

USA SOCCER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14th, 2012

Clubs in Attendance:

The following clubs were in attendance: Braden River; Brandon; Central Pasco; Dunedin; Everton; FC Tampa; First Hernando; Fishhawk Soccer; Florida Coast; Florida Soccer; Houston Dynamo; Lake Wales Soccer; Nature Coast; North Lakeland; Pinellas County; Pinellas Park; Sarasota United; Tampa Bay United; West Florida Premier; West Pasco; Winter Haven

Referee Assignors in Attendance: None.

Executive Committee:

Chip Bruce, Frank Villaizan, Karl Kukec, David Oras, Linda Lathrop, Debbie Hofrichter, Melissa Jara.

Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and approved.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer's Report (Linda Lathrop): Linda provided the treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report (Rich Bowers): Absent.

V.P. Senior Boys (David Oras): David reported that there are 23 outstanding Red cards. We will address in executive session , how these should be handled.

V.P. Junior Boys (Melissa Jara): Melissa reported that the Junior season is going well. Also a reminder to notify her of all Junior Red Cards.

V.P. 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: Nothing to report.

Past President (Frank Villaizan): Nothing to report.

President Report (President Chip Bruce):

Old Business:

Jr schedules are final and have been locked.

Reminder by Linda of Game Time Change procedures. A game change request must be entered. Use the drop down boxes; don't write in the notes section – the other team won't see the notes; this is only to communicate with USA; if the assignor hasn't assigned the game, USA will approve; if within a week, it is not likely it will be approved, unless the assignor agrees.

New Business:

EOS tournaments will not be planned for this season, in any of the age groups, including the U9's and U10's.

The proper procedure for planning USA tournaments is to determine the age groups; dates and times; put it out to all clubs; those interested to complete a hosting agreement.

The December Monthly meeting will be cancelled.

Good of the Game:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

USA SOCCER MONTHLY EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Call to Order: 7:39 p.m.

Executive Committee Attendance: Same.

Approval of Minutes: Reviewed and approved.

Protest and Appeals: None.

Old Business: Discussion on C4 Referee Issue, carried over from October meeting.

The letter from USA did not go out. The issue involved 3 clubs utilizing uncertified referees. All three clubs were advised that they must begin using Got Soccer for assigning. This is the only way that USA can determine if the refs are certified through FSR.

- Winter Haven has complied with the above request.
- Auburndale has not cooperated and did not attend the referee assigning training class that was recently offered through USA.
- Lake Wales is refusing to use Got Soccer to assign.

Part of the problem is the lack of qualified referees in C4, however USA has a standard that all clubs are required to follow. Clubs refusing to comply will be notified that as of 12/1 they will not be allowed to have home games and/or USA will assign all three refs and assess the club a charge for assigning. Also, that next season they will not be accepted into the league, unless they “come on board” with Got Soccer.

New Business:

Discussion – Game #3982 – Guest Player Issue – Can a U13d1 player play down to a U12 d2 age appropriate team? Discussion that the rules only allow this within the same division. You can play down, if age appropriate, but must be within the same division. However, unclear what the team is protesting. Ask the team that is “protesting” to quote the rule that they think was broken.

Discussion with regard to the Suspension letter that went out regarding the Ejected coach from Wesley Chapel. We have not received a response yet. If the coach accepts the suspension as per the FYSA rules, the issue will be done. However, in the event the suspension is protested, Chip Bruce appointed a Hearing Committee, with Linda Lathrop as the head of the committee. She will appoint two others to be on the committee.

Discussion on changing games without permission –
Game #192 – Lake Wales vs. Braden River
Decision – no game – no points

Game #1147 – no game – no points

Chip Bruce to send an email to all VP’s and AGC’s, that they do not have the authority to make schedule changes; proper procedures need to be followed.

Red Card – USA board has decided to centralize Red Card reporting. Effective immediately, it will be the responsibility of the Administrative Coordinator to notify VP's of Red Cards and initiate the disciplinary process.

Chip Bruce has appointed Merritt Guthrie as a new board member/Member at Large. Motion was passed unanimously. He will send a welcome letter.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.