

# NVSA Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 5.17.2015

**ATTENDEES:** Natalie, Jaime, Jennifer, Lauren, Amy, Jessica, Marvin

**TIME:** 5:30pm

**LOCATION:** Natalie's House (Fairfax)

## 1) Team Issues / Discipline

### A. Fountain of Youth vs. Oxygen

- Discussed Fountain of Youth's complaints regarding Oxygen's behavior during their two match-ups this season
- Fountain of Youth accused Oxygen of making threats, cursing, and being overly aggressive on the field during play
- A red card was issued during their last match-up to a Fountain of Youth player
- The referees did not report any incidents and confirmed that they did not hear or see any threats or cursing by Oxygen
- **TASK:** Marvin – Email Oxygen captains explaining situation and warning them of their behavior. If there is another incident/complaint, then the team will be put on probation.
- **TASK:** Natalie/Jessica – During Fall 2015 season scheduling, ensure these two teams are in different divisions (if this is not possible, then an Exec. Member must be present at their game(s)).

### B. Christina Borrelli (DC Chillin)

- Christina severely injured her knee during the first game of the season with DC Chillin. She will be unable to play for the remainder of the season and is requesting some type of refund (full or partial).
- **TASK:** Natalie/Lauren – Issue a partial credit to Christina Borrelli (agreed to by Board).

### C. Zviad Gorgadze (Clockwork Orange)

- Discussed 'Unsporting Behavior' incident that occurred on 4.9.2015
- Clockwork Orange is upset and threatening to leave the league
- Bboard discussed the situation and what can be done to keep them in NVSA
- Natalie and Marvin further investigated the incident from 4.9.2015 and received more detail from the referees who officiated the game. It was determined that Zviad did indeed spit first (Clockwork Orange was arguing that this wasn't true and wanted it investigated further).
- Zviad's disciplinary decision was based on the incident at hand (4.9.2015) as well as all prior incidents which he has been involved in since joining the league. The culmination of all of these events is what led to the Disciplinary Panel's final decision (suspended indefinitely and their recommendation for Zviad to be permanently removed from the league by the captains' vote at the upcoming Captains' Meeting)

- No official appeal was sent from Clockwork Orange even though Jaime and Marvin met with both Danny and Rudy (captains of Clockwork) after a game to discuss the overall situation at hand. Jaime and Marvin explained that an 'official', professional appeal needed to be emailed to the board ASAP.

- **TASK:** Marvin – Email Rudy & Danny (captains of Clockwork Orange) and explain that further investigation of the 4.9.2015 incident was conducted. No official, professional appeal was ever filed by Clockwork Orange and there is no extenuating circumstances which would necessitate an appeal process. As such, the card/suspension that the Disciplinary Panel decided on stands.

- **TASK:** Marvin & Natalie – Create a 1-page flowchart which outlines the process from receiving a red card through receiving disciplinary decision from Disciplinary Panel. Note that teams may appeal a suspension (but not the card).

#### D. Referees

- There has been a major issue with referees showing up late (or not at all) to games this season

- This is not acceptable as NNASA pays for three referees per game

- When there have been two referees at games, they have not been using the preferred two man system which has caused some issues with team captains

- **TASK:** Natalie – Email Sharon Deplitch (referee assignor) to discuss this issue and indicate that it needs to be corrected.

- **TASK:** BOARD – Need to have a future discussion about the quality of referees in the league, how to monitor, etc. Need to develop an action plan on how to maintain quality refs for NNASA since players are getting highly irritated and we do not want to lose teams because of the quality of our referees.

#### E. Level of Sanctions/Suspensions

- Discussed discrepancies about the level of sanctions/suspensions being carried out since the beginning of NNASA and more recently the trends that have developed in the more recent years

- Discussed the trends in types offenses that are taking place in NNASA in the more recent years (i.e. the increase in racial slurs and the increase in physical violence, and now spitting)

- Questions Discussed: Does the sanction/suspension match the degree of violation? Are suspensions really deterring players from being repeat offenders? Is the league being transparent enough? Is the league being fair? What steps can the league take to remedy any and all issues regarding discipline?

## 2) Roster Size

### A. The following teams still do not have the minimum 16 player roster size:

- Wanderers - needs 3 more

- #SecretSauce – needs 2 more

- Beauties & Beasts – needs 1 more

- 1<sup>st</sup> Point Furies – needs 1 more

- Villains de Virginia – needs 1 more

- Jacksons FC – needs 1 more

B. The teams have three options:

1. Get the final players to register and pay
2. Just pay the fine as a team and stay with the smaller roster size
3. Get enough sub-package players to register so that the fees associated with their registration equals the amount of money per full-time player not registered. Any sub-package players that have already registered and played with one of these teams, that money will be deducted from that team fine for not having enough players on the roster.

C. No payment, No new players, No sub pack players = No Playoffs, No Fall 2015

D. **TASK:** Natalie – Contact captains of the above teams explaining their options and the deadline of getting payment and/or new players. Deadline is May 22, 2015.

3) Playoffs

A. Subs for Playoffs

- Subs ARE allowed for Playoff games
- NO cap on subs for Playoff games

B. Player Sharing amongst Playoff teams

- This is only an issue when two teams who player share meet head to head in a playoff game. For example, if a player plays on two teams who end up playing each other, the player has to pick one team to play for during that particular playoff game. This player can then return to playing with both teams for the remainder of the playoff games against other opponents.

4) Division Winner T-Shirts

A. Each season, 1<sup>st</sup> place teams of each division will be given a t-shirt (all registered players) for winning their division

- Decision was made to have the t-shirts done at Springfield Soccer (store manager - Hans Hidalgo)
- about 165 t-shirts, around \$1,100.00
- Spring 2015 shirts will be blue
- Script on T-Shirt: NNASA, Spring 2015, Division Champions, website

B. T-Shirt Contest

- Will be conducting an NNASA division champion logo design contest
- Winner will get a free team registration for 1 season (worth ~\$90)
- **TASK:** Natalie – Send email to all of NNASA promoting contest, deadline = June 1, 2015.

C. Registration – Add Men's T-shirt Size

- **TASK:** Lauren – Add a question on future registration for people to put their t-shirt size (men's sizes) for future season division winners.

## 5) Online Waiver / Player Pass / New Insurance

### A. Player Passes

- MDCVSA – may be changing or stopping player pass production
- **TASK:** Natalie – Contact MDCVSA to ask about changes in registration, player passes, etc.
- NVASA – Do we still want player passes?
  - ISSUES– they are a pain to make each season, players are constantly losing them and then need replacement cards, when captains have a player’s card or they misplace it, they ask for temp passes hours before a game, players still try to use their driver’s licenses at games
  - PRO – need player passes to collect for Red Card incidents
- Discussed Pass Options:
  - Make passes without Expiration Dates – this way we will not have to constantly make new passes each year, each season, etc.
  - Do not require player passes anymore, just allow players to use a Valid ID to be checked against the roster (Valid ID = Drivers License, Passport, State ID, Visa)
  - Board would prefer to have player passes with NO expiration
    - Every player will get a player pass and every captain will get a full set of player passes for their entire team
    - This way players will always have a card on them so they can sub, but captains will also have cards of every player registered on their team in case their players lose their cards
- **TASK:** Board - Continue discussion regarding passes, look into equipment to make player passes, and research local indoor facilities to see what they use to make their member ID cards

### B. Online Waivers

- No more HARD COPY waivers... Waivers will now be electronic and part of the Registration Process online

### C. MDCVSA/Insurance

- Discussed our current liability insurance with MDCVSA and our options.
- **TASK:** Natalie – Discuss with Lou and MDCVSA about our insurance and options and report back to Board.

## 6) Captain’s Meeting

- A. Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Four Courts
- B. Parking – street parking and a public parking lot over by the theatre, which is a block or two away
- C. **TASK:** Natalie – Send agenda to Captains one week before

## 7) Financial

### A. Jen & Natalie RECONCILED EVERYTHING!!!!

- Only minor issue is there is a \$170.00 discrepancy, maybe for a forfeited game in which refs still had to be paid... Natalie & Jen are still researching

- Jen added “accounts” to better describe and detail where money was being allocated and to thus better account for future budgetary needs

B. **TASK:** Natalie/Jen + Task Force – Look into new fee structure to stay competitive with other outdoor soccer leagues in our area

C. **TASK:** Natalie/Jen – File 501c-7 paperwork

#### 8) Fairfax County Field Allocation

A. 9pm start time for Adult Rec Sports in Fairfax County

- Discussed current situation in which the Department of Neighborhood & Community Service proposed to the Board of Supervisors a start time of 9pm for adult recreational sports.

- Issue is that the start time for schools will be later, thus after-school activities will start later and end later, which then means county and club sports will start later and then adult sports will start later... it’s a ripple effect.

- Also, some school sports will be practicing on county fields, while the school fields get turfed... this will again cause later start times for county and club sports along with adult sports

- Natalie attended a meeting with NVSL, FXA, etc and banned together to submit that the language in the proposal be changed/amended to make the availability of field allocation for adult recreational sports more fair.

- The Board of Supervisors will vote in June on the proposal

- NVASA needs to be prepared to adjust to the time change if needed. We will have to request to play at more fields across the county, teams will have to adjust and make arrangements to travel to new fields, this will affect division nights and field space and times. However, we will adjust and discuss how to handle if the vote passed is not in our favor.

#### 9) VA State Corporation Yearly Fee

A. Natalie paid

#### 10) NVASA Tailgate – May 30<sup>th</sup>

a. **TASK:** Jaime – Send out email and Facebook post

#### 11) Fall 2015 Start Date – week of August 16<sup>th</sup>... week after Neptune

#### 12) Next Meeting

a. **TASK:** Natalie – Email board and find a date that works for us all