

Minutes from October 21, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Halstead at 7:34.

- **Secretary:** Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

- **Treasurer's report:** Income for fall season is \$77,901.00, expenditures total \$48,989.60 to date.

- **VYSA:** VYSA Vice-President, Larry Monaco is hosting a travel league summit on Saturday, November 1 in Richmond at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 3 representatives from each travel league have been asked to attend. The summit will address meeting the needs of leagues and travel clubs that are not currently being met. Please contact Tom Halstead if you are interested in attending.

- **Administrator:** Rescheduled games - There has been a problem with the computer program, which will be checked ASAP. Managers should continue to check SEVYSA site for updated schedules. If a mistake with scheduling has been made at the league level and a team did not show up for a game, the game is not a forfeit. We must again stress the need for managers to communicate with the opposing team manager.

- **Administrator:** If a team is affected by ODP games on November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, club reps must communicate with Denise, not individual team managers.

- **New Business:** Parent and team official communication - Parents and coaches should communicate problems, concerns and questions to the club rep, the club rep should then take these concerns to Tom or Denise. Parents should respect these lines of communication. Managers should contact the member club of their opponent if they can not find this opponent in the directory, any unanswerable questions need to be directed to the club rep.

- **New Business:** Penalty point info is on the SEVYSA site and is based on the game cards in the administrator's possession at the time of preparation. Until the season ends and the standings are finalized the penalty points as published on the SEVYSA web site are not complete. Teams must keep track of this information on their own, including talking to the referee after each game to acquire information about cards levied during that game. It is the team's responsibility to keep these records accurate. The failure of a penalized player to sit-out a match for accrued points (multiple yellow cards or red cards), red cards or whatever other reason will result in a forfeit of that match for that player's team regardless of what penalty point information is posted on the SEVYSA web site.

- **New Business:** Several clubs have experienced problems in Richmond with IL games including U12 teams being made to play 11 a side instead of 9, Richmond fields not ready for play, no officials present at the start of the match, an opposing team that didn't want to play their second scheduled game of the day (Kickers U16 Boys Premier). The President will communicate with RMYSL about these concerns.

- **Member Question:** Problems with referees this fall were discussed – referees arriving late and starting games late, full referee crews not present at match start time, long half-time breaks, and the wrong quality of officials for matches more competitive games. The President will communicate with the referee associations under contract, TSRA and PSOA.

- **Announcement:** Virginia Rush takes all guest player requests through the requested player's team's Director of Coaching. Any club who has made a request should be patient for the Rush to canvass its own teams first before allowing a player to play for another club. The Rush has an obligation to satisfy its

teams' guest player requests first.

- **Member Question:** The schedule must be adhered to as it is published. Clubs and teams can not change game times on their own ever.

- **Announcement:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2003 at 7:30 at Riverside.

- Soccer tips were distributed for review and should be offered to parents and coaches. These tips are from the USYS website and can be found in the news section under parents on the SEVYSA web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harrison  
Treasurer