

Southern West Virginia Adult Soccer League

Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the SWVASL was called to order at [time] on [date] in [location] by [Meeting Chair].

Present:

Dana Sutton

Jimmy Cunningham

Milton XXX

Aaron Wood

Rick Evans

Ken Sherriff

Miguel Cedran

Molly Walroth

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

Advertisements – billboards, newspapers

Women's Division – Cost for players who registered last season - extend women's division players who only paid for women's division be allowed to only pay the insurance fee. Jimmy makes a motion. Seconded – **MOTION PASSED**

Registration – Aaron will send out mass email to everyone on MySam about registration.

New Player Resumes – Suggestion about division coordinators being able to assign new players to rosters in need. Any team without X# of players will be assigned new player resumes.

For A league **Aaron** will create a house from new player resumes and if need be combine with Beckley Vegas.

For B league **Aaron** will attempt to pull together Beckley, Cross Lanes and New Player Resumes

Schedule – Options: We can rotate option 1 and option 2 with the only change being that women’s play at 3pm. Molly makes motion. **Motion passes.**

Schedule will be posted on SWVASL website.

Crossover Players – discussion regarding exception of players. Need a form for being “Exception Player Request Form (**Dana**)” -- need an application process...

--C division was extremely supportive of this idea

--We need to involve the pertinent division coordinator and an executive coordinator (E.g. Ken and Dana or Jimmy and Hank)

--Rick makes motion to allow exceptions of age determinate based on injury/ability with the process of an application. **MOTION PASSED**

--Discuss possibility of league T shirts in the future. Possibly have a contest for designs and winner has free registration.

--Motion has been made by Ken to acquire two sets of numbered pennies for teams without jerseys. **MOTION PASSED. Aaron**

--Send out email (**Molly**) regarding getting people to help check fields

--Strike Hardman’s name from last meeting (**Molly**)

--Motion to adjourn.. Motion passed.

SWVASL Meeting Agenda

August 10, 2009 7 p.m.

- Appointment of Timekeeper
- Review and approval of minutes from July 15 meeting - 5 minutes
- Treasurer's Report – Vacant position - 10 minutes
 - Current Assets
 - United Bank checking (as of 6/30/09) = \$29,263.65

- BB&T CD (as of 6/2/09) = \$2,679.82
- Other CD????
- Current Liabilities (Checks written to):
 - Referees = \$5,879
 - WV Chaos (SWVASL Night) = \$210
 - Pullen Insurance (Surety bond) = \$201
 - WV Secretary of State (Annual Incorporation fee) = \$25
 - TOTAL = \$6,315
 - (Current Balance = \$22,948.65)

**Cannot approve treasurer's report because we do not have a quorum.

--discuss pros/cons of investments and CDs...

--Everything has equaled out regarding info from

- Business Items:
 - New Business
 - Registration - 10 minutes
 - Women's Division - Cost for players who registered last season - 5 minutes
 - Crossover Players - 10 minutes
 - Exceptions to Age Restrictions - Injury, etc. (See Attached) - 10 minutes
 - Old Business
 - Scheduling
 - Division games same time every week? 2 proposals - 10 minutes

Option #1

| Time | Field 1 | Field 2 | Field 3 | Field 4 |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 p.m. | C Div. | C Div. | C Div. | |
| 3 p.m. | B Div. | B Div. | C Div. | |
| 5 p.m. | A Div. | A Div. | | W Div. |

Option #2

| Time | Field 1 | Field 2 | Field 3 | Field 4 |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 p.m. | B Div. | B Div. | | W Div. |

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| 3 p.m. | A Div. | A Div. | C Div. | |
| 5 p.m. | C Div. | C Div. | C Div. | |

- Post Schedule on SWVASL website
- Division Coordinators - 5 minutes
- Referee Coordinator - 5 minutes
- Field Coordinator - Cancellation Policy (see attached) - 5 minutes
- QUESTION: Was this superseded by Referee Manual?
- Social Coordinator - 5 minutes
- Standing Boards
 - Discipline- Manual - 10 minutes
 - Field Development- 5 minutes
 - Finance - 5 minutes
- Exec. Cabinet - 5 minutes
- Next Meeting
- Adjournment - Proposed adjournment *no later* than 9 p.m.

Exceptions to SWVASL Age Restrictions
(Proposed)

- Each team in the C Division [B and C Divisions] may field 2 players who are not age-eligible, but who are eligible for the B Division [division above], provided those players meet one of the following criteria:
 - Player has experienced a serious injury and is recovering from that injury. This exception will hold for a maximum of two seasons [one season].
 - Player has limited/no organized soccer experience. Such players will be subject to evaluation by opposing team captains. If any two opposing team captains offer evaluations suggesting that a player belongs in a higher division

SWVASL Rainout Policy:

(Proposed)

The purpose of this policy is to provide a consistent procedure on how to handle adverse weather in canceling Sunday league games. Things to consider when deciding to cancel games: #1 – the safety of the players; #2 – the preservation of the fields; #3 – the enjoyment of the game.

The person assigned to check on the fields ideally should be someone that lives within a short distance of Columbia Gas. They should look for the following:

- Standing water: if there are more than a few “puddles” of standing water that could make conditions dangerous, then the games should be canceled. In some instances, some fields could be playable while others are not, but in general, we tend to cancel all games on all fields.
- Field saturation: if a lot of rain has fallen during the week and the fields are saturated, trying to play on them will tear them up, which is not in the long term interest of the league.
- Weather prediction: before going out to the fields to check on the field condition, it is a good idea to check the weather channel or local radar. If there is a lot of red on the radar, chances of getting the games in would probably not be good. If more rain is predicted and the temperature is in the 30's, less people are going to be interested in playing in cold rain, regardless of whether or not there is standing water.

The assigned person should call the league officer to discuss the situation and the decision should be made after this discussion. The decision should be made by 9am at the latest. Some people travel from over an hour away to play and it is important that the decision be made prior to the time when they would have to leave. Considering some games are played at 11am, it is important that the decision be made early.

If the decision is made to cancel all games, the game cancellation process needs to be activated. This involves updating the website, sending the text messages, & contacting the ref coordinator, etc..

If the decision is made to play the games, messages announcing this decision can also be sent out. If the decision is made to play and conditions worsen during the day, then referees have the authority to cancel/delay their game at any point in time per their procedure. The decision to cancel all remaining games for the day remains the responsibility of the league officer in charge.

The ultimate decision should factor in all of the above factors: standing water; temperature; and the predicted weather coming based on weather reports, radar, etc.. The decision process is not an exact science, but using some of the above guidelines should help us make consistent decisions in a timely manner.

Summarize the discussion for each existing issue, state the outcome, and assign any action item.

D. New Business

Summarize the discussion for new issues, state the next steps, and assign any action item.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

List the items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at [**time**] by [**Person**]. The next general meeting will be at [**time**] on [**date**] in [**location**].

Minutes submitted by: [Type name here]

Approved by: [Type name here]