

NVSA Captains Meeting
2/8/10, 4:08pm
Café Asia, Arlington

Roll Call

Attendance at front table

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Adopted

Officers' Reports

CJAC

- Rick Allen will be resigning
- Marvin Hernandez & Chris Sheevy announce candidacy
Chris – player in league for a long time, knows team, league, people; will not be reffing that much this year
Marvin – 4-5 years in league, law enforcement background,

Vote: Marvin Hernandez becomes CJAC

Finance

- Team fee went up this season to \$1900
- New option to include PayPal (small fee to account for convenience) and Credit Cards
- (please do not have each player send separate credit card payments)
- Social Activities – we will have new activities coordinator
- DC United game tickets discussion (we receive bank of tickets to sell – 3 pairs to give away)
- Last season fees should have been raised for ref program, equipment fees, etc. – this season compensates for that
- 2009 “surprises” – change of field use (one vs. two games per field per night)we did not account for the actual number of “single use” nights (over 30%) – costs more than “double use” nights.
- Field Permits down last year; Out of County fee expected \$20/player - \$40
- 2010 Budget - we reversed budget for single vs. double use on fields (to account for 70% “single use”); State Association Fee
- “Rainy Day fund”

Scheduler (Sharon)

- Schedule request forms – please do Not send them by e-mail – Please send by supplied form
- Reschedules/forfeits – too many this past season (not including lights, etc.)
 - This Season: One Grace Forfeit per team - there will be a fee for any beyond this
 - Start sending e-mails about issues before day of game
 - Field Issues - (703) 587-5866 (Sharon’s cell)
 - Lights only come on 15 minutes before game time (don’t panic) – field monitors can be sent to field
 - Change of captains – please forward relevant info to the new captain!
 - Reschedules – weather
 - (references field allocation handout) – we just received field allocation this week
 - We do have 8pm slots
 - Single slots will affect refs and “regular, weekly” games for teams

- Will be speaking to county, but not hopeful that games will change this season
- Question – ref fees to get paid the same
- We do have Arrowhead on Saturdays, but that night is not in game requests
- Rolling Valley is used as sparingly as possible
- Question – can some of winter league fields be used this spring? (no)

Registrar (Babette)

- Need waiver and proof of ID – once approved, pass will be printed
- We have been audited this year – you may be contacted by e-mail regarding having a hard copy on file
- 8 out-of-county players allowed per team – PLEASE update if a player moves into the county
- Question – does county check addresses?

Secretary (Sarah)

- No news to report (facebook page now set up)

Commissioner (Lou)

- There will be a **social director** for the league to help facilitate running of league tailgates and All-Star Game
- **Fields for Spring 2010** – most will have 8pm games, so we need to get started quickly
 - If players have the same numbers each game, please enter the numbers into the roster – it only takes 5 minutes (and makes sign-in go faster before kick-off)
 - Do not argue with refs between games (slows the start of next game)
 - Question: If there is a power outage or weather issue with the early game, how will that affect the late game?
 - Answer: shorten the 1st game, so that a full 2nd game take place
- Question: Does the county check number of “in county” players?
 - Answer: we must have 75% of players in FC; 66% of each team
 - The board will not ask for address verification (falls to captains)
 - The county could send field monitors and an individual team could be fined, but it doesn’t happen often
 - Online registration would verify county status of individual players
- Question: “Uniform” uniforms?
 - Primary jerseys need to be the same shade!
 - Do not use masking/athletic tape, etc. for numbers – they are not permanent!
 - Alternate jerseys are exempt from these rules
 - Remember that the “home team” for each game should have an alternate set of jerseys
- Question: What would happen to a team that uses an illegal player?
 - They would forfeit the game
 - (re. “ugly incident” mentioned:) we have insurance – we need to use legal players
- **Online-registration**
 - In the Fall, each player will have to sign up individually
 - Ghost/Pilot program – captains will be contacted

- **Equipment**
 - boxes to be put at fields, but we are going to volunteer nets for everyone so there are no “put up/take down” issues
- **Website**
 - It is the league’s source of information (1500 people in league creates a lot of questions) – please use the website!
- **Refs**
 - We do not get “discounted rates” – field allocation is a problem; we could try to ask for a few dollars for shorter games, but we compete for refs with high school leagues
 - The next time there’s an increase in ref fees, we will not make it if we lower our ref payments
- **Discipline** – it’s a tough job, most players are not an issue
 - “Violent Conduct” - spitting, feet up, pushing – will not be tolerated
 - Case-by-case basis
 - 3-5 people sit down and discuss, decide punishment
 - Make sure your players are aware of their actions; we are a rec league

New Business

- **New Teams** to include
 - Int. FC – D1, NOVA Newbies - D2Blue, Cool Kids- D3Red, Red Lions FC - D3
- **Masters Division reminder** (Lyn)
 - Female players have to be 30 in the *year* they compete – more are needed!
 - Masters division is a slower pace, players can practice skills
- **Winter League** – being discussed
- Sharon has March schedule available

Meeting adjourned