

Minutes of NVASA Captains Meeting 2/28/06
compiled by Sarah Corso, Recording Secretary
Rhodeside Grill

commencing at approx. 7:55pm

I. Roll Call/Reading of Minutes - waived

II. Presentations from Dan Ungrady (Soccer Academy) and Dan Giffen (D.C. United)

- Information regarding Academy in packets available to captains

III. Officers Reports

A. Commissioner's "State of the League" (Len)

- Fields: gaining Arrowhead (best field!), Wakefield, South Run (will be primary)

B. Finance (Phil)

- A bit over on refs and assignors
- We are set now on field stripers (overage)
- \$4,000 in reserve fund
- For this year – team fee pays for 7 out of county players

C. Scheduling (Rick Blunt)

- 2 weeks to poll teams for "best nights"
- Will try to honor everything, but no guarantees
- *Question – Is it [nights] up for discussion?*
 - Answer-Days will be set for Premiere&1, D2&D3.

D. Registration (Lou)

- Need info (players) by the end of the month – send rosters now
- County info. Due soon after the season
- *captains do not need to indicate which players play in other leagues
- Use superlou e-mail address; captains can get cards tonight

E. Disciplinary Committee (Lou)

- Thanks to those who served on the Disciplinary Committees this past year
- We want to keep our players safe
- Note: captains/committee makes the decisions, not Lou
- Red Cards:
 - result in at least a *one* game suspension if card was due to:
 - A) two yellows
 - B) (from Laws of the Game) foul that denies a goal scoring opportunity (if keeper is the only other one there)
 - other offenses will probably result in *more than* a one game suspension (ex. Yellow (foul) + Red (cursing) = two game suspension)

F. League Development (Zanna)

- Newsletter – will be sent directly
- Send player e-mails to Zanna
- Glory Days – Tuesday Happy Hours! "Grubby soccer players are always welcome!"
- Sponsorship – looking at soccer stores as well as larger sponsors

- Anyone interested in helping sell, see Zanna for rate list – It help the league!
 - good sponsor ex. - a soccer store on the way to South Run, etc.

G. Recruiting (Rick Allen)

- the e-mail address is up for individual players
- contact Rick A. if you need players
- pickings are slim for women (but not men, of course)

H. Website (Nabeel)

- changes to look & feel of the website
- advertising spaces
- team pages for stats and individuals
- team schedules
- Proposed:
 - player log-ins with polls for attendance/ posts (“message boards”)
 - player ads
 - *Request for game status updates (rain days)* – For now, check hotline for decisions
 - Len- Game time, it’s a ref decision; otherwise the county’s decision
 - Call is made by 3pm – Len usually updates our hotline immediately
 - Check our hotline 2 hrs. prior to kickoff.
 - Lou- constant contact by the officers
 - Nabeel – we can set our website to coincide with the county website

I. Referees (Len, speaking for Jeff Klopp, who is sick)

- Rate of approximately one card/20 games
- Shows great sportsmanship
- Rare outbreaks –sign of good leadership
- Used 29 refs last year
 - Question – so why do we seem to see the same guys? Answer – Like players, refs are based on availability.
- Anyone interested in refing, let us know
- This year, 36 refs signed up (including 10 senior refs, 11 state level, 7 national level)
- “Arribtor” program will help rotate refs

III. Old Business

A. “Uniform uniforms” & permanent numbers – please adhere to this!

B. League Awards

1. individual vs. team

Proposed Individual: Most Goals, Fastest Goal, MVP, Sportsmanship

Proposed Team: Sponsorship, Least Goals Allowed, Most Goals Scored

2. sponsorship

C. Game Status on Website

D. Mandatory Relegation/Promotion

IV. New Business

A. Proposed By-Law Changes

1. Card Substitutions - by gender

Currently, if RC given, player ejected, so maximum of 10 on the field

(no gender bias for subsequent subs)

Included in Open Discussion:

*Zanna – Would there be a difference for injuries?

Also issue: ex. (start 6 men, 5 women) If there are only 2 women playing and one is red carded, then the team would have to forfeit.

*Rick Allen – the player is carded, the gender should not be (so don't change the bylaw)

*Tony – if male carded, male gender penalized

*Eric – multiple cards – “Survival rule” (explanation lost)

Vote: Yays – 7, Nays – 9, Abstaining – 3

Motion Fails

2. Player Ratio - 5 field players per gender

This retains a maximum of 6 of either gender, including the keeper, but removes the “advantage” of having a female keeper (which leaves 6 males, 4 females on field).

Included in Open Discussion:

Rick Allen – “I use a female keeper.” Kudos to teams that can find one; there's no harm in “field advantage”.

Travis – Due to effort involved in finding keeper, team deserves “advantage”.

Vote: Yays – 2 Opposed – everyone else

Motion Fails

B. Election of Officers

Website:

A) Travis Austin (challenger)

- gives own technical background
- Lou (speaking on his behalf): captains input page would be useful; our web page is our face to players outside the league

B) Nabeel Shariff (current)

- Agrees with Lou on automation (place for updating rosters, etc.)
- League would get same deal from either person
- Other issues: website coordinator is a voting member of the executive committee, involved in discussions
- Neutral of double teams (*uncertain of context*)

Phil – states that the league can't go wrong with either person; the league should recognize Nabeel's contributions

Voted in: Travis

(other offices – no challengers:)

Secretary – Sarah Corso

Treasurer – Phil Ziegler

Scheduler – Rick Blunt

Registrar – Lou Chinchilla

Disciplinary Chair Chief Justice – Lou Chinchilla

C. Introduction of New Teams

D. Division Alignments

- Chaos does not want to play Sundays
- Roadkill to move up, Madrock to move down
- Eric – Home and Away nights?
- Easier to grab D1 and Premiere refs for double nights
- Len – 2 fields – Sundays and Wednesdays; 1 field – Thursday and Fridays for makeups
- Lou – looking to accommodate everyone
- Len – Jeff and Jason, get preferences to Rick Blunt (in response to comment)
- Game nights: Premiere & D1 – Mondays & Wednesdays, D2 & D3 – Sundays & Tuesdays
- League isn't strong enough realignment because loss of Narcoleptics may change standings
- Lyn – when will division alignments be decided?
 - Len – 2 weeks at the latest; by March 10th (has to call the missing teams)

V. Announcements

- **Games**
 - permits start April 15th
 - Games will begin the Monday after Easter
 - World Cup issues? --work with Rick Blunt
 - Balances will be due by the kick off of (each team's) 2nd game
 - no game if you don't pay

meeting adjourned