

SEVYSA
25 September 2001
Location: Riverside Hospital

Call to order: President, Tom Halstead, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The following member clubs were represented: Atlantic, Baystars, BRUSC, CFC, CSSC, Colonial FC, Lafayette, NNUSC, Norfolk FC, ODSC, VIP United, and VBSC.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

VYSA: All clubs were reminded to check the VYSA website for application forms to nominate individuals in their clubs for recognition. The annual VYSA workshop will be held on 8 and 9 February 2002 in Richmond.

Administrator: In order for timely standings to be issued, all weekly match reports must be received on time. The first two weeks of seasonal play have seen a large number of match reports either late or not submitted. This problem with match reports follows on the heels of problems with declarations, competition committee representation, preseason certifications, and the like. The cooperation and attention to detail of all member clubs is required for the efficient functioning of the league. Fines are being imposed on clubs whose match reports are not received by the appropriate day. These fines will be abated should the missing report ultimately be received bearing a Monday postmark. All club fines are payable not later than the next monthly meeting. The possibility of an electronic match report submission system was discussed.

Old Business: Tom Halstead indicated that Beach FC, ERSC, Norfolk FC, and ODSC had failed to certify the completion of their Kidsafe forms as required prior to the commencement of play. If this requirement is not fulfilled within 48 hours all matches for these clubs will be held in abeyance. It was also reported that a SEVYSA registration manual is in the process of being prepared and will hopefully be available at the October meeting for review and comment.

New Business: The Atlantic Soccer Club has a girls' team, the Hotshots, playing in SEVYSA this fall. The Atlantic representative brought forth a request that a match between the Hotshots and the Beach FC Heat be rescheduled to allow the Hotshots to participate in the Raleigh Shootout girls weekend. A motion was made and approved, after considerable discussion, to waive the league tournament rule to allow this girls' team to participate in the Raleigh Shootout this fall.

The CSSC representative requested clarification on two points. The first involved whether an out-of-state player added to a state cup roster actually had to participate with that team in its league play. This was determined to be a national issue. The second point concerned the avenue for teams to enter the IL divisions in the spring or in the following fall season. Tom Halstead responded that the IL divisions were deemed to be the league's premier divisions and that the competition committee process would be used to move teams into and out of these divisions.

Matt Busch made a brief presentation regarding the return of the Mariners to the area and the desire to reach out to youth soccer. It was announced that Mr. Scott Goodman of the Mariners would address the October meeting. Chris Scrofani of Colonial FC briefly described this winter's indoor soccer league and tournaments being hosted by the WISC.

The next meeting was announced for 23 October 2001 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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