

NVSA Captains' Meeting
02/23/08, 5:15pm
Babylon Sports Café

Call to Order

Reading of Minutes – waived

Officer/Committee Reports:

I. Commissioner (Lou Chinchilla)

“State of the League”:

- **Referees** - looking for those who might be interesting in becoming refs; possibly will be paying for people to take the training classes – please talk to your players about this
- **Fields**
 - Surprised we did not get Patriot Park, but it's open to any user group, not just leagues
 - Braddock Park is being turfed
 - We've been expanding
 - Arrowhead, Mason District, Poplar Tree, RV3, SR
- **Website**- now run by Demosphere
 - similar to Hotstat
 - allows captains to manipulate their own rosters
 - new waiver form – All new players need to fill it in; it eliminates a step
 - no pdfs; signatures scanned
 - will eliminate need for excel spreadsheet
- **New Teams** -
 - Daily Grind – D2
 - Washington Wanderers - D2
 - Mixed Nuts – D2
 - Villans de Virginia – D3
 - Forca – D4
 - Militia United – D5

II. CJAC/Recruiter (Rick Allen)

- **Discipline** – Red & Yellow Card Report
 - Higher number of cards because of increased league numbers
 - Cards came in bunches, which bogged down the process
 - Red Cards – captains have *48 hrs.* to submit accounts from games

III. Scheduler (Rick Blunt)

- Due to increased numbers, crossover player issues are now at the bottom of scheduling priority list (too much to cater to)
- Will look at team requests first – put dates down when form arrives by e-mail tomorrow
 - Return forms by Monday at 3pm

IV. Registrar (Kate Roventini)

- Re. new waiver – be sure to sign in between the lines
- “playerinfo” – same process
- March 8th – roster sheet due
- When e-mailing photos for Ids, keep player and team names in the subject *and* the body

V. Secretary (Sarah Corso)

- **Contact List**
 - captain/alternate names and e-mail addresses will be on the website (phone #s optional; addresses will not be listed)
- **Constitution/Bylaws Update Summary**
 - Most recent changes: CJAC position combined; Red Cards are now gender specific
 - Updated version of constitution will be posted on the website

VI. Treasurer (Kate Roventini, speaking on behalf Phil Ziegler (not in attendance))

- **2007 Balance Sheet** – league continues to have a strong balance sheet
- **2007 Profit & Loss Statement**
 - We are getting better at budgeting our expenditures; profit of \$866.85 on the year, but this was only a half of a percent of total expenditures.
 - Our relationship with D.C. United resulted in rebate check of \$842 for 2006 ticket sales. We also received a check in 2008 for about the same amount. This is in addition to the auxiliary field use and the items donated for raffle at the all-star game.
 - Equipment expenditures were up in 2007 due to acquisition of equipment for new teams and an increase in the amount of lost and damaged equipment.
 - We increased expenditures on social activities, the largest being the all-star event.
- **2008 Budget Highlights**
 - Increase of the AR pay by \$2 per AR, per match in order to stay competitive with other leagues. Total cost for the referees per match is \$124.
 - Increase of the player registration fee with the state association by \$2.
 - Increase of the web site costs resulting from outsourcing to Demosphere.
 - Budget for social events includes the all-star event, plus 4 pre-game tailgates for the matches included in the NVASA D.C. United 4-Pack.
 - *Team fee will be \$1600.*

Additional Commissioner Notes:

- re. Rolling Valley – “staying on it will pay off”
- Team Fee – will remain at \$1600 despite earlier possibility of increase to \$1675 (was related to State Assoc. fee)
- Equipment – stakes and containers now out (money down the drain)
- DC United – they want us to participate, so buy all tickets through our website!

VI. Unfinished Business – none

VII. New Business

- **Motions to Correct Constitution/Amend Bylaws:**
 1. (Constitution) **CJAC as elected vs. appointed position**

There is simply an inconsistency in language/role.
“Yes” vote – change to an elected position.
Vote: unanimous “Yes” except for one “No”
Motion Passes
 2. (Bylaws) **Language change regarding promotion/relegation**

**Lou speaks regarding current ambiguous language (“may be considered”) that doesn’t work because league is too big now.*

**Rick Allen shows new language that is more specific. It gives teams within a division the power to "force up" a team (ex. an undefeated team who doesn't want to go up)*

**(Summary) Discussion ensues involving the scope of the "forcible" movement; new language gives power to the captains of the affected division, then the officers afterwards, to decide promotion/relegation. Some want forced movement, regardless of team's wishes; others comment on difference in seasons; still others comment on the fact that more than one division is affected by any team's movement.*

**Several votes take place, amending the language each time. (note: some concern over parliamentary procedure)*

- Votes:**
- a. Adopting proposed language as written: **Fails** (but **Passes** to change current lang.)
 - b. Mandatory Promotion/Relegation: **Passes** (only 4 "No" votes)
 - c. Appeal process at affected captain's request: **Passes** (unanimous)
 - d. Appeal vote by division captains who are affected by move: **Passes** (7 - "No")

****Language to be written later.****

3. (Bylaws) **Gender ratio of players to 6m & 4W on field** (Nick Augustine, Red Devils)

**(Summary) Nick - Proposed change would help with recruiting. Dissenting opinion focuses on other leagues with similar ratios where female players just "watch". Current ratio is a foundation of the league.*

Vote: 6 vote "Yes" to change ratio; remaining are "No"

Motion Fails

• **Elections**

- Scheduler – Rick Blunt
- Registrar – Katharine Roventini
- Secretary – Sarah Corso
- Treasurer – Phil Ziegler
- CJAC - Rick Allen

• **Proposed Fund Allocation**

- **Medals for winners of divisions** (Nick Augustine, Red Devils)
 - Medals would cost ~\$300-800; ~\$6 per team
 - **Vote:** unanimous "No" - **Fails**
- **Balls for each team (Brian Vaccaro, Beer Guys)**
 - *(Summary) Attempting to deal with losses from Rolling Valley, etc.; discussion revolves around cost and logistics of replacements (suggestion for captains to charge players and buy team balls instead)*
 - ~\$1800 overall for 2 balls/team/season
 - **Vote:** only 9-"Yes" - **Fails**

• **"Quality of League Play"**

- **Moderation the aggressive play in Division 5** (David Holland, Fairfax United)
 - Lou – "on top of refs", will note if there are consistent complaints from captains on multiple teams
 - David – likes contact with Board; "rules designed for safety" (Lou disagrees with why Laws of the Game exist)
 - David would like to have D5 meet regularly - up to captains (Brent (Gang Green) now wonders if team should be concerned with going from D4 to D5)
- **Field condition of Rolling Valley** (Zach Becker, Dragons FC)
 - Captains should remember that sending Lou/Board complaints does nothing
 - *Contact County Supervisor*
 - Suggestion (Chris Scheve) to create link on new website to "spam supervisor"

- **Promotion/Relegation**

- D5/D4 - Ron Burgundy up; Gang Green down
- D4/D3 – R-One up, Super down
- D3/D2 – Shonuff up, GreenWatch down
- D2/D1 – Fat Cobra up, Rusted Gears down
 - Len Kieffer (Rusted Gears) appeals relegation (*D1 & D2 affected – will vote*)
 - Rationale: From spring to fall, lost women, played short all but one game; other team won 2 games by forfeit
 - *(Summary) Discussion involves asking next team to move down instead (no; if RG stays, would Pyros have to move down? (no); implications for D1 if Rusted Gears stays up and no one moves down (extra game – increased fee for D1); Note: lack of language for new process causes ambiguity.*
 - **Vote:** (Rusted Gears allowed to stay up) 5- “Yes”, 13 – “No” - **Fails**
 - **Rusted Gears relegated to D2**
- New – D2, D3, D4 will have two conferences each (probably “Red” and “Blue”)
- Vertical promotion/relegation in “split” divisions
- Players can play in up to 8 different divisions
- (Sample/Summary) Discussion:
 - Eric Axilbund – *should be completely vertical*
 - Chris Scheve – *at some point, conferences will be imbalanced*
 - Lou – *“doesn’t know” full outcome of new line-up, but offers to show info to captains; trust it*
 - Nabeel Shariff– *Promotion/Relegation should cross from Red to Blue (horizontal)*
 - Chris – *rebalance conferences each season*
- Captains vote “Yes” to keep Lou’s line-up for this season (and revisit in the fall)

- **Other Business/Announcements**

- Proposed change to Bylaws regarding forfeits due to 15 minute grace period (Nabeel)
 - Since originally not on agenda, motion to table issue until next meeting
 - **Motion to Table Fails** (15 – “Yes”), so discussion takes place.
 - Nabeel gives details about proposed language (Section XIII) which would allow team that has adequate number players arriving on time the choice of whether to wait for/play against the “late” opponent (instead of referees)
 - **Vote:** 15 – “Yes” (all else – “No”)
 - **Motion Fails**
- Requests for volunteers (originally mentioned during New Business):
 - **Field Monitor Coordinator** – helps keep tabs on field use by other organizations
 - **Newsletter Editor/Coordinator** – was Zanna Heidrich, then Phil Ziegler – need new volunteer to facilitate

meeting adjourned 7:08pm