

TASL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2017



The regularly scheduled TASL meeting was held on January 25, 2017 with the following in attendance: Tina Lowry, Jimmy Holland (PSC), Dave Dearborn (NS), Nan Beck, Teresa Phillips, Brad Killenbeck (AYSO), Brian Francazio (BFC), Phil Suffel and Caryn del Castillo (CSC), Michelle Fernander (CSL), Scott Truesdale (CUSA), Meredith Holl (CUSC), Clay Hyatt (FFSC), Milt Cummings and Jeff Carroll (SSC), Michael Boyko (TSA), and Mike Dick (WBSC) SYAA was not represented and was not excused.

Tina Lowry, President called the meeting to order at 6:23pm. She asked for introductions and club affiliations. Tina then asked if there were any questions or corrections for the November meeting minutes previously sent out by Nan Beck, Secretary. There were none so Tina asked for a motion to approve. Jimmy Holland made the motion and Brad Killenbeck seconded it. The motion carried.

Financials: Tina stated that since this meeting was off the normal monthly meeting cycle Jimmy Kinlaw, Bookkeeper was unable to attend. She reported that all referee reimbursements have been sent out. She then added that at the next meeting a date for a special financial meeting for budget planning will need to be set.

Ongoing or Unfinished Business: The following was reviewed:

Review for status of remaining action items from 11-9-2016 – Tina asked for a review of the action items. The following information was noted:

- AG Gomez has completed two courses for new referees.
- Teresa Phillips, Administrator gave out twenty-four certificates to new referees for ordering the Referee Kits after the completion of a course in December at the Virginia Beach Field House. More are now needed. Dave Dearborn, Treasurer explained that the price has increased a small amount due to a new shirt in the kit. Jimmy Holland made a motion to authorize Dave to purchase 25 certificates for the eleven piece referee starter kit from Official Sports, not to exceed \$2000 unless he comes back requesting a need for more. Scott Truesdale seconded the motion and it carried.
- Plans are to invite Referee Assignors to a TASL meeting, possibly in March. Tina asked all Club Reps to send her their club's assignor and contact information.
- Mike Dick updated all on the upcoming coaches' course – Current plan is to offer NSCAA Level 6 on March 4th at Joliff Middle School. Confirmation on the date and location will be sent out along with the registration code. Two coaches per club are allowed to register and then registration will open up to all closer to the date of course for

any available spots. Mike will send the confirmed information to Tina for sending out to all Club Reps.

- ODU internship for updating the website and monitoring social media - Mike suggested it be offered to anyone so Tina stated that she would create an ad for this on the website.
- Tina updated everyone on the new website, stating that she is still in the process of setting up information and also waiting to get ownership of the domain from Tyge Gibson. She stated that she is still lacking the photos she requested so Michelle Fernander was asked to take photos after the meeting of all those who had not yet sent one to Tina.

New Business: Tina introduced new business:

Important dates –

- Teresa Phillips, Administrator reminded all that a list of teams with coaches, age groups, and gender were due to her by January 29th.
- The Seeding Meeting will be held on February 8th at 6:15pm prior to the regular monthly meeting. Teresa has created a spreadsheet with scores from the fall season. The win/loss/tie information is only based on scores submitted. She will send it out to all Club Reps for review. Team declarations and club payments will be due at the Seeding Meeting. Team rosters are due on April 1st.
- Tina stated that Team Declarations will be due by February 8th and will need to be submitted online. Tina explained that she has been working on setting this up on the new website with required fields to be completed and an electronic signature will be required by the coach. It was questioned how Club Reps would have the coach's requests for a division if they will not have access to it without hard copies not being submitted. After some discussion on this, it was decided that it is important that TASL move forward requiring online submissions. Tina agreed to send updated reports with team declaration information to Club Reps so they will have it for the Seeding Meeting. This will also let Club Reps know who has completed their team declaration. There was also discussion on security, asking if it should be password protected. It was decided that Tina will send the link and password when the website comes live. Jimmy Holland made a motion requiring the TASL team declarations to be submitted online on the TASL website with some security measures in place. Brian Francazio seconded the motion and it carried.
- Tina then asked for the remaining Board Meeting dates for posting on the website. Nan named the following: March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, and November 8th. Tina then stated that at the May 10th meeting, a calendar needs to be established for 2017 fall season.

Sanctioning for 2017 – VYSA – Member Club needed – Teresa stated that she needed a club to host for the spring season. Milt Cummings volunteered Smithfield Soccer Club.

Plans for Referee Assignors/Meeting – In preparation for inviting the Referee Assignors to the meeting in March, Tina asked that all submit ideas for questions and plan to come up with an organized group of questions at the February meeting. Such topics as the following were suggested:

- Referee reports on conduct of parents, coaches, players and to include cards given
- Understanding of league rules such as checking team rosters and player cards
- Tracking good referees to reward/offering mentoring to poor ones
- Training new referees

It was suggested that a committee form to complete this task prior to the February meeting. Jimmy, Dave, and Mike volunteered. They will meet and bring a list of questions to the February meeting. Tina then stated that she wants to get feedback from the Referee Assignors by asking them to list three strengths of TASL and three improvements for TASL. It was then decided that the Referee Assignors will be invited to the meeting on March 8th at 6:15pm. Tina asked again that all Club Reps send their assignor and contact information to you. She will then send an invitation to them, asking for their feedback prior to the meeting.

2017 regroup on strategic planning – Tina stated that she has typed up everything that was completed at the Strategic Planning meeting and will send out for review. All information will then be posted on the website. Tina then stated that she needs more help from all and not just a select few. Her goal is to make TASL stronger in 2017 with a new website and new branding, to be an improved product to promote, all to make TASL greater in 2017. She then redefined her goal as making this the best year yet for TASL.

US Soccer initiatives – Tina reminded all that the changes on field sizes, goal sizes, and style of play will be mandated for Fall 2017. However, she expressed concern, stating that she has not seen any updated information since it appears some things have changed since initially stated. Tina stated that she would research for a current document for a review at the April meeting.

Before beginning the handbook review, Tina asked if there was any other business to discuss. The following was discussed:

- Milt reported that VIP United have requested sponsorship from Smithfield Soccer Club (SCC) to declare a U9 team for spring season for participation in TASL. All agreed so Milt was directed to make a motion. Milt made a motion to allow SSC to sponsor VIP United for their U9 team to participate in TASL for spring season. Brad Killenbeck seconded the motion and it carried but with two clubs voting against the motion.
- Mike suggested TASL make a donation to the Kickin It For Cancer Tournament hosted by TASL member club, SSC, pointing out that it is for a good cause at a low price for participation. Mike made a motion that TASL make a charitable donation of \$500.00 to the Kickin It For Cancer Tournament. Milt was very touched and thanked all greatly for the act of kindness, pointing out that last year's donation was about \$11,000. He reminded all that the tournament is February 25th and 26th and the cost is \$325.00. Tina stated that TASL will promote it on the website.
- Dave announced that Norfolk United has merged with Beach FC, explaining that the Recreational and Advanced teams will play as Beach FC teams this spring but will wear their current Norfolk Strikers uniform and play games at Lake Taylor. Their travel program will play as the Norfolk Strikers for the spring and then merge that program at tryouts. Due to this change, Dave will no longer be a voting member but will continue as TASL Treasurer.
- Phil Suffel announced that this would be his last TASL meeting as CSC Rep, stating that he would be around but needed to focus on personal things. He expressed his gratitude for being able to serve with everyone. He then introduced Caryn del Castillo who will be filling in as their temporary Club Rep until a permanent replacement is found. Tina thanked Phil on behalf of all for his service and support and told him that he would be missed.
- Jimmy spoke of all the good ideas shared at the Strategic Planning meeting. However, he suggested that TASL needs to come up with subcommittees which could include ones to

work on the budget, the rules, working with referees just to name a few. All were asked to actively recruit volunteers to serve on these subcommittees, noting that volunteers could be coaches, parents, players, referees but the subcommittees would be chaired by Club Reps. It was suggested that these subcommittees be formed by April. Tina stated she would put something on the website asking “Want To Get Involved?”

Handbook Review Continued – The handbook review continued. When reviewing Sections 401-403.4 in Chapter 4, the following changes were agreed upon to be made:

- Section 401.1
 - On the third line, with the sentence beginning/ending “Issues pertaining.....” will be removed.
 - Tina will reword to reduce in length the sentence beginning/ending with ”TASL has agreed.....in addition to this guideline.”
 - The last sentence in this section beginning/ending “Teams should be formed.....by TASL” will be removed.
- Section 401.2 - There were no changes
- Section 402.1
 - An optimum number of matches in the first sentence was changed from “7” to “6”.
 - In the second sentence, the wording “potential bye requests” was removed.
 - The sentence beginning “All teams...” was changed to read “All teams must appear for all matches or applicable fines will be assessed to the club except for extenuating circumstances as approved by TASL.”
 - The remaining part of this section that refers to completing the team declaration form will be rewritten by Tina to include the new procedure of submitting the team declaration form online and will include a sample form in Appendix B.
- Section 402.2...
 - ”B” section
 - Line listed as 3. “telephone call line” will be changed to “agreed upon communication channel”
 - Line listed as 4. “their Referee Assignor” added at the end of the sentence
 - Line listed as 6 (b) “the Referee Assignor” added at the end of the sentence
 - Line listed as 6 (d) The sentence will be removed.
 - “C” section
 - The last sentence in this section beginning/ending “Teams shall....bye request.” will be removed.
- Section 403
 - “Gentlemen’s Agreement” will be changed to “good sporting behavior”
Tina may wordsmith this section. She will add an appendix on sportsmanship with a focus on encouraging player development and encourage sporting conduct.
- Section 403.1
 - The chart in this section will have to be changed to update the 9v9 format as being mandated by US Youth Soccer. For ages listed from U13 to U19, then maximum roster size will be changed from “18” to “18-20”.
- Section 403.2 - There were no changes.
- Section 403.3

- The information on “Substitutions” and “Spectator and Coaching Areas” will be removed since they do not belong in this section. A new section on “Rules of the Game” will need to be created.
- Section 403.4 - There were no changes

Tina then adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Beck, TASL Secretary

TASL Meeting on 11-9-16

Action Items	Responsibility of:
Date for a special financial meeting for budget planning to be set.	BOD/Club Reps
Send Tina Referee Assignor name and contact information.	Club Reps
Send the confirmed information on the next coaching course to Tina for sending out to all Club Reps.	Mike/Tina
Create an ad on website for interest in internship for monitoring website and social media for TASL.	Tina
Send list of teams with coaches, age groups, and gender to Teresa by January 29 th .	Club Reps
Send scoring information from fall season to Club Reps.	Teresa
Team declarations/club payments due at the Seeding Meeting on February 8 th /Team rosters due on April 1 st	Club Reps
Send updated reports with team declaration information to Club Reps.	Tina
Send the link and password for submitting team declaration online when the website comes live.	Tina
Calendar to be established for 2017 fall season at the May 10 th meeting.	BOD/Club Reps
Referee Assignors to be invited to the meeting on March 8 th at 6:15pm	Tina
Send an invitation to Referee Assignors, asking for their feedback prior to the meeting to include 3 strengths/3 improvements for TASL.	Tina
All information typed up by Tina completed at the Strategic Planning meeting to be sent out for review/then to be posted on the website	Tina
Research for a current document on US Youth Soccer mandates for a review at the April meeting	Tina
Actively recruit subcommittee members for forming subcommittees in April	BOD/Club Reps
Put something on the website asking “Want To Get Involved?” to recruit volunteers for subcommittees.	Tina
Motions	Made/Seconded By

Motion made to authorize Dave to purchase 25 certificates for the eleven piece referee starter kit from Official Sports, not to exceed \$2000 unless he comes back requesting a need for more.	Dave Dearborn/ Scott Truesdale
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