

SEVYSA
26 March 2002
Location: Riverside Hospital

Call to Order: Vice-President, Bob Roth called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. President, Tom Halstead is in Barcelona chaperoning a U14 ODP soccer team. The following member clubs were represented: Atlantic, Baystars, Beach FC, BRUSC, CSSC, ERSC, Lafayette, NNUSC, Norfolk FC, ODSC, VBSC, VIP United, and WSC.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes of the 28 February 2002 meeting were read and approved.

VYSA: Drew Finley reported that the VYSA workshop was a success this year with 700 attendees and more than 50 vendors. The attendance was down this year as the weekend was the opening weekend of the Winter Olympics and also the third year in Richmond. The 2003 workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City in Northern Virginia. Drew said that there would be some changes in the official registration of players for the 2002-2003 year. One of the biggest changes will be in the carding process, as the member side of the card will be given back to the teams for a team official to keep in the team notebook. This means that only one small picture and only one signature will be required this coming year. Drew also stated that the Roster Pro training has not begun, as the pre-testing material has not arrived yet. Karen Moore has been named as the Boys ODP chairmen.

Kid Safe Forms: Denise Edwards announced that the Kid Safe form needs to be improved upon. It was suggested to have a police background check for all coaches. It has become necessary to educate all parents and team officials to watch players, siblings, and all children at the soccer fields. There have been known cases of pedophiles frequenting these sites. Any unusual or unknown adults should be watched and challenged by a team official. Denise also noted that club web sites, which included pictures of the players, team practice schedules, player names were a source for pedophiles to gather information. She suggested that clubs re-think their web initiatives and their publication of contact information concerning children. It is extremely important to keep all our players and children safe.

Rules and Discipline: No report.

Registrar: No report.

Administrator: Denise Edwards provided examples of match cards with conflicting information. In some examples the home team, visiting team, and referees all had different results. It is important to always check and verify your team scores with the center official. Denise handed out revised spring schedules to all the clubs.

Standards of Behavior: No report.

Old Business:

U12 Small Sided Matches: The U12 small-sided decision was approved by the member clubs in 2001 to be implemented for the Fall 2002 season. At that time they also decided to table the decision for format and field size until Spring 2002. Steven Kirk, Norfolk FC made a motion to have the U12 Boys play 9 v 9. The motion was seconded by Bill Young, BRUSC. After much discussion regarding each club being ready, having adequate field space, and roster sizes for tournaments the motion was brought to a vote. The vote was Yes (8) and No (4). The next area of discussion was field sizes. Matt Bousch, Atlantic made a motion that the U12 fields should be 80-90 yards long and 45-50 yards wide. The motion was seconded by Steven Kirk, Norfolk FC. The vote was Yes (10) and No (1).

Guest Speakers: Andy Dallas of EuroTech Soccer Camps gave a short TV video presentation of the companies camp program. EuroTech Soccer Camps offer both a day camp and a resident camp. Andy provided each club a complimentary video and flyers.

Al Albert, William and Mary soccer coach handed out schedules and information regarding the newly formed Williamsburg Legacy. The team will be playing at the College of William and Mary starting in the Spring 2002. Mr. Albert also had summer camp information for the College of William and Mary.

Vice President, Bob Roth, adjourned the meeting at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene T. Banford
SEVYSA Secretary