

Arlington Soccer Association  
 Rec Committee Meeting – 1/12/2016  
 Meeting Minutes



| Club                | Attending         |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Aces                |                   |
| Arlington Kiwanis   | Y                 |
| Arlington Optimists | Y                 |
| Civitans            | Y                 |
| Crystal City        | Y                 |
| Falls Church        | Y                 |
| Lightning           | Y                 |
| NW Lions            | Y                 |
| PK Soccer Club      | Y                 |
| Revolutionaries     | Y                 |
| South Arlington SC  | Y                 |
| Tornados            | Y                 |
| ASA Staff           | Justin, Mary, Dan |
| Guests              |                   |

Agenda:

1. Kindergarten soccer proposed format changes
2. Equal playing time
3. Spring Calendar (setting key dates)
4. Practice time tracking tools – potential common tracking tools
5. Rule changes for the spring?
6. Reminder to have coaches contact Club Managers first rather than Mary

Housekeeping item – John to come up with schedule of note taking for future meetings.

1. Previous meeting notes approved by voice vote.
2. Kindergarten proposed format change – Dan F explained the proposal and the rationale for the change. Adds more kids on the field which reduces touches, but simplifies the team creation and season to season transitions. Proposes same field size as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade which means additional goals/equipment and additional storage/setup needs. May need manpower from Clubs to assist on field setup.

Field size larger than US Soccer recommends 30x20, ASA uses 35x25. Group in favor of keeping the field larger than US Soccer recommendation to allow for usage across multiple age groups. General consensus is that this would be a good change, better team experience, easier on the coaches. There will be a need for additional fields (game and practice) but reducing Kindergarten game fields from two to one mitigates that somewhat. Clubs encouraged to consider allotting practice space with multiple K teams practicing same time same fields.

Motion to accept by John M – all in favor, none opposed (see full proposal after meeting minutes).

3. Equal Playing Time issue – how do we enforce the rec rules of relatively equal playing time? Justin suggested first complaint should be raised to the Club Manager who addresses it with the coach, second complaint escalates to Dan Ferguson. Could be escalated to Dan who reaches out to the coach. Can become he said/she said and impossible to adjudicate.

Dan F suggests an ASA level message to coaches that can be reinforced by Club Managers. John M proposes we table this issue until next meeting, asked Matt Craig to draft some proposed language and strategy for communications to be discussed at the February meeting.

4. Spring Calendar Key Dates:

Late Fees 3/8 (Tuesday), Pizza meeting 3/10 (Thursdays) and Team Formation 3/15 (Tuesday)

Pizza meeting 3/10 @6pm. Upcoming Committee meetings Feb 9, April 12 and May 10

5. Practice time tracking tools – Mary has looked into different automated (web-based) field management tools. All solutions found thus far are quite labor intensive and require significant manual setup.

Mary asking all Clubs to enter their field assignments on a “master” Google doc spreadsheet that can be made publicly available. This consolidated sheet will serve as the ASA published practice schedule as well as a tool for coaches to find available practice spaces. If a coach wishes to request an open practice space they must make that request via their Club Manager. To be implemented for the Spring 2016 season.

6. Proposed Rule Changes? Mary asks about dropping “matchup” games in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions with eight teams. John M makes motion to eliminate matchup games from our administrative rules along with any associated references. Motion to accept by John M – all in favor, none opposed
7. Reminder to have coaches contact Club Managers with issues instead of direct communications with Mary or Soraya.
8. Justin notes: Registration is open (technically soft open) and will formally be announced as open on Friday. Arlington County field allocation and use analysis underway, Justin and Mary staying in the loop.
9. ART feedback – didn’t have staff person on site at every field for every game, worked for the most part. Time slips were an issue, partially due to tight schedules and partly no resource with authority to push refs to keep games moving. One issue 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys final, game abandoned by one team. Likely will want to eliminate the extra point for a shut-out.

Meeting adjourned: 9:25pm

## Kindergarten 4v4 proposal for Fall 2016 season

### Historical Numbers – 3v3 Coed

#### Fall 2014

| <i>Players</i>                            | <i>Teams</i> | <i>Players Per Team</i> |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| 727<br>Male 452 (62%)<br>Female 275 (38%) | 63           | 11.5                    |

#### Spring 2015

| <i>Players</i>                            | <i>Teams</i> | <i>Players Per Team</i> |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| 717<br>Male 439 (61%)<br>Female 278 (39%) | 64           | 11                      |

#### Fall 2015

| <i>Players</i>                            | <i>Teams</i> | <i>Players Per Team</i> |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| 741<br>Male 443 (60%)<br>Female 297 (40%) | 61           | 12                      |

| <i>Kindergarten Fields</i> | <i>Games per week</i> | <i>Games p/week p/field</i> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 dual-fields (8 total)    | 30                    | 7.5                         |

### Proposal – 4v4 Single Gender

#### Fall 2016 - using last Fall's number of registrants

| <i>Players</i> | <i>Teams</i> | <i>Players Per Team</i> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
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|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 741<br>Male 443 (60%)<br>Female 297 (40%) | 93<br>Male – 56<br>Female - 37 | 8 |
|---|--------------------------------|---|

| <i>Kindergarten Fields</i> | <i>Games per week</i> | <i>Games p/week p/field</i> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 or 7 single fields       | 46.5                  | 8 or 7                      |

This proposal would increase the number of games per week, necessitating more field space. However, since we are going from a dual-field format, to a single-field format, we may be able to schedule more fields in the same space as we originally had, although I do want to make the fields a little larger.

Kindergarten fields would be **35x25 yds** (up from 30x20). I would like this to be the same size as 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade fields so it would be possible to share field space if there is overflow in any age group. USSF game format suggestions recommend a field of 30x20 yds for kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

This proposal would require the purchase of additional goals, which I have included in my budget request.

Adding more goals will require more responsibilities for goal maintenance and upkeep. Some locations do not allow ASA to lock goals up at the fields, and the goals would therefore need to be taken apart and put away after each week.