

NVSA Captains Meeting
2/8/09, 5:03pm
Rhodeside Grille, Arlington

5th Year of NVASA

Roll Call

contact list passed around

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Adopted

Officers' Reports

Treasurer

- Anyone interested in detailed accounts – email Phil
- refs – 50% (largest)
- Player fees to state – 18%
- Field Expense – 12%
- Referee Assignor – 10% of fee to refs – 6%
- Rebate from DC United – tax sales program - \$732; sales down a bit last year
- Budget has been in line
- Balance Sheet – winter expenses not shown
- Budget 2009 - \$1700 team fee
 - Ref fees increased - we compete with other adult and youth leagues
 - Player Registration - \$1-2 per player
 - All-Star Event
 - Storage Boxes have been purchased - Field Equipment will be stored at fields
- Team fees due by April 1 – deposits will be made more promptly this season
- Potential Sponsorship Program – exchange advertising for monetary organizations
 - Interested parties please contact the board
- Q – Masters division fee? A - Masters division will be slightly lower – 10 game season

CJAC

- Keep control of your players
- We need to hit them hard when inappropriate behavior/language arises
- Red Cards – 48 hrs. to submit witness accounts – Rick will not “chase people down”
- Q – any changes to procedures? A – No
- Q – 1st time offenders – probationary period? A – “we police ourselves”; on a case-by-case basis; sanctions such as full season is often because of severe violent conduct – *not* tolerated
- Q – Red Card gender issue? A – ref made a mistake; it is gender specific
- Q – Team fine for Red Cards? A – good suggestion – new business
- Q – plans to formalize DC process? Ex. Assign 5 teams a week to “serve” A – possibility

Secretary

- Contact list online through website
- Facebook – NVASA – please start submitting

Registrar

- Responsibilities now split in two (Lou has been making passes; rest of
- Thanks to “99%” of teams who have followed directions for pass making
- *Reminder*: do *not* e-mail Lou with questions – everything is on the website
- *Reminder*: Keep team pages updated with all players’ info (info can be hidden from public)

Scheduler (interim)

- Please fill in team requests – due by Feb. 15th
- 1st weekend of March – if your team can’t play that early, make note on request form

Commissioner

- Fields – same as past; we did not ask for Rolling Valley (not that we won’t get it)
- March – turf only; we want to start as early as possible; grass fields – April 1
- 99% of teams are playing in perfect spirit of the league – play hard, have fun
- “Fuck you, ref – you fucking suck!” – **This is inappropriate**. It is not how we do/should act – on or off the field.
- Punching/hitting/spitting – **This is also inappropriate**.
- Website – note red box highlighting “Print Page”

New Business

Elections

- **Registrar** – Babette Jensen – (unopposed)
 - **Vote** – All “yay”
- **Scheduler** –
Kate Roventini – wants to be active on the board/ was registrar - pass making plus other responsibilities are more than they
Sharon Corl – knows Lou - ridiculously organized – “just rather do it myself and do it right”
 - **Vote**: Sharon Corl

Proposal for Limiting the Number of teams/division

- David Holland – when players “play down” – upsets balance, and also when unskilled players “play up” – safety concerns – would allow “new blood” to come into league
- -someone would need to assess impact

Proposed language: “No more than 3 rosters, and no more than 2 division splits”

- *Discussion what if there are not an excessive # of teams, but large split – not able*
- *Some situations (keeper – 2, field – 5)*
- *Masters division? Not ranked - it was not considered for proposal*
- *Relegations/promotion considerations?*
- *Possible grandfathering of current players; would limit only new registrations*
- *Players with lower skills could be affected*
- *Our league is lucky with no limits – if you are on more than 3 teams, maybe you should be looking at playing in other leagues*
- *We are adopting a policy before looking at the effects*
- *Move to close discussion at 5:58pm*
- *Possibly table the proposal – with analysis of players currently registered*

Proposal for return to 13-team divisions

- Eric Axilbund - 7-team divisions are too many
- *Discussion - Shuffle red & blue?*
- *We have been growing every season – we need to “pause” and work on registration, etc.*
- *Want to build a “premiere” division*
- *There are teams that could play in other divisions*

Remaining Elections

- Secretary (Sarah Corso)
- Treasurer (Philip Ziegler)
- CJAC (Rick Allen)
- **Move to keep board the same – Vote – All – ayes**

New Teams

- Fuego
- Resistance
- Team Summit formerly Team Atlantic Sun
- Icy Hot – Masters

Promotion/Relegation notes

- Clockwork Orange – Alianza FC – up to D4
- ICF Blue Streaks – Imperial Pursuit – down to D5
- United Arsenal Supreme Supremacy – up to D4

- *D2 Blue – Villans want to STAY in D2
Vote – “Yay to stay” – failed (tie vote – no majority) – Villans must move up to D1
(*See notes at end of minutes)
- Pyros moving to Masters

Other Business:

- For the Good of the Game
- USMNT game on Wednesday, Feb. 11
- Zach Walker – All-Star Game – October 3rd
- Referees need to address

Meeting adjourned - 6:23pm

7:20pm - Note: Call for Special Meeting to discuss vote for Villans’ movement to D1.

Arguments are made that D1 captains should have voted in the motion, due to precedence (2/23/08 meeting) and Villans captain’s concerns. However, because all affected teams are not present, the meeting is not valid. Vote will take place via e-mail. Due to Commissioner’s conflict of interest (captain of D1 Washington Wanderers), another mediator will be named. *Discussion ended - 7:29pm.*

Update: E-mail vote took place during week following meeting with D1 & D2 captains. Majority voted for Villans to move up to D1.