

## SWVASL

Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2009

### Opening:

Introductions: name/team/positions – attendance sheet being passed around.

Thank the host/feel free to donate...

This meeting is different from last month because we will be focusing on business items. Each item will be given approximately 10 minutes. If anything is a motion, I will mention that or if it is informational we will try to keep it short. We'll try to use Robert's Rules of Orders yet we won't be too tight with it but we want to give everyone a chance to speak. Any questions?

*The regular meeting of the Southern West Virginia Adult Soccer League was called to order at approximately 19:15hrs on 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009 in Hurricane WV by Dana Sutton.*

### Present:

| Name             | Position    | Team                         |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Ken Sherriff     | Div. Coord. |                              |
| Miranda Nabers   | Div. Coord. | Supastars, Elk River, Chas U |
| Jimmy Cunningham | Div. Coord. | WSP, Quantum F               |
| Shelly Young     | Div. Coord. | HUFC-A, Supastars            |
| Dana Sutton      | Exec Board  | HUFC-B                       |
| Frank Jones      | Exec Board  |                              |
| Dan Rollins      | Fields      | Dynamos C                    |
| Ed Boyer         | Ref. Coord  |                              |
| Molly Walroth    | Secretary   | HUFC-A, HUFC-B, Supastars    |
| Aaron Wood       | Treasurer   | Quantum Force                |
| Calebe Nugent    | Webmaster   | HUFC-A                       |
| Allison Drain    |             |                              |
| Mike Oldham      |             | Pirates                      |
| Steve Sisson     |             | Sissons ville                |
| Rick Evans       |             | FC-BC                        |
| Miguel Celdran   |             | River Citites FC             |
| Milton Plata     |             | Shark                        |
| Jodi Adams       |             | HUFC-B                       |

- A. **Approval of Agenda--** The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.
- B. **Approval of Minutes--** Dana moved to approve minutes. **Motion passed** by majority.
- C. **Open Issues**

Allison Drain: "I'm working with MS society.

Allison: As a soccer community we are becoming a family and I want to do something really good with it. There are several walks throughout the state and Aaron Wood has put together a walking group. Whoever can join us would be great. Will get a packet on how to raise money. If you raise \$100 you get a shirt. More info available on web. We might have an after party. I have registration forms and posters if anyone wants one. Any questions?

Dana: Thank you that sounds like a great opportunity.

Treasury

Aaron Wood (*treasurer*): No changes other than checks cut for refs. Referee requested additional money retroactive?

Dana: we voted and decided not to do it retroactive but will do it from this point on.

Ed: I will take care of that and explain the basis of our decision. I'll talk to Wayne about it.

Aaron Wood: we've had 10 people pay and register total. We pay 2.5% per registration which is actually less than what we were doing with Paypal.

Dan R: how does it work for crossovers?

Aaron Wood: you do it over the phone.

Dana: we'll talk about that during another issue.

Ken: I've heard some people haven't been able to pay.

Aaron W: I took care of that it has been fixed. Initially Visa and Mastercard was not functioning but not it is.

State Cup Weekend

Dana: the WVSA has asked we suspend play during this tournament. It's next to last weekend in May (before Memorial weekend) and therefore we will have to take two weeks off in a row. Ed and I spoke regarding ref availability and it does cause issues.

Ed makes a motion to suspend play that weekend. Rick Seconded (May 16 and 17). Discussion pursued. Alternatives? We could use less refs? Tournament in B-ville? Consider rain dates?

**Suspend play May 17? Motion carries. None opposed.**

### Roster Limitations

Dana: question has been raised about roster limitations. By laws says we can have 20 players but can register 22 players. Let's clarify this issue. **20 players on roster/game cards presented to ref at each game. Ed motions keep the same rule? Motion passed, same rule exists.**

### Fee Waivers

Dana: question about fee waivers. Previously we gave presidents lifetime free play. We talked earlier about how to compensate people involved. I have a suggestion: The folks that are the busiest should get the most waivers; two fee waivers. Therefore for every year you work you get to play for free. GET SPECIFIC DETAILS FROM DANA.

Steve: what would be the financial impact?

8 would get 2

1 would get 1

12 would get ½

Rick: what about when people aren't doing their job?

Dana: that's part of the question. I'm going to withdrawal the question to give us more time.

Ken: if someone does a bad job then we get rid of them.

Dan: I get what he's saying. Its when people don't do their job.

Dana: before we had people pay and then get reimbursed. I don't know if it created accountability and don't know if that is the most effective way to do it. Ask officers to pay and get reimbursed at end of season (assuming job well done).

Rick: wants criteria evaluation for officers/board members

Dana: need to find a board to be responsible for that; maybe finance board.

Frank: Agree with liability, need job description outline.

Molly: Agrees with written job description to ensure objectivity.

Rick: is this posted anywhere?

Dana: it needs to be built into our by laws.

Rick: it would help people to know especially if they can't afford it.

Dana: Can Frank work on that?

Frank: Yes

Dan: I'll help.

Rick: What about crossover players?

Dana: good point.

Dana: Let's move on to standing criteria.

### C Division Tournament

Ken: I was referencing...let's back up...the whole idea discussed at last meeting bringing fairness to C division. We pay the same so we should have same number of games, game times and but in the spirit of what the C division has been a place where players can go and not be a high skill level it can be a place for them to learn but not overly compete. SO trying to find a balance. What I proposed that if we have a tournament we will have to figure out the placement of teams. But we don't want to create an incentive for B division players to drop down to C division.

Win=2, tie=1, loss=0. And use this to conduct a tournament. That way people won't try to rack up points. Confined to C division

Aaron: cant take away goal differential on MySam...it shows automatically.

Ken: Change score in MySam to give winner 1 goal and loser 0 goals

Dana: Lets set precedent for issues confined to one league; suggest that this be decided by folks in that division under the guidance of the league's officer (Ken in this case)

Ken: I would like EVERYBODY to consider this issue. We've talked about how to support older players and inexperienced players; whatever we (C) does affects the league. Let's hear what people think.

Mike: I'd like to see C play 10 games

Dana: minimum is 8 for the league

Ken: Do we want the C division games to "count" with points, etc

Mike: Yes

Steve: basically C has been recreation and I don't want to lose that.

Dan: I like idea of tournament but not based on season standings.

Ed: I think one the things is what is the nature of the C league. Also traditionally we have allowed additional players to step on the field. We probably won't do that any more because

there is no way to verify that they are registered. If players are picked up then the refs will walk off the field because they are no longer covered via insurance.

Allison: I think people will all continue to get older and maybe its time to consider short sided D?

Ken: people are counting scores...yada yada yada...

Dana: we're over the time on this. Any motions made? My suggestion is to not keep the standings this season and evaluate how the season goes. It doesn't seem like we're ready to make a decision. Ken has made a suggestion of a post season tournament.

**Ken: I make a motion regarding the score I previously mentioned and have a single day tournament. Round robin of sorts or is it rocking robin? C league will now keep score and post standings. Only count win, loss and tie rather than point differentiation. MOTION CARRIES.** No opposition, suckas.

Aaron Wood: Beckley wants to rejoin league and wants double headers to save on gas. Is anyone willing to play there?

Tee: we traveled before?

Aaron: so people are willing?

Molly: cross over players?

Dana: it might be too close to season?

Tee: do it Saturday so cross over players won't be affected.

Dana: are they talking about B division?

Jimmy will work on contacting B division captains to see interests/availability.

### Schedule of Games

Dana: discussed scheduled weekends off/holidays/etc

May 31, June 7 and June 14 = play off weekends. We know we need to be done before first weekend in July.

Tee: when is vet cup?

Dana: we should shoot to be done no later than June 21. If we have two rainout dates then we might need to start scheduling double headers.

Dan: Shoenbaum available Friday nights? Shawnee?

Dana: my proposal is to follow this plan that we play no later than June 21.

Milton: this is also based on availability of teams and in the B league we had teams vanish. I'm asking because I would like to reopen Sharks in C league.

Dana: good question. One thing we need to work on with division coordinators is to increase communication. So anyone who wants to start a team needs to talk to coordinator.

Yada yada yada...

Frank: why don't we play in the rain?

Dan: I can answer that. In the past the fields did not hold water. Refs will not let you play when there is standing water and shouldn't.

Ed: refs won't let you play if it is dangerous but standing water shouldn't be considered dangerous. I think we have as a whole are cautious. No one likes to play when it's miserable.

Molly: I do.

Ed: Sometimes we need to suck it up and play...brief reflection of child hood...yada yada yada. We're getting soft.

Shelly: I thought it was because we tore up the fields.

Dan: last season Pat was really conservative.

**Dana: Motion being currently discussed to begin March 15 and end June 21 with 8 reg games which gives us one week of cushion.**

Shelly: can we put a suck it up clause it there?

**MOTION CARRIED to begin March 15 and attempt to end by June 21<sup>st</sup> with 8 regular season games.** Tee opposed just to be oppositional.

### Registration

Aaron: basically you can do it on line (insert dirty snicker here). But if you have a cross over or if you have a vagina you are a woman then you do it over the phone.

Tee: so women have to call?

Shelly: only under age women.

Aaron: we'll have an internet camera at Quantum to take your picture.

Molly: creepy

Aaron: we'll have a camera and you can come under the tent to get your picture taken.

Dana: has anyone registered?

Ed: I have. (no one else has).

Dana puts the smack down and tells us to get our arses in gear.

Ed: something

### *Crossover Players*

Dana: crossover players...something about Sam...MySam (no one else's)

Miguel: can you register for both?

Aaron: you can't register without paying....

Dana: Let's talk about cross over players....do women count as crossover players?...entertain a motion...Women

Rick: how is that fair? Some women are better than many B league teams...yada yada yada

Molly: What kind of message are we sending about how we value players?

Discussion pursues...

Ken: obviously you don't want a lot of women on four teams...because then they can't make it to all their games...

Dana: This motion would be for B and C division.

Caleb: if you are mandating to have women players, then it is fair. Never pay attention to me. Referring to B league.

**MOTION: allow unlimited women to crossover A to B, B to C. MOTION CARRIES. Rick opposed. Molly abstained.**

Molly: I'm on page seven.

Caleb: that's because you type everything, silly.

### *Player Pass Cards*

Ed: Spoke with Dave Lareba and about our player registration process. We as a league can determine what is sufficient to determine eligibility/player status. Player pass cards are not required for in house play.

Dana: captains need to know these details.

Shelly: Aaron said he'll be there with a tent and camera.

Ed: Refs will be required to inspect players and their equipment so we need to let folks know that if we have teams mixed from different rosters then it cannot be reffed.

Aaron: there will be a legal way of covering this

#### **D. Reports from officers/coordinators**

##### Division coordinators

###### A division

Shelly: we have 5 teams: HUFC-A, Mustangs, Quantum, HOUSE, Nationwide... and Dave Nelson.

Aaron: Can we have them register with the house team?

Shelly: all over it like stink on poo and Frank W is helping.

BREAK

###### B division

Jimmy: we want to have 7-8 teams on b league. Have 6 so far. Back in our glory of the past. Our plan is falling into place swimmingly (insert evil laugh here)

###### C division

Ken: between 9 and 10 teams possibly

Steve: concern of scheduling games with so many teams (field availability)

Ken: Women age reads 20 currently: should read 16. Website is out dated. I'm talking to you Caleb are you listening? Needs updated to 90 minutes, records kept...

Ken: need to look at website and add information and delete other crapola. Sharks are back....look at forms and policies....you can't even find by-laws...so just some house keeping issues....need contact info...just needs updated...

Caleb: I don't like my Old Speckled Hen.

Ken: so basically needs updated.

Ed: chants: Caleb Caleb Caleb Caleb Caleb Caleb Caleb (no one joins in)

###### Women's Division

Miranda: need help with leadership role...my idea is to group everyone together, divvy them up and play one big game...not getting a lot of people involved.

Ken: Rachael is moving and my wife isn't that into it.

Shelly: that's not what she said when I played with her...

Molly: What about having an instructional session for half an hour to work on basic skills followed by a full sided game. I've had many women say they would like to work on basic skills such as shooting and dribbling but never have an opportunity to do so. And they may feel more comfortable playing in coed leagues if we can help individuals increase their confidence and on the field.

Dana: this can be decided within the women's division and does not require a motion

Ken: what field? I think we can make that women's field bigger...

Dan: There's a creek bed...

Dana: I'd like to thank Miranda, Molly, Shelly, etc...

Miguel: Could play A B C games early so women have access to fields later

Dana: could be solution

Miranda: women's summer weekday league at elk river field?

Allison: might miss Huntington players that way

Ed: division capt's be aware: distribution list in MySam is huge (about 5000 people). Good hooker..use as tool to get new players involved in "beginning" league/ not competitive

Aaron: are we separating experienced and inexperienced? Some won't come out if it's too competitive?

Ed: There is so much potential to expand the league.

Molly: maybe we can keep this very dynamic, schedule two refs each Sunday and have the option of full sided or small sided games.

### Referee Coordinator

Ed: The state would like to have SWVASL to help coordinate volunteers for Regional Tournament.

Allison: I'm already going and can help.

Ed: Ref clinic March 27, 28 and 29 at WV State for new referees. It will be grade 8 and allowed to ref our games.

Dana: put the word out.

Molly: we can put it on the website

Caleb: Shut thy mouth woman!

Ed: any refs in our league we will reimburse them for clinic after they ref so many games...

### Fields

Dan: grass hasn't grown much. We need to get committee together in next week or so to determine what to do for next season. There are 5 on this committee.

Tryouts for CHAOS are MARCH 14!!!!

### Discipline Committee

Dana: no one here to represent. Spoke with Hank and we will maintain same process. You're discipline has to be served before playing in another division....;points accumulate across board...

Allison: another league has people pay to come back.

Shelly: I like that.

### League Expansion

Dana: we're working on a group to purchase a field/land etc.

Allison: people who are involved with Region 1, tournament will look good and yada yada yada. Realizing that there are 21 fields...

Dana: but it's in Barboursville? Irregardless...we need to participate in this event.

Dana: we will eventually have a financial review process. We need to be on contact with Rob Bauer.

Frank: can we set up a payment plan...

Aaron: can he give me a credit card agreement?

Frank: I'll be responsible for this issue.

Frank: in VA beach we had a 24 field complex and eventually we need to find land that is lease to own (RTO, baby). Maybe working with CAMC or one of these physical therapy places. It could make it much more affordable.

Allison: route 35 has lots of flat land.

Discussion pursues....

Ken: need heavy hitters for millions, but currently pay zero to Columbia gas

Frank: find subdivision or commercial area with land left over that want rid of it for tax liability, get corporate sponsors to pay for goals, etc.

Allison: we need champion to talk to corps.

Ken: who has special connections?

Jimmy: I've been talking to mayor of Hurricane and they're looking for fields for Great Teays Soccer. Scott Edwards said they're looking for something of this nature.

Dan: it would probably have to be land west of Col. Gas.

Dana: we need to funnel all these ideas to Frank Jones.

Dan: Shawnee? Behind Cross Lanes Wal-Mart (land is still there but needs to developed)

Frank: my forte is investment money so it's easy for me to go talk to people. I haven't lived here long enough to know enough people that have large tracks of land.

Dana: if anyone is interested needs to talk to Frank.

### Webmaster

Dana: Caleb is new WEBMASTER!!!

Dana: need hospitality director for us to connect formally and informally.

Several volunteers....

### Fun Zone at Field

Aaron: we'll have fun zone and little kickers on Sundays!

Executive cabinet appoints Allison Drain as Fun Zone Lady or Miss Kitty or Fellowship Coordinator or PartyGirl or Good time Gal or Social Liaison.

**Allison Drain appointed Fellowship Coordinator** (title may change) and she will coordinate large social events for the league.

Dana: let's discuss possible meeting during the season...

**Meeting adjourned!!!!!!!!!!**