

NVSA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12.6.2016

ATTENDEES: Natalie, Lou, Lauren, Jennifer, Ingrid, Amy (Missing: Jessica)

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Uncle Julio's restaurant (Fairfax)

1. Board Review

- a. Reviewed and discussed each board member's position, listing highlights and things to work on
- b. Receive feedback from other board members and create goals (per position) for next season/year
- c. **Proposal:** Remove Registrar Position – with registration being changed to electronic, the original job duties of this position are almost obsolete... the Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner can take over the job duties now
- d. **Proposal:** add the job of Team Liaison to the Secretary position

2. Season Review (Fall 2016)

- a. Discussed Fall 2016 season, reviewing pros and cons
 - 10 week season = GOOD
 1. teams are not burnt out of playing
 2. scheduling and rescheduling is easier with extra weeks to work with
 - Bring back Men's division in the Spring
 - Return to Evergreen Sportsplex for All-Star games
 - Online Registration = GOOD (more efficient and user friendly)
 - Website = good start, definitely some kinks to be worked out
 - Losing teams last minute, right before the season starts (causes major issues with the schedule)
 1. Discussed some type of team/captain deposit or incentive to register and lock team in for the season without backing out last minute
- b. Proposal from Victorious Secret captain: D1 & D2 males cannot sub for D3 teams
 - Discussed and board does not support this proposal
 - This drastically limits how much a D1 or D2 male player can play/sub for other teams and enjoy the league
- c. Fall 2016 AWARDS
 - Division winners = T-shirts (same logo as Spring 2016, different color shirt)
 - Golden, Silver, and Bronze Boot winners = gold, silver, and bronze medals
 - Sportsmanship Team award = \$50 gift card to Glory Days and a Soccer Ball
 - Defensive Team award = \$25 gift card to Glory Days
 1. This will be the last season that we will have the team defensive award. Consistently the Division Winners and the Defensive Team winners coincide.
 2. Doing away with this award will help cut back on cost and save the league some money to be used more effectively elsewhere.
 - FUTURE AWARD CHANGES
 1. Add back the idea of a 'Stanely Cup' type trophy for division winners

- a. Add a name plate onto the trophy for each division winner, each season
 - b. Bring the trophy to the games in which a division winner is decided and have team pictures taken with the trophy
 - c. Add these pictures to the main page of our NVASA website
 - **TASK:** Amy – verify and create spreadsheet of Fall 2016 Award Winners
 - **TASK:** Natalie – purchase awards (tshirts, medals, gift cards, soccer balls)
 - d. League Feedback
 - Create and send out a league-wide survey for general feedback
 - Need to get more input from ALL our league players, not just captains
 - **TASK:** Natalie – create and send out survey
3. Goals for Spring 2017 (Summer 2017 and Fall 2017)
 - Men's Division
 - 1. Will be more integrated into the regular system of NVASA
 - a. Subs are allowed between Coed and Men's
 - b. Men's will fill out the same schedule request as Coed, allowing game nights to be more flexible, rather than just having their games on Sunday evenings only
 - Website: Stage 2
 - 1. Meet with Suley to review website and continue enhancements/make changes
 - a. Electronic schedule requests
 - b. Automated alert about Red Cards to Commissioner and Chief Judge
 - c. Add player database/history
 - d. Add disciplinary link
 - e. Have the schedule sync to calendars
 - f. Website needs to be more user friendly on cell phones
 - g. Streamline website – it's too busy right now
 - h. Look into a new server (current server is too slow)
 - i. Add video of games onto website
 - 2. **POINT PERSON:** Natalie/Amy
 - Tournament: Summer 2017
 - 1. Set Date
 - 2. Start Marketing/Registration
 - 3. **POINT PERSON:** Amy
 - Recruitment/Free Agents
 - 1. Need to increase recruitment efforts to bring in more teams
 - 2. Update the Free Agent board on the website and make LIVE again
 - 3. **POINT PERSON:** Natalie/Lou
 - Marketing
 - 1. NVASA Swag – look into purchasing swag with NVASA logo to hand out at tourneys or as gifts/awards
 - a. cups, clipboards, koozies, stress balls, car magnets, etc.
 - 2. League Camera
 - a. Discussed purchasing a league camera (need more pictures of games and players for marketing on website and social media)

3. **POINT PERSON**: Natalie/Lou

4. Captain's Meeting – Spring 2017

- a. Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 5:30pm (Famous Dave's restaurant in Chantilly)
- b. Need to do a brief RULE REVIEW at Captain's Meeting (i.e. forfeits, cards, etc.)
- c. Schedule Requests
 - Game nights = top 2 choices
 - BYE weeks = ONE week requested per season MAX
 - Registration Incentive = at least one captain on a team must register by a set deadline each season, in order to lock in their team and get their schedule request preferences
- d. **TASK**: Amy – Book Famous Dave's and order food
- e. **TASK**: Natalie – send out Captain's Meeting and Registration emails

5. Referee Grant – from NVASA

- a. Referee Assignor (Lou Chinchilla) – discussed the idea of a formal proposal to NVASA for grant money for the Referee Program, money would be used for the following:
 - Creating an Accreditation process
 - Providing bonuses to referees who work "x" number of games
 - NVASA swag for referees, i.e. clipboards (marketing tool)

6. Finances

- a. Currently in the positive
- b. 1099s due January 31, 2017
- c. Pay deposit now for Fall 2017 All-Star Games at Evergreen Sportsplex
 - Set date: either Saturday 9/23 or 9/30
 - Time of event: 12-6 field, 12-7 skybox
 - Go through Evergreen for only Drinks
 - Change food to just ordering Pizza (at intervals, so all players can eat)
- d. **TASK**: Jen- Work with Sandie to file 1099s & 2016 taxes
- e. **TASK**: Natalie – pick date for All-Star Games and put down deposit with Evergreen

7. Disciplinary Issues

- a. Discussed issue at a game between Fuego vs. Enanitos Verdes on 10.26.2016
 - Referee issued two yellows cards to players from each team for running their mouths
 - A spectator and family member of one of the players on Fuego, became involved, verbally, and unnecessarily escalated the situation
 - The spectator was asked to leave the field and when said spectator would not leave, the referee terminated the game in the 76th minute of play
 - This situation was brought to the boards attention because this is one of many documented incidents over the years of this particular spectator causing major problems at games
 - Discussed proposal to take disciplinary action against the spectator for safety of our players and referees
 - Will need to formally bring the proposal to the Captain's Meeting as a discussion and formal vote for disciplinary action

b. **TASK:** Ingrid/Natalie – create formal proposal for Captain’s Meeting

8. Important Dates / MISC

- a. Website Meeting – Sunday, 12.11.17 (Natalie’s House)
- b. Captains Meeting – Sunday 1.22.17 at 5:30pm (at Famous Daves in Chantilly)
- c. Spring 2017 season – starts 3.12.17 (permit starts 3.1.17)
- d. Captain registration date – 2.1.17
- e. Regular Registration Payment – starts 3.12.17 (Early Bird registration, with a \$5 discount will be applied prior to this date)

9. Next Board Meeting

- a. **TASK:** Natalie – Email board and find a date that works for everyone