

NVASA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: 10.18.2015

ATTENDEES: Natalie, Jaime, Jennifer, Lauren, Amy, Ingrid (Not Present – Jessica)

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Natalie's House (Fairfax)

1) Team Issues - Injuries & Financial Status Issues

A. Jessica Plath (Kicks FC)

- Jessica injured her knee during the first game of the Fall 2015 season and was unable to play the rest of the season. She is requesting any type of refund for only playing in the first game of the season.
- The board agreed to a partial refund (a half price refund) for Jessica Plath.
- **TASK:** Lauren – Issue a partial refund to Jessica Plath.

B. Ben Hogge (Latin America Football Club)

- Ben fractured his foot during the second game of the Fall 2015 season and was unable to play the rest of the season. He is requesting any type of refund for only playing in the first two games of the season.
- The board agreed to a partial refund (a half price refund) for Ben Hogge.
- **TASK:** Lauren – Issue a partial refund to Ben Hogge.

C. Latin America Football Club – Beidy Carlos/New Player

- Beidy Carlos registered for LAFC in the beginning of the season and was unable to actually play any games with the team. The captain of LAFC requested a transfer of her registration to a new girl who would like to join LAFC.
- The board agreed that the new girl can register for LAFC with NVASA and we can transfer Beidy's registration fee (paid by the captain of LAFC) to the new girl, however, she will have to register with MDCVSA on her own and pay the \$21 fee.
- **TASK:** Lauren – Replace Beidy's registration with the new girl for LAFC

D. Raun Torkas

- Raun tore his ACL in August 2014 and returned to playing with NVASA in Fall 2015.
- Raun is asking if he can transfer his MDCVSA fee from Fall 2014 to Fall 2015 and not have to repay.
- This has nothing to do with NVASA... MDCVSA is their own organization and Raun will have to contact them directly to see what they can do. He cannot register with NVASA until he has worked out his payment issue with MDCVSA.

2) Out of County Fee

A. Missing Payments for 29 Accounts

- NVASA paid \$30 for 29 separate registrations this fall.

- During the 29 registrations, individuals selected “Yes” under “Do you live in Fairfax County” but then proceeded to list an out of county address and did not pay the required \$30 fee.
- Whether this was done on purpose or on accident, NVASA had to pay for each of these occurrences and we now need to collect the money from each of these players.
- NVASA needs to recover $\$30 \times 29 = \870
- **TASK:** Lauren – Contact each of these players via email and let them know they need to pay \$30 to the league within the next week. After October 25, 2015, their accounts will be suspended and they will not be allowed to play in any of their games until they pay the \$30 fee (they can pay via Paypal, cash or credit).
- **TASK:** Natalie/Lauren – Fix the registration program for the Spring 2016 season to require users to not only select Yes/No under the “Do you live in Fairfax County” question, but to also have the system perform a check to ensure that the zip code listed is actually a Fairfax County address.

B. In-County vs. Out-of-County for Fall 2015

- For Fall 2015, NVASA hit Fairfax County’s residency requirements:
 - 75% in Fairfax County for the league
 - 67% in Fairfax County per team

3) Roster Size

A. Minimum Roster Size

- There are 7 teams under the minimum roster size of 16 players/team

B. 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.
- No payment, No new players, No sub pack players = No Spring 2015
 - **TASK:** Natalie – Contact captains of the above teams explaining their options and the deadline of getting payment and/or new players.

4) Registration Issues

A. DC United Voucher

- Remove the DCU voucher option

B. Mid-Season Discount for Pro-Rated divisions

- It was discussed that we should possibly pro-rate the mid-season discount for the divisions that had a pro-rated full season registration fee (due to having less teams and thus less games).
- Another option was to NOT pro-rate the midseason fee for any teams and instead create the schedule at the beginning of the season so that the divisions with less games, hit the

minimum six games at the mid-season fee start date... thus essentially creating an even fee for all teams at the mid-season fee start date.

- This issue has been decided to be discussed more in depth at the next Board Meeting, when preparing for the beginning of the Spring 2016 season.

5) Finance

A. Review Current Budget Status

- With all the new changes that were made going into the Fall 2015 season (out-of-county fees paid by player, reducing the individual registration fee, team fee option, etc.) we reviewed and discussed how our budget is looking and how all the changes effected our overall numbers.
- The budget is on par for the year

6) All-Star Games 2015

A. Review – Pros/Cons

- Discussed Pros and Cons of the All-Star Games
 - For all the last minute changes that were made to the date and time, things went well. There was still a nice turnout of people and the games were competitive and people had a good time.
 - We are unhappy with the last minute changes from DCU and we will be exploring different options for 2016.

7) Ref Assignor

A. Review & Discuss the New Ref Assignor (Lou Chinchilla)

- Things are BETTER!!!
- Pros of having Lou Chinchilla as NVASA's Ref Assignor:
 - NVASA has more control over our refs in regards to accountability with games and with disciplinary issues.
 - Lou is very transparent with the league in regards to his fee breakdown.
 - Lou is better about acquiring high-level refs, requiring Certifications, Attendance at Meetings and Ref Education.
 - Overall the Communication between NVASA and our Refs and our system has dramatically increased with Lou as the Ref Assignor.

8) Fall 2015 season – Pros/Cons

A. Schedule – Division Nights

- Pros
 - Players liked having majority of games Monday – Thursday
 - Players liked having set division nights that they knew they were going to be playing each week, thus scheduling for teams and their players was easier.
- Cons
 - Rescheduling was an issue because there wasn't a lot of free space to squeeze in games since most teams only played Monday - Thursday nights.

- Only playing Monday – Thursday caused scheduling in general to be difficult and tight... it was hard to not cause player conflict issues amongst teams.
- **Changes for future seasons:**
 - Every team has to play 1 Friday OR 1 Sunday game per season
 - Rescheduled Games can be scheduled for ANY night, not specific to division nights, in order to make it easier to reschedule games throughout the season
- B. Nets/Stools
 - Missing Nets & Stools
 - Too many nets and stools have gone missing over the season and the league is constantly spending money to replace them
 - **Starting Spring 2016 -- Captains are RESPONSIBLE for the NETS & STOOLS**
 - If nets or stools are missing, the captains of both teams in which the nets or stools were last seen will be charged a replacement fee.
 - Captains need to email or text a Board Member if they show up to a game and a net or stool is missing.

9) Fall 2015 Awards – Team & Individual

- A. Possible Individual Awards
 - Golden Boot (Top Goal Scorer)
 - ONE winner per Division (definitely an award for this season)
 - Silver Boot (Second Top Goal Scorer)
 - ONE winner per Division (only if we have enough money to purchase enough medals/awards)
 - Bronze Boot (Third Top Goal Scorer)
 - Only ONE winner per Division (only if we have enough money to purchase enough medals/awards)
 - Top Assist
 - Not enough captains were good with stats to feel like we could give awards out for this category for Fall 2015 (possibly start this award in Spring 2016)
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- B. TEAM AWARDS
 - Sportsmanship
 - Award ALL teams that have ZERO CARDS per season - No reds OR yellows (definitely an award for this season)
 - Least Goals Against / “Top Defensive Team Award”
 - One winner per Division (definitely an award for this season)
 - **TASK:**
 - Amy – Determine winners
 - Natalie – Purchase awards/medals

10) Spring 2016 Season

- A. Incentive Discount Idea
 - The **main captain** will receive a **\$10 discount** for their registration if they do the following by the targeted turn in date (TBD):
 - 100% confirm COMMITMENT to Spring 2016 season

- Turn in their Schedule Request Form
- **TASK:** Natalie/Jessica – Send Captain email asking for Spring 2016 confirmation along with attaching the Schedule Request form.

*****Aiming to start Spring 2016 schedule over Presidents Day weekend*****

B. TEAMS

- Not Returning OR Questionable
- Recruitment & Prospects
- **TASK:** All Board Members – Follow-up with possible new teams & get confirmation

11) Possible League Sponsorship

A. Jackson's Clinic (Physical Therapy)

- They currently sponsor FXA and DC Sports, they are looking to expand into more leagues
- Their Sponsorship would possibly be allocated towards the following:
 - Division Winner T-Shirts
 - Tournament Tent
- They could offer a coupon to each registered player in NNASA:
 - "15 Minute Free Consult"
- **TASK:** Natalie – Follow-up with Jackson's Clinic

12) NNASA Summer 2016 Tournament - Brainstorming Discussion

A. Name

- Possibly take over name of "Commonwealth Classic" from the Fredericksburg tourney (talk to Tom)
- Create new name, "NNASA Classic", "Champions Cup"... etc.

B. Fields

- South Run & Rolling Valley (Burke/Springfield)
- Poplar Tree & Greenbriar (Chantilly/Centreville)
- Long Bridge Park (Arlington)
- Evergreen Sportsplex Park (Leesburg)

C. Goal of Tourney

- Ultimately we would like to have the tourney be a "Champions League Cup", where it's almost like invite only and the top teams from around the DMV area compete to see who is truly the best team
 - Start small, OPEN INVITE, get the word out, build a following and interest
- Fundraiser & Marketing for NNASA
- **TASKS:**
 - Talk to Tom Leiss (from Commonwealth Classic)
 - Research field prices and availability

13) NNASA Men's Division - Brainstorming Discussion

A. First Season/Trial Season

- Start: Spring 2016
- Sundays only
 - Will need to request more fields from Fairfax County for Sunday nights
- Goal/Details
 - Start small - 5 teams, 8 games each (play every team twice)
 - 16 minimum player roster
 - \$21 MDCVSA fee
 - \$60 individual fee
 - Team Fee Option = \$1000 or \$1200
- **TASK:** Jamie/Natalie – Recruit Men’s teams and make final detail decisions

14) New Website & Management Program

A. MyFutbolLife.com

- **TASK:**
 - Amy/Natalie/Jaime – Set appointment with MyFutbolLife.com Reps (Adam Baumgardner)
 - Amy – Get proposal from Adam prior to meeting

15) Next Meeting

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