

NVSA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: 4.22.2016

ATTENDEES: Natalie, Jennifer, Ingrid, Jessica, Ashkan, Amy (Not Present – Jaime, Lauren)

TIME: 9:00pm

LOCATION: Natalie's House (Fairfax)

1. Player Injury/Refund Request
 - a. Jeff Newman (Cool Runnings & Ravens)
 - Jeff played 1 game for both Cool Runnings & Ravens before he unfortunately tore his meniscus in his knee. He is unable to return for the remainder of the spring season and is requesting any type of refund if possible
 - The board agreed to a partial refund for Jeff Newman
 - **TASK:** Lauren – Issue a partial refund to Jeff Newman
2. Minimum Roster Requirement
 - a. 12 teams currently under the minimum roster size of 16 players/team
 - Natalie has contacted all 12 teams and all must do one of the following options in order to comply with league standards:
 - Add players to the roster (can be after “mid-season” reduced fee takes effect)
 - Pay the player fee difference as a team and stay with a smaller roster size
 - Have enough sub-packages applied to their team to equal player fee difference
 - No payment, No new players, No sub pack players = forfeit any games past deadline
 - **TASK:** Natalie – Follow up with teams to make sure they have added players or paid the team fine.
 - b. Masters Of The Universe (Masters Division)
 - Nate Ross, captain of Masters of the Universe, contacted the board and requested a pass on the minimum roster requirement for 2 players this season as he is only able to get 14 players to join
 - Nate has been a captain in the league for many years and has always worked hard to keep solid teams in this league in various divisions
 - Nate stepped up to captain Masters of the Universe when it almost folded at the start of the season
 - He has proven that he has tried to get the minimum roster size of 16 but due to various reasons with his team (i.e., injuries, game conflict issues, etc.) he can only field 14 players
 - The board agreed to give Masters of the Universe a pass this season in regards to the 16 player minimum roster size
 - Nate informed the Board he is already working on getting a full squad of at least 16 players for the fall season
3. Fairfax County Seasonal Requirements
 - a. Fairfax County's residency requirements:
 - 75% in Fairfax County for the league
 - 67% in Fairfax County per team
 - b. For Spring 2016, NVASA exceeded the requirements

- 85% of in county players as a league
- Each team was at least 67% in Fairfax County

4. Disciplinary Issues

- a. Excessive Red Cards in both Coed & Men's
 - March: 1
 - April: 12 (8 in one week)
- b. Main Offenses & Issues
 - Abusive Language and Dissent
 - Denial of Goal Scoring Opportunities
 - Serious Foul Play
 - Violent Conduct
- c. Discussion on Excessive Red Card Situation
 - Rules need to be enforced
 - Referees need to check-in all players carefully
 - Red card = removal from game field... NO EXCEPTIONS
 1. Players cannot stick around if they receive a red card
 - Captains need to aid the referees in extreme situations by helping to remove their players from the field of play when asked by the referee and helping to calm their players down during an escalated emotional situation
- d. Yellow Cards in Men's
 - Discussion whether men's players should be sent off the field for 2 minutes when they receive a yellow card
 1. Some men's players have complained about having to be sent off when receiving a yellow card
 2. Other local men's leagues do not make men's players leave the field when they receive a yellow card
 - The current rule is:
 1. 2 minutes off the field of play, a substitute player may be added
 - **Decision:** Players in both men's and coed MUST be sent off for 2 minutes if they receive a yellow card (a substitute player may be added)
- e. **TASK:** Natalie – Email Lou requesting him to reiterate NVASA rules to the referees
- f. **TASK:** Amy – Draft email to captains regarding the excessive red cards & discipline issues

5. Northern Virginia Champions Cup (NVASA Summer 2016 Tourney)

- a. When: June 25-26 (Saturday & Sunday)
- b. Type: Coed & 11v11 (minimum of 4 females on the field - 7 males/4 females)
- c. Location: South Run Park #5 and #6, Rolling Valley West Park
- d. Three Divisions: REC (casual), MID (between casual & competitive), PRO (competitive)
- e. Length of games: 35 minute halves (70 minute games)
- f. Games: Minimum of 3 games guaranteed
- g. MDCVSA: Players MUST be registered with MDCVSA
 - Each team can have a MAX of 7 guest players
 1. Guests must pay the \$25 MDCVSA Guest Fee
- h. Shirts: 18 free t-shirts/team
 - Any extras for bigger teams can be purchased
- i. Team Cost: \$650/team (due June 1st) **If after June 1st, goes to \$700/team**

- j. Rosters: Due June 15th
 - k. Sponsor: Glory Days
 - l. Tournament Check-In: Glory Days – Friday, June 24th (6pm-10pm)
 - m. Player Social: Glory Days – Saturday, June 25th (5pm-11pm)
 - Glory Days will provide free appetizer coupons to all tournament players
 - n. Concessions: There will be concession stands at the fields selling water, granola bars, bananas, etc.
 - Jessica to ask students to sell items for community service hours
 - o. **TASKS:**
 - Flyer – Jessica
 - Shirts – Natalie
 - Awards – Natalie
6. All-Star Games 2016
- a. New Venue - Evergreen Sportsplex
 - Located in Loudoun County
 - b. **TASK:** Jaime – Contact Evergreen & get quotes for Natalie
7. Fall 2016 Season
- a. New Website - MyFutbolLife.com
 - Should make registration a less painful process
 - All steps filtered through one website
 - Easy Access for Refs (for rosters and match reports)
 - Easier to fix issues by admin instead of asking programmers
 - User friendly, interactive, and aesthetically current/modern
 - **TASK:** Natalie/Lauren – Work to get website ready for Fall 2016 launch
 - b. Team Commitment Issue
 - We have recently had some issues with teams backing out last minute, right before the season is ready to start
 - Sometimes it happens after the schedule has been made causing massive schedule changes and changes to divisions
 - Causes a financial stress on the league to hit our earmarked budget
 - Brainstormed ideas to get teams to fully commit for the following season
 - 1. Team down-payment suggested
 - a. Possible captain fee required up front
 - Commitment for Fall 2016 will be due June 1st
 - **TASK:** Natalie – Send email to captains asking for Fall 2016 commitment
8. Next Meeting
- a. **TASK:** Natalie – Email board and find a date that works for everyone