

NVASA Executive Meeting
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11/29/10 7:04pm

In attendance: Lou, Sharon, Lou, Phil, Marvin, Babette

I. 2011 Season

- a. Registration - Per player system
 - i. Vast majority had no problem
 - ii. Demosphere – unnecessary charge, wouldn't change language on page as asked
 - iii. State association website –free and would be tailored to us (has been available
 - 1. for a year)
 - iv. Take off "Division" as part of registration process
 - v. General Comments
 - 1. Phil – worked well – good job on "short notice"
 - 2. Lou - \$2.50 could be charged just once (we shouldn't pay that much)
 - a. *Babette response – fee per button click is the "going fee", and simplifying system would increase Registrar's job*
 - 3. Marvin – short time frame threw people off
 - 4. Sarah – back lash needs to be remembered – not enough notice or information ahead of time to captains
 - 5. Sharon – cost was too high; subbing issues; can captains see teammates' payment status? (Babette – yes); we need to make sure everyone understands the system

II. Proposed 2011 Calendar (Babette)

- a. *February 6 – schedule requests due*
- b. *February 13 –Captains Meeting, 1pm; minimum of 15 people per team registered by*
- c. *March 13 – spring season start date*

III. Substitution Policy/Scheduling Concerns

- a. 3-game increment is okay
- b. Sub player has to already be a member of the league
- c. If person subs a 4th time, they have to pay all 4 games, or whatever portion of the season has been played
- d. Teams that have over 3 different players subbing over the course of a season need to limit their numbers of individuals (Could state website help with this?)
- e. Marvin - sub limits of 3 to 5 players; (response - too many teams that use multiple individuals use multiple subs)
- f. Sarah – what is purpose of league – to provide "integrity" of teams and divisions or "more soccer for everyone"?
- g. Sharon – we need to limit the number of scheduling conflicts (due to teams) to 3
- h. Lou – limit players playing in "adjacent" divisions
- i. Phil – system like EPL? "x% of players must be unique to your team"
- j. Sharon – we need a way to track players who have subbed in a division and then are dropped (because they should not be able to play for other teams in that division)

IV. All-Star Game

- a. DC United – new rep, Chris Jennings, doesn't play in league, etc.
- b. We were told we had to move beer outside (previous rep, Zach Walker had stayed with all day, and we had previously been allowed to have beer in field)
- c. Who will have future relationship with United and organize ASG?
 - i. Note: Marika, social director, not present at meeting
 - ii. Need to make sure supply lists are made; all bases are covered prior to event
 - iii. Babette – start with ASG date and work backwards
 - iv. Phil – set meeting date for planning committee; work led by coordinator
 - v. Sarah – provide “scaffolding” to be used by future board members
 - vi. Phil – change of venues? Buy beer through DC United?

V. Promotion/Relegation

- a. “Escape clause” becomes an issue – teams don't want to move up
- b. Make a motion to eliminate “escape clause” and propose language that changes exception rule from captains vote to executive board vote (Lou will write)
- c. Need parliamentarian (with secretary) to keep track of votes and changes at captains meeting

VI. Captains Meeting Concerns

- a. Captains should be allowed to present proposals prior to meeting
- b. Agenda needs to be sent out ahead of time
 - i. Captains who wish to present proposals need to present info in proper format in order to be included in the agenda
- c. Change of venue (large, less echo); more organized seating; test AV equipment; mic

VII. Masters Division (Babette) – 2 documents with proposal provided

- a. Within one year, division doubled
- b. Increased (young) players from Fall 2010 should not have been allowed in
- c. Goes against the spirit of division for “Grand Masters” players
- d. Option A – only the current 8 young players are allowed to stay in league
- e. Option B – each team is allowed to have 2 “young” players for the next 2 years (until rule sunsets itself and all males are 35 or older)
 - i. Teams with current “young players” may change players

VIII. Executive Committee (Babette) – document with proposal provided

- a. Proposes 2-year term positions – change language so that it is not “open/closed” so as to keep executives accountable, provide an “out” for execs who want to leave, and provide options for “new blood”
- b. Phil and Sarah – does it require a change of constitution to present positions properly to captains?
- c. Lou – who will take our places someday?
- d. Sharon – all officers need to take more responsibility; be more involved in jobs that aren't “job specific”
- e. Babette and Sharon - Lou needs to be able to delegate; rest of board needs to pick up the slack
- f. Lou – tentative announcement to resign Spring 2012

- g. Sarah – questions time available, though own schedule more planned out in Spring than in Fall (same for Phil)
 - h. Phil & Babette – meet more often (at least once every other month); divide up open jobs; Sarah – more meetings, shorter lengths (with “discussion” or “decision” premises)
 - i. **Next Executive Meeting – Feb. 2**
- IX. Teams/Scheduling (Sharon)**
- a. Looking to add new teams? (no)
 - b. Cheeky Donks will be moved out of D5 –we need a replacement for D5
- X. Disciplinary Committee (Marvin)**
- a. Language issues – stronger sanctions? (Lou – yes)
 - b. Lou – there have been referee issues, but players are worst assessors of rules; referees have taken classes to learn the rules of the game
 - c. Lou - people who can’t behave shouldn’t be able to play in the league; no more leniency
 - d. Marvin (& Sharon) – better refs for higher divisions
 - e. Sharon – referee standard/quality was lower this season; players need to alert Marvin and Lou more often about incompetent refereeing
 - f. Lou – will work on ref situation, but can’t remove a ref after one complaint
 - g. Marvin – email will be sent to captains re. 4-game minimums
- XI. Marketing (Sharon)**
- a. Sharon wants to give Sam another opportunity because he did not feel supported by league
 - b. Phil – what constitutes “marketing”? (Sharon – sponsors for website, etc.)
 - i. Discussion tabled until next meeting so priorities can be set and Sharon has time to discuss with Sam what he needs
- XII. Other Business – tabled for next meeting**
- a. Marketing
 - b. Executive Team Accountability
 - c. Need to speak to teams with unstable rosters – to be proactive for good of the league

meeting adjourned 10:07pm