versions are acceptable.
- iii. We need to utilize the space provided or turn it back into Mary.
- iv. Williamsburg will not be available until 2016
- v. Arlington County Fair will have two slots where ASA is having free activities for Fair-goers. Need volunteers on Friday p.m. and Sunday p.m. Dan Lopez is in charge. There will be no opportunity for on-site registration.
- vi. New Sub-program called Pre-Academy for 1st graders. It is shorter and simpler than the regular Academy program. Please mention to 1st grade families – with special emphasis on girls. Starts Mid-September and will be held on Tuesday at TJ Upper and Friday at Eads.
- vii. Age Group Coordinators – Does it make more sense to have Justin and Dan F. serve as AGCs? Staff or John will speak to our current AGCs to see which age groups they would like. Justin and Dan will fill in the gaps with the most requested age group (currently 3rd grade).

b. Mary:

i. Practice Space

- 1. Currently working on assignments
- 2. She is stuck until travel charts are provided to her
- 3. Will send prelim space allotments by Friday the 7th.
- 4. Practice permits will be sent by Aug. 14th
- 5. She is talking to other clubs about how they track field space.
- 6. ASA Board is thinking about the allocation of space and other options, such as a program to make the allocation more efficient. Also looking at possible indoor sites. Tim Bakos is the board member in charge and would appreciate some help from the Rec. Cmte.

7. Special Requests are due August 26th.
8. Mary needs to know the status of 3rd grade teams and if they've been wiped out by ADP and require a division change.
9. 8/31 Team formation deadline for 2nd +
10. 9/12 Team formation deadline for K + 1st
11. Calendar of Events is online on main page.

c. Dan

- i. Coaching Courses: Adding 3 Fs and 1 E Course. There are lots of age-specific courses. Kinder courses have been expanded. All dates are set and times are about 90% set. Available on website. If coaches register, they have the opportunity to get some swag. Adding a U6-U8 Spanish F module. Marisol to write blurb in Spanish for us to forward to teams.
- ii. Expanding: Adding coaches to work within the coaches-training program. Running more sessions with teams across Arlington.
- iii. Future possibility: Club Head Coach
- iv. 4632 Registered to date. Of that number 4350 eligible for rostering. Emails are being sent to families with no DOB verification.
- v. August 17th is the "guaranteed to rec" deadline.
- vi. Kindergarten team sizes. 12 max if there are two coaches. 10 max if there is only one coach.
- vii. Registered vs. Non-Registered: Signed up, paid, age verified = Registered.

VI. Key Dates

- a. August 17th – Guaranteed return to rec
- b. August 26th – Special Requests due
- c. August 27th – Pizza Meeting 6 p.m.
- d. August 31st – Team formation deadline for 2nd +
- e. August 31st – Practice Fields open

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.