

USA SOCCER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2012

Clubs in Attendance:

The following clubs were in attendance: BAYSL; Braden River; Celtic FC; FC Tampa; FC Sarasota; First Hernando; Fishhawk; Florida Soccer; Houston Dynamo; Lake Wales; Manasota; Nature Coast; North Lakeland; Pinellas County; Pinellas Park; Tarpon FC; TBU; VSI Pinellas; West Florida Flames; Winter Haven

Referee Assignors in Attendance:

Jim Vars.

Executive Committee:

Chip Bruce, Frank Villaizan, Rich Bowers, Karl Kukec, Melissa Jara, Linda Lathrop, Debbie Hofrichters.

Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Welcome by President: A brief welcome by the President, Chip Bruce.

Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and approved.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer's Report (Linda Lathrop): Linda showed the July bank statement. Balance as of 8/31 was approx \$217,500. Basically, we have collected all of our operating income for the year from our Sr & Jr registration fees. She noted that the USA Balance Sheet is being synchronized with our accountant's categories of expenses so as to lessen our professional fees. July 1 was approx. \$93,000.

Secretary's Report (Rich Bowers): Nothing to report.

V.P. Senior Boys (David Oras): Absent, but Chip reported that the Red cards site has been updated as of Sept 10 on the boys side. Coaches need to provide documentation to clear their players.

V.P. Junior Boys (Melissa Jara): Nothing to report.

V.P. Senior Girls (Gene Putney): Absent.

V.P. Junior Girls (Gene Putney): Absent.

Referee Liaison Report (Carlos Martes): Absent.

D.O.C. Liaison Report (Karl Kukec): Nothing to report.

Member at Large (Debbie Hofrichter): Nothing to report.

Age Group Coordinators: A brief discussion was held as to the U9 & U10 divisions, and the matter was deferred to the executive session. The 16G reshuffle will be conducted at Braden River.

Past President (Frank Villaizan): Nothing to report.

President Report (President Chip Bruce): Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Calendar events are posted on the website and all monthly meetings will be at the Bay Harbor Inn on the Courtney Campbell. This was a cost cutting measure.

New Business:

Jr season scheduling is underway pending finalizing the brackets. It is hoped that the schedules will be open for reviewers by Sept 15. They should be posted and available for rescheduling request beginning Sept 22.

USA Game reports are still required for all games. Extra copies are available from Sheri Doback.

There was a discussion about selection of ref assignors, and in particular, the reasons why Tony Miele was assigning C3. It was pointed out that this was an annual process, and a fully qualified assignor in C3 could apply for the position.

Good of the Game: Special thanks to Jim Vars and all ref assignors for proving refs on short notice for play in games that were delayed by weather etc.

Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

USA SOCCER MONTHLY EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Call to Order: 7:59 p.m.

Executive Committee Attendance: Same.

Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and approved.

Protest and Appeals: U18-19B Braden River – SYAA match was discussed. A forfeit was awarded to Braden River and the game will not be rescheduled. No fines will be assessed due to timely notice of the Homecoming problem by SYAA.

The U18-19B WCAA – Pinellas Park match was discussed. The referee abandoned the match in the 2d half due to health reasons. A substitute ref was obtained, and upon arrival, the coaches opted for keeping the game as a tie. After leaving the field, the coaches changed their mind and inquired about replaying the game. The Board decided that the coaches made their decision, and the match will be scored as a tie. The new rules will address all matches that are abandoned.

Old Business: Linda discussed the new website and the savings. Rollout will occur after the Jr season is complete.

New Business:

Weather related delay procedures discussed. Basically, matches abandoned in the 2d half will be deemed complete. Matches abandoned in the 1st half will be replayed from the beginning.

After a spirited discussion, Everton U16B was allowed to reschedule their upcoming USA game due to the Super Y conflict. The Board felt that Everton had done all they could reasonably do to avoid scheduling conflicts, and the weather cancellations created an irreconcilable situation for a team vying for a Super Y playoff spot.

The weather delays created a unique situation in the U13 Round Robin. It was decided that the 2 teams that had tied in a head to head match, would replay their game in its entirety & go directly to PKs in the event of another tie to see which team advanced to D1.

Reshuffles were discussed at length, to include referee problems & field scheduling issues. The AGCs will be advised to put them together quickly. The Board will seek to discourage reshuffles in the future.

A brief discussion re ref fees was had, and the board will seek to get recommendations from the liaison re recommended fees for the older age groups.

The U9B & U10B divisions were realigned to adhere to more general USA guidelines, even numbered groups when possible, groups of 8 preferred for Jrs, geographic placements for non D1 & D2 divisions etc.

Jr season schedule dates were modified as follows to adhere to Region Cup dates:

U14: No changes necessary as the first round of Region Cup or U14s is Feb 23.

U11-13: Game #13 will be Jan 27 & Game #14 will be Feb 2. (1st Round Region Cup is Feb 9 for U11-13s)

U9-10: Game #13 will be Jan 27 & Game #14 will be Feb 9 so as to accommodate the Region C Festival set for Feb 2-3.

Adjournment: 8:11 PM.