

# South Eastern Virginia Youth Soccer Association

Sign In Sheet  
Meeting Date 13 January 2004

Clubs/Members represented are as follows:

SEVYSA Sign-In Roster		
Club Names	Club Rep	Coach/Guests
Athletic Club Norfolk	Sheryl Grumney	
Baystars FC	Rob Wheaton	
Beach FC		David Streett
Chesapeake Select SC	Rick Martin	
Churchland Soccer League	Ed Townsley	
Colonial FC		
Elizabeth River SC	Tom Banford	
Newport News FC	Al Cousineau	Steven Meade
Norfolk FC		
Old Dominion SC	Mike McCracken	
Smithfield SC	Milt Cummings	Jose Bocanegra & Robert Tucker
Soccer Club of Northern Neck		
Tidewater Soccer Club	Richard Hall	
VIP United	Linda Harrison	
Virginia Rush	Carey Ross Aliff	
Williamsburg SC	Chris Friant	
<b>SEVYSA Officers</b>		
President	Tom Halstead	
Vice President	Chris Friant	
Treasurer	Linda Harrison	
Secretary		
Administrator	Denise Edwards	
Competition Chairman	Charlie Silverman	
Finance Chairman	Tom Banford	
League Registrar		
Rules & Discipline Chairman		
VYSA Rep	Tom Halstead	

President, Tom Halstead, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the 9 December, 2003 meeting were distributed with a corrected total expenses figure for the treasurer's report. The minutes were voted on and approved by the board. Tom Banford will be taking the minutes tonight for the secretary, Jolene Banford.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Harrison provided the treasurer's report, which summarized the fall season. It was explained that some spring expenses were actually paid in the fall resulting in a negative balance. These expenses included the end of season award T-shirts for the spring and the cost of the spring online declaration system. The report follows:

<b>Income:</b>		
	Fall registration	\$77,901.00
<b>Total Income:</b>		\$77,901.00

<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Admin Expenses	1,856.77
	Admin Salary	6,300.00
	Advertising	160.00
	Legal Fees	424.35
	Postage	1,850.00
	Referee Fees	47,497.76

Registration VYSA	17,100.00
T-Shirts	5,139.05
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$80,327.94</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>-\$2,426.94</b>

**Competition Chair:** The spring competition committee meeting date was established as 7:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2004. The league administrator provided an illustration of the effect of playing 8 games in the spring upon the size of the divisions and upon the scheduling process. Comprising the divisions with an odd number of teams such as 5 teams or 9 teams provides for an easy 8 games but results in more bye weeks and doubleheaders. On the other hand, divisions with an even number of teams such as 6 teams or 8 teams minimizes doubleheaders and byes which result in not playing all division teams the same number of times. Hence, standings can then be skewed by the luck of the draw.

**Administrator:** Denise announced that the fall season award T-shirts would be distributed at the conclusion of the meeting. The board was advised that the online declaration process for the spring was almost complete with only a small number of teams to still be added and finalized within the next few days. President Halstead asked the clubs about their experience with this online process. There were some problems experienced regarding field declarations for IL divisions and U-10 / U-11 fields. Concern was expressed about the lack of password security for the team declaration module since this feature was provided with the other modules. The league administrator indicated that this was the reason that the online links were not posted on the league website. It was clarified that the fall standings and division winners in some divisions were impacted by the lack of equity in the number of games played. This situation was the result of some teams being unable to makeup games cancelled due to weather.

**Old Business:** It was noted that the approved spring calendar called for a SEVYSA match date on the weekend of the local sand soccer tournament. It was decided that this would not work due to a shortage of officials. After a discussion of options a motion was approved to move the SEVYSA match date of June 06, 2004 to June 13, 2004, which had been designated as a rain date. It was decided to postpone discussion of the fall 2004 calendar to the March meeting. The primary question with the fall calendar was whether to retain a 10 game schedule. The RMYSL board has indicated that they want to play full-sided for the U-12 IL division games held in Richmond. A motion was made and approved to allow SEVYSA U-12 teams playing in the IL division to use game-day rosters in Richmond with up to two club guest players when playing 11-a-side matches.

**New Business:** Mr. Richard Hall presented a request from the Tidewater Soccer Club (AYSO member organization) to join the league for the spring season with a U-10 and a U-14 team. It was confirmed that this club did meet all of the requirements for admission to the league and that USYSA player passes would be required for the teams to compete in a Virginia Youth Soccer Association league. Tidewater Soccer Club was approved for entry into the league. President Halstead advised the board that RMYSL would be reviewing their continued participation in the IL divisions for the fall 2004 season due to the probability of one or more of their clubs gaining admission to the VCCL. President Halstead also asked the member clubs to be prepared to express their positions on retaining the 10-game schedule for the fall season. Tom Banford, finance chair, stated that the league matches were a definite bargain at the team level since the cost of a local tournament match, with no lodging involved, was approximately three times the cost of a league match and that reliance on tournaments at the expense of league matches introduced the possibility of pricing players out of travel soccer. The league administrator noted that tournament schedules were often very compressed thus leaving little or no time for players and teams to recuperate and prepare for upcoming matches.

The next SEVYSA meeting will be held 27 January, 2004 at 7:30 PM at Riverside Regional Medical Center. President Halstead adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Banford  
Finance Chairman