

DASC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

Attendance: T. Heasley; L. Kennedy; L. Byers; S. Byers; K. Crawford; J. Brubaker; B. Hall; T. Swartz; T. Tern; J. Maclay; M. Yeagey; H. Mabus; W. Rosensteel; M. Flowers; B. Cressler

Tournament Director's Report

Discussions held:

252 teams registered; openings in U11G and U12G

Responsibility for program ads given to the Banner; some ads obtained; message from the president for the program submitted

A site coordinator decided not to do a site; some site coordinators were switched to accommodate obtaining a new coordinator; a new coordinator was obtained following the meeting thanks to L. Kennedy and T. Swartz

Fields needs, e.g. putting in lines, line paint, flags, were reviewed for the different sites; may need to purchase additional portable goals or borrow a set from another club

Still having communication issues with the parking police coordinator

No issues with dumpsters, port-a-johns, trash boxes and rolls

Food for registration night set; some helpers lined up; coaches will be contacted for additional help; elementary students will assist with stuffing the coaches' bags

Referee vouchers printed; no word from referee coordinator as to whether there will be a need for club assistant referees

Only two pre-orders have been received for T-shirts; e-mail will be sent to teams reminding them to do so if interested

Six or seven hotels have been sold out by the hotel coordinator

Open Board Position and 2010 Board

Vote held:

William Rosensteel approved for the vacant U9 and above at large position

Discussions held:

W. Rosensteel volunteered to be the liaison with the high school girl's booster club; B. Cressler will supply him with the name and address of the booster club president

T. Heasley will begin the process for nominations for the 2010 executive board

T. Swartz volunteered to be on the nomination committee

Possible New Fields

Discussions held:

The construction and use agreement was signed with Franklin Township; the term of the agreement is for 25 years; Lobar was given the approval to start surveying the site

A meeting with Hope Grace Brethren Church is to be scheduled

The \$10,000 donation for the new field at Ponderosa Park was submitted to Franklin Township; the softball infield is now being placed; there is room for a full U10 field in the outfield area

One of the new field areas at Chestnut Park will be used for the tournament; the parking area is paved and will be lined before the tournament

Treasurer's Report

Discussions held:

The monthly income/expense report was distributed

Money was transferred from the tournament account to the operating account to cover the bill submitted by Angelos Soccer for uniforms and equipment

The results of the 2007 and 2008 financial review were reviewed; the accounting firm indicated the clubs' record keeping is excellent; three basic suggestions were made regarding internal control, two of which are already in place - disbursements are approved by an officer or board member and two signatures are required on checks; the other internal flow suggestion is too impractical to implement - assign financial duties to more than one person, e.g. have a different person reconcile the bank account than writes the checks; the firm also questioned why there is so much cash reserve; the answer is the success of the tournament, but existing new field projects and the field maintenance program will likely resolve the issue

Fall Season

Discussions held:

No one attended the EPYSA Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop

T. Heasley and the high school boy's team boosters have decided to hold two DASC nights at upcoming boy's games; T. Heasley will coordinate getting word out to the player's e-mail list and on the website

Teams were apparently not notified of the photograph day until a week before the date because the photo company did not have the coaches' names, but things worked out pretty well anyhow; Fine Arts Photos was well staffed; they have agreed to hold a second photo-shoot day for those that could not attend the first one; B. Cressler will coordinate getting word of this second day out

Fields

Discussions held:

Some of the new sand bags are in place, others must be filled; T. Heasley agreed to assist Jim M. in coordinating placement of the new U9/U10 nets during a practice day

The flags at Ponderosa are missing again

Additional mowing is being done at the game fields in view of the extreme growing season this year; long grass at Carroll Township for the first game day was noted; B. Cressler agreed to re-contact the mowers to make sure the mowing day at Carroll is conducive to having a good game field

The shed at South Mountain will be move to Ponderosa Park at the end of the season or beginning of next season; this will need to be coordinated with football which is now using part of the shed for storage; the proper equipment will need to be found to make the move

The shed at Kings Kids Camp will be moved to Chestnut Park at the end of the season; B. Cressler will contact Carroll Township to insure fields will be available at Chestnut Park for the U6/U8 program in the spring

Carroll Township agreed not to require payment of mowing charges during August when the fields were not used

Rule Changes/Clarifications

Discussions held:

Proposed additions/revisions to the codes of conduct were submitted following the meeting

The number of board positions was determined to be proper; it was suggested that the at large positions be assigned specific duties, perhaps having to do with the tournament; the need for a conflict of interest limit on the number of board members from any specific team was determined not necessary; a suggestion to split the coaches' representative position between boys and girls like the registrar position did not gain much consensus, but one to split off duties regarding the skill assessments, coaches training and summer camps seemed to be favored

Assessments and team selection procedures were addressed in part; a consensus was reached to maintain the requirement that assessors be from outside DASC if possible, that two assessors rather than the current requirement of three be advanced, that board members rather than coaches from the prior year be invited to assist in assessments if necessary; that the goal for completion of assessments be changed from the end of April to the middle of May, that a coach should not be required to select the top so many assessed players, and that players should be able to play up an age group onto secondary teams in the older age group in certain situations with the approval of the coaches' representative, vice-president and applicable registrar; topics not reached include assessment format review by the coaches' council, other considerations in team selection, who participates in the team selection process, and sharing of assessment information

Previously discussed issues:

[Refunds and late registration]

[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:

The referee course initially scheduled for September was postponed due to lack of registrants; a course for early spring will be scheduled

Jim M. is to present a draft field maintenance program at the next meeting

Only one coach replied to an inquiry on coaches' training; this possible initiative will thus be dropped

A request regarding sign-ups for the U8 developmental teams to play U9 during the spring season was distributed through the e-mail list and on the website; coaches will be sought if interest appears sufficient; Jim B. and Troy S. expressed interest in coaching. A consensus was reached on the proposal to expand the coaches' corner on the website to address coaching and team issues rather than adding them to the standing rules; possible issues to be addressed are concessions during games, first whistle ceremonies, end of season party reimbursement, team logos, team outings, coaching duties that may give rise to fines, scrimmages, kick arounds, charity events, participation in team fundraising, participation in team training, team monies, sponsors, responsibility for codes of conducts, and U8 coaches guidance; B. Cressler will coordinate this effort as time permits