

## TASL MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2017



The regularly scheduled TASL meeting was held on June 14, 2017 with the following in attendance: Tina Lowry, Jimmy Holland (PSC), Nan Beck, Dave Dearborn, Teresa Phillips, Brad Killenbeck (AYSO), Brian Francazio (BFC), Caryn del Castello (CSC), Michelle Fernander (CSL), AG Gomez and Scott Tisdale (CUSA), Meredith Holl (CUSC), Milt Cummings (SSC), Brandon May (SYAA), Michael Boyko (TSA), Mike Scheiner and Julie McDade (WBSC), and Jimmy Kinlaw (Bookkeeper). Guest: Paul Membrino (VLSC)

Tina Lowry, President called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. She then asked for introductions and club affiliations. She welcomed AG Gomez back who will now be replacing Scott Tisdale as CUSA Club Rep. She also welcomed Paul Membrino who was attending on behalf of VA Legacy who had recently submitted an application for participating membership into TASL.

As shown on the agenda, an ODU camp announcement was planned but Tina stated that had been cancelled due to an ODU rep unable to attend. Instead Tina will send out camp information.

She then returned to addressing Paul, saying that he had been invited so the announcement could be made that VA Legacy had been approved to participate in TASL this soccer year. She then asked if he would like to share anything. He did so by saying that he was happy to be here and have VA Legacy accepted into TASL. Their initial plans are to declare about four to six younger teams from U9 to U12 in order for them to have more competition than what their in-house program can offer. Tina asked if there were any questions for Paul. There were none. She then added that the vote for approval was taken electronically which is not the normal procedure but she wanted to be sensitive to their needs when forming teams based on acceptance. She then added that their home site will be Warhill Athletic Complex and they will need to submit all information required for the TASL website.

Tina then shared the additional thoughts:

- She was looking to have two Club Reps per club.
- She gave kudos to Meredith Holl for updating the weather hotlines for her on game day.

### **US Soccer Initiative and Effect on TASL**

Tina reviewed the following information as discussed and approved via emails:

- U9 (2009) and U10 (2008) will be playing 7v7 with a maximum roster size of 12 players and will play two 25 minute halves.

- U11 (2007) and U12 (2006) will be playing 9v9 with a maximum roster size of 14 players and will play two 30 minute halves.

The field and goal sizes were then discussed with comments that most playing sites are in compliance with the required standards. Tina suggested in order to meet the criteria, build out lines need to be created. She suggested these be done by use of permanent flags on each side of the field or paint them or use cones. She is currently waiting to see what VYSA and VSLI send out as recommendations for this.

**Review of TASL Calendar for Fall and Spring** - making sure to pick multiple published rain make-up dates  
Teresa Phillips, Administrator passed out 2017 and 2018 calendars with suggested dates identified for all to review for the fall and spring seasons. Teresa pointed out that coaches need to be told that make-ups may be on Sundays. After some discussion, it was decided that there should be eight games per season with at least six games played and with four make-up dates also included per season.

Scott Tisdale then made a motion that the 2017 fall schedule be accepted as presented:

Play Dates: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

Rain Make-Up Dates: Sun 10/1, Sun 10/29, Sun 11/5, Sat 11/11

Jimmy Holland seconded the motion and it carried.

The suggested spring dates were then reviewed. Teresa noted that all Spring Break dates have been reviewed and the largest membership in TASL has Spring Break the week of April 1-7<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, it was pointed out by Teresa that March 31<sup>st</sup> will not be a play date since April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter and the following Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will also not be a play date since it is part of Spring Break. The proposed starting date for spring season was initially suggested to be March 10<sup>th</sup>. However, after further discussion, it was decided the season should begin on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was then discussion on offering bye-requests again. Various reasons were given for not offering them, but in the end, Tina asked Teresa for her opinion. She stated that if bye-requests are allowed, all coaches will submit one for various reasons, some of which are not justified. With this happening, there will be one for over 220 teams and all will be on different dates and will just be a nightmare to schedule in order to accommodate all requests. She then added that there are some good reasons for game schedule changes due to extenuating circumstances but she would rather receive information from the Club Reps prior to the season with issues on conflicts and work through them on case by case basis. Tina then settled the discussion by staying that there will be no bye-requests. She reminded all that it was decided in the past there would be no bye-requests and it had been taken off the Declaration Form and also updated in the handbook. However, she pointed out that there had been eight forfeits this past season due to a schedule being changed and the opposing team not being notified. Therefore, communication has to improve. Meredith then pointed out that she had discovered on various school calendars that November 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> is a school break and this may create issues with the play date of November 4<sup>th</sup>. However, everyone agreed to leave the fall schedule as approved.

Jimmy Holland then made a motion to approve the spring calendar as presented:

Play Dates: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5

Rain Make-Up Dates: Sun 3/25, Sun 4/22, Sun 4/29 & Sat May 12

Brian Francazio seconded the motion and it carried.

Tina asked Teresa to send the approved dates for both seasons to her. She will then post all the dates on the website and send them to all Club Reps for distribution.

### **Committees Needed**

Tina announced that she has created a way to get things done and completed by a set completion date. She shared the committees as listed on the agenda:

Handbook/Rules Committee – Brian Francazio and Brandon May had previously volunteered to help with the updating of the handbook. Therefore, Tina assigned them to this committee and told Brian she would send him all the updates previously completed but not yet updated in the handbook. She asked for a completion date of August 9<sup>th</sup> for a draft review. Nan Beck, Secretary volunteered to go through past meeting minutes to determine if the handbook updated approvals were never posted on the website.

Several items of discussion were brought before the Club Reps in preparation for the upcoming season that would have an impact on the handbook changes and Tina wanted input. These included:

- Dual rosters – It was pointed out that the understanding in TASL of dual rostered players was when a player within a club was rostered to an Advanced team and a Travel team within the same club. However, the question was whether Advanced players within the same club could be on two different TASL teams, playing on a team in their age group and playing up one year on the other team. Michelle Fernander explained that the coaches requested having dual rostered players in this way for the purpose of giving weaker players more playing time. After a short discussion, Dave Dearborn made a motion to add to the handbook that players cannot be rostered on two Advanced TASL rosters. Jimmy Holland seconded the motion and it carried.
- Guest players – Tina stated that TASL is losing integrity since current rules are not being followed. She asked for a show of hands on who thought their club team had used guest players during this past season without their knowledge. This led to a discussion on referees not checking cards and team rosters as stated in the handbook as a requirement for them to do so. Disagreement was noted on whether referees are taught during their referee courses to do this. It was pointed out they should since they are responsible for players during a game. Tina pointed out that if it is in the handbook, they should be checking but Jimmy followed by stating that if a referee discovers a player who is not carded or rostered, the handbook states to let them play and the situation will be handled later. AG Gomez stated that if the referee is not checking then he/she is risking their insurance coverage if a player not carded or rostered is injured or injures another player, Dave Dearborn added that if TASL wants the integrity by having their rules followed, then TASL will have to be in charge of assigning referees. Brad Killenbeck suggested a way for referees to confirm they checked cards and rosters is when they submit scores. The discussion then jumped back to guest playing and carding issues for allowing this. Tina stopped the discussion by stating that Teresa would be looking into new software that may have an answer to this issue.
- Uniform numbers – Tina stated that having duplicate jersey numbers on one team is also creating an integrity issue for TASL.

Referees Committee – Tina stated this committee would review the process for referees checking team rosters and player cards, the duplicate jersey numbers on a team, and TASL assigning referees. The committee members include Michelle Fernander, Nan Beck, AG Gomez, Brad Killenbeck, and Milt Cummings. Dave then explained the history of why TASL never wanted to be a Referee Assignor for all clubs.

Budget Committee – Tina stated that Jimmy Kinlaw will leave this committee. Jimmy and Dave volunteered to help him.

Coaching Education – Tina requested that this committee replace Mike Dick for yearly planning of the USSF and NSCAA coaching courses. Meredith Holl and Caryn del Castillo volunteer to be on this committee. Tina stated she would send them contact information for both organizations.

Tina encouraged all committee members to have organized meeting on the topics as listed for each and then have committee reports presented at the next TASL meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tina then added another committee:

Technology/Social Media/Education Committee – Tina stated this committee would take care of Facebook and would be responsible for receiving emails for pictures to be posted on the website. Meredith, Caryn, and Julie McDade volunteered for this committee.

#### **Forfeited Games and fines assessed to clubs**

Tina stated that fines for forfeited games have been assessed to the clubs and she has the list. These will be sent to clubs by July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduling Software Evaluations – Tina stated that Teresa would be reviewing new scheduling software. Teresa added that she would like to switch to something else but it would not be for the fall season since she needs more time for reviewing.

Tina then added that the Scholarship Committee has already been formed and Jimmy and Dave volunteered to be on it. They will be reviewing this year's submitted applications. Currently, four have been received.

**By-laws to be updated for removal of TASL Treasurer position and replaced with bookkeeper** – This agenda item was tabled.

#### **Paid Staff**

Tina explained the following possible additions:

- Technical Director – If a TD is added, he/she would have to be soccer minded.
- Administrator Staff – This could be an Executive Administrator or an Administrator Assistant but it would be a part time position. This would be a person who would hold everyone accountable, getting the meeting agenda out sooner, and making sure action items are being accomplished. Job requirements could also include handling social media, scholarship committee responsibilities, organizing coaching education, posting minutes on the website, and updating the handbook and forms. Tina suggested that at the

July meeting, a job description should be discussed along with how to advertise for this position and ideas on pay. Tina then stated that she would take as an action item to write a draft job description to be review at the July meeting.

Tina then asked for any other items to review. The following were introduced:

- Declaration due dates were set by Teresa to include:
  - Team declarations are due by July 27<sup>th</sup> which would include a list of teams and coaches along with age group and gender.
  - Seeding Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> which would include bringing field declarations and fall payment.
  - Online Declaration Forms are due by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Brian reminded all that it was decided on the conference call for the financial meeting that all U9 coaches would receive a coaches' bag. He had volunteered to do the research and was ready to report. The Start-Up Kit for each coach would be about \$45-\$48 per bag. It would include the bag, cones, First-Aid Kit, ball pump with a needle, whistle, bag tag, white board, and stopwatch. If pinnies are added, each bag would then cost about \$50-\$60. After a short discussion, Brandon May made a motion to accept giving Start Up Kits to coaches of U9 boys' and girls' teams starting this fall. Brad Killenbeck seconded the motion. Then Dave Dearborn amended the motion to state to accept giving Start Up Kits to coaches of U9 boys' and girls' teams starting this fall but not to exceed \$60 per bag. The motion then carried.
- Milt asked about Referee Kits, pointing out that they were still needed. Michelle added that CSL still needs some also. Jimmy then stated that he would order the needed kits.

Tina was then reminded that the meeting minutes needed to be approved. She asked if there were any questions or corrections to the April meeting minutes previously sent out by Nan. There were none so she asked for a motion to approve. Brian Francazio made the motion and Jimmy Holland seconded it. The motion carried.

Tina then reviewed the action items, reporting that all have been accomplished.

Tina then adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Beck, TASL Secretary

**TASL Meeting on 6-14-17**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsibility of:</b>
Send out ODU camp information to all Club Reps.	Tina
Submit all club required information for the TASL website to Tina.	Paul
Send all approved season dates to Tina/Will post on website and send to Club Reps fo distribution.	Teresa/Tina

Send Brian all the handbook updates previously completed but not yet updated in the handbook.	Tina
Draft of handbook updates to be presented for review by August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Brian/Brandon
Go through past meeting minutes to determine if the handbook updated approvals were never posted on the website.	Nan
Send Meredith and Caryn USSF/NSCAA contact information for planning coaching courses.	Tina
Committee reports to be presented at the next TASL meeting on July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Committee members
Write a draft job description for an Administrator Assistant to be reviewed at the July meeting.	Tina
Team declarations due by July 27 <sup>th</sup> which would include a list of teams and coaches along with age group and gender.	Club Reps
Seeding Meeting on Wednesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> which would include field declarations and fall payment.	Club Reps
Online Declaration Forms due by August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Reps
Order the needed Referee Kits.	Jimmy
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Made/Seconded</b>
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Motion made to accept giving Start Up Kits to coaches of U9 boys' and girls' teams starting this fall but amended by Dave Dearborn to include Start Up Kids not to exceed \$60 per bag.	Brandon May/Brad Killenbeck
<b>Committees</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>
Handbook/Rules	Brian/Brandon
Referees	Michelle/Nan/AG/Brad/Milt
Budget	Jimmy K/Dave/Jimmy H
Coaching Education	Meredith/Caryn
Technology/Social Media/Education	Meredith/Caryn/Julie
Scholarship	Jimmy/Dave

