

DASC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2009

In attendance: Mike Flowers; Tom Heasley; Mike Yeagey; Karen Crawford; Troy Swartz; Lisa Byers; Stewart Byers; Jim Brubaker; Tina Tern; Jim Maclay; Raed Khalil; Brian Hall; Gary Hentz; Mark Huth; and William Rosensteel

Tournament Director's Report

Discussions held:

20 applications were lost when the website went down the other week; this is the third year running for similar troubles; Mike F. suggested we consider changing our website host; Raed K. suggested that Go Daddy be considered

Most Dillsburg primary teams have registered; it was decided to accept CPYSL premier teams; 170 applications have been received, 108 of which have paid (last year at this time there were 160 teams that had paid); the tournament is planned for 256 teams

Program ads and the president's message must be finalized by mid-September; there was no report on how the program ads are coming

There will only be two fields at Joe Carr Park, which will require some adjustment on use of the existing planned sites or obtaining a new site; expanding the use of Quiet Side is an option

The parking police coordinator we hire is recovering from his illness and may be available to assist us; parking police needs at the various sites were reviewed

The site list needed to move forward on dumpsters and port-a-johns was supplied to Bill C.

Troy S. has set up the meetings at the VFW - field coordinators meeting, September 30, 7:00; post-tournament dinner, October 19, 7:00; the later may be rescheduled to October 21 due to Monday football

Registration will be held Friday, October 9, at South Mountain Elementary School; Lisa B. has been in discussions with Susan B. who organized this for years; we will need coaches/parents to man the registration tables

The pre-payment for T-shirts has been made

A sample referee voucher has been supplied to Lisa B.

21 teams have already booked rooms through the new hotel coordinator

Follow-ups:

Pass parking police information on to Lesa K. - Tom H.

Coordinate parking police needs with sites - Lesa K.

Have referee vouchers printed - Lisa B.

Notify coaches of need for help at registration - Jim B.

Prepare welcome letter for program - Bill C.

Obtain ads - Clido G.

Coordinate dumpster and port-a-john needs with sites - Bill C.

Possible New Fields

Discussions held:

Bill C. attended a Franklin Township supervisor's meeting with Lobar Engineering; the supervisors approved the construction and use agreement with some minor changes along with a major change to the term of the agreement; at the very end of the discussion one of the supervisors stated that 25 years was a long time; it was suggested that the Township should be able to terminate the agreement if they paid DASC back for its costs on an amortized basis; Bill C. subsequently presented a revised agreement to the Township solicitor reflecting the minor changes requested and proposing a ten-year period during which DASC's use could not be terminated by the Township; after ten years the Township could terminate the agreement but would be required to pay DASC a pro-rata share of its cost

Jim M. plans on meeting with engineer volunteer from DASC on the Hope Grace Brethren Church site and then with the church

Following completion of the new soft ball field at Ponderosa Park, Franklin Township has asked for the contribution DASC promised for use of the outfield as a soccer field site; the check has been cut and will be forwarded to the Township; the \$10,000 contribution was promised with the understanding that DASC would have use of the field for a substantial period of time and the existing field at Ponderosa would be used predominantly for a U9/U10 soccer game field

The state has apparently approved the walking path and parking lot at Chestnut Grove Park, which will allow Carroll Township to complete the project and then start allowing the park to be used; it is unlikely the park will be available as a tournament site this year, but should be available for next spring

Vote taken:

Execution of the construction and use agreement for new fields by the Franklin Township Municipal Building as modified was approved

Follow-ups:

E-mail the Franklin Township site conceptual plan to board members - Bill C.

Finalize the agreement with Franklin Township and thereafter provide Lobar Engineering with notice to proceed with planning the project

Coordinate meeting with Jim M. and the volunteer engineer - Troy S.

Treasurer's Report

Discussions held:

The monthly income/expense report was distributed

The 2007 and 2008 financial reviews were just recently supplied to Lisa B., who will report on them at the next meeting

Follow-ups:

Provide financial reviews to Bill C. - Lisa B.

Assessments and team selection procedures

Discussion held:

Parent Mark Huth shared his thoughts on several topics, including the assessments and team selection procedures; he commented that DASC should consider providing some type of reward to teams that win their CPYSL division and that coaches of younger age groups should be encouraged to use players at different positions; as to team selection, Mark believes special consideration should be given to keeping teams together from one season to the next; he suggested a process whereby the top six players from the assessments would automatically be on the primary team and then the remainder of the roster would be composed of returning players from that team of the prior season; any remaining slots on the team would then be filled according to placement in the assessments

It was observed that the current procedures for team selection provide that teams are dissolved after every spring season in order to allow players who may not make the primary team the year before to move up to the primary team based on their new assessment; it would be very difficult for a player to move up even when they improve substantially if they did not make the U9 primary team and were required to assess in the top six of the age group to move up; it was also observed that the current procedures are a compromise between allowing the coaches to select the team solely based on their opinions and selecting teams strictly by the one or two-hour assessments

Follow-ups:

Consider alternative team selection procedures when reviewing the assessment and team selection procedures over the next few meetings - entire board

Spring Season

Discussion held:

DASC was fined \$100.00 because four girl team spring season report card were not returned to CPYSL; fines for improper game changes and forfeits have also been assessed against DASC in the past; we expect CPYSL will be issuing more fines in the future because they wish to raise revenue; although the standing rules allow fines to be assessed against the coach involved, a consensus was reached not to do so here

Follow-ups:

Prepare e-mail for distribution to the coaches on importance of returning report cards - Karen C. and Stewart B.

Consider ways to reduce CPYSL fines - Bill C.

Fall Season

Discussions held:

CPYSL has initiated new age group divisions eliminating the use of color divisions within divisions 1, 2 and 3; the new divisions are premier, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; this change will require the standing rules to be modified to reflect the new CPYSL divisions and eliminate the reference to travel and recreational teams in favor of primary and secondary teams in DASC age groups

It was observed that the board had not approved some players who are playing up an age group based on assessing in the top 50% of the upper age group primary team as required by the standing rules; Madison Lerew (U13G) had been previously approved

There was limited attendance at the coaches' meeting; coaches were asked to inform Jim M. if they planned scrimmages at the game fields at times other than when teams were practicing at those fields; Jim B. did follow up with the coaches that were unable to attend the coaches' meeting

Jim M. emptied the trash barrels at the upper fields at Logan Park; Troy S. volunteered to keep the trash barrel at Hurricane Field emptied

DASC will pay the registration fee and travel expenses if car pooling is used for the EPYSA Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop to be held August 30 at Immaculata University

All uniform have been received; some have been distributed to the coaches

Tom H. volunteered to be liaison with the high school boy's team on DASC soccer nights at high school games; no one volunteered to be liaison for the high school girl's team who also contacted us in an effort to improve coordination between DASC and the high school teams

A consensus was reached to waive the registration fee for a parent who asked for a reduced fee due to financial problems

Vote taken:

Aidan Wenger (U9B), Michael Wood (U9B), Nicholas McClusky (U10B), and Rachel Ford (U9G) were approved to play on upper age groups teams under Standing Rule E2c

Follow-ups:

Supply name and number of high school boy's booster club president to Tom H. - Bill C.

Notify coaches about Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop - Jim B.

Fields

Discussions held:

Only three coaches/parents attended the field day to set up practice fields; a team did previously set up two practice fields and a team indicated they would set up one of the game fields; William R. suggested it may be helpful to make an event of field days to get better attendance, e.g. have hot dogs, games for children, etc.

The new type sand bags are in but need filled and the new U9/U10 nets are in but need to be placed; Bill C. suggested that Jim M. notify coaches that that he would be at their field on a certain night and would hope parents would volunteer to help him fill sand bags or place nets

Follow-ups:

Finish putting in game fields, fill sand bags and place U9/U10 nets - Jim M. and whoever he can get to help

Rule Clarifications

Discussions held:

There was no report on addressing the codes of conduct

Karen C. and Stewart B. made the following suggestions on refunds and late registration for U9 and above players: a \$10.00 processing fee be assessed for all refunds and registrations following the last date of assessments; a \$25 late fee for returning players registering after May 15 or May 30; and no refunds for players withdrawing after June 15; Brain H. suggested the following modifications for U6 and U8 players: a \$20 late fee for returning players registering after July 15 and no refunds for players withdrawing after July 15

Team issues, e.g. team logos and concessions, was tabled

[Day of the month for executive board meetings]

[Electronic voting]

[Team designations, i.e. primary and secondary rather than travel and recreational]

Current and Possible Initiatives

Discussions held:

Subsequent to the meeting the fall referee course was scheduled for September 1 to 3 and 8 to 10; notices were sent out to achieve the 15 registrants necessary to have the course

Some of the profits from the tournament will be used to finance an expanded field maintenance program; the consensus from prior meetings is that DASC should not pursue ownership of fields, but rather retain its existing approach of developing fields on township-owned lands or possibly church-owned land

There was little interest expressed at the coaches' meeting for coaches' training, but another effort will be made

Follow-ups:

E-mail coaches on whether there is any interest in training - Jim B.