

# South Eastern Virginia Youth Soccer Association

Sign In Sheet  
Meeting Date: 26 October 2004

Clubs/Members represented are as follows:

SEVYSA Sign-In Roster		
Club Names	Club Rep	Coaches/Guests
Athletic Club Norfolk	Sheryl Grumney	
Baystars FC	Ron Howell	
Beach FC	Dennis Blackmore	
Chesapeake Select SC	Rob Beck	
Churchland Soccer League	Ed Townsley	
Colonial FC	Excused	
Elizabeth River SC	Tom Banford	
Newport News FC	Al Cousineau	
Old Dominion SC	Eileen Beckert	
Smithfield SC	Milton Cummings	
Soccer Club of Northern Neck	Excused	
Tidewater SC	Richard Hall	
VIP United	Linda Harrison	
Virginia Rush	Carey Ross Aliff	
Williamsburg SC	Chris Friant	Bob Banach
<b>SEVYSA Officers</b>		
President	Tom Halstead	
Vice President	Chris Friant	
Treasurer	Linda Harrison	
Secretary	Jolene Banford	
Administrator	Denise Edwards	
Competition Chairman	Carey Ross Aliff	
Finance Chairman	Tom Banford	
League Registrar	Excused	
Rules & Discipline Chairman	Excused	
VYSA Rep	Tom Halstead	

President, Tom Halstead called the October SEVYSA meeting to order at 7:32PM. The board approved the minutes from the 21 September 2004 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Harrison handed out copies of the treasurer's report for the time period of 1 July 2004 through 26 October 2004. Linda also stated that the taxes should be done soon. The information was as follows:

Income:	Fall Registration	\$85,792.00
Total Income:		\$85,792.00
Expenses:		
	Admin Expenses	\$1,362.04
	Admin Salary	\$5,250.00
	Postage	\$1,280.00
	Referee	\$39,360.00
	Registration w/VYSA	\$16,800.00
	State Workshop	\$3,500.00
Total Expenses:		\$67,552.04

Overall Total:

\$18,239.96

**President's Report:** President Halstead requested that club representatives serve as the communications focal point for SEVYSA within their respective clubs. Attendees were provided with a copy of Appendix 3 entitled Club Representative Responsibilities. President Halstead commented on an email originated by the Peninsula Officials' Association regarding zero tolerance for player dissension. He took exception to the tone of the email and felt that it was really intended as an internal document within the POA. It was a suggestion that the league review its cumulative penalty-points sanctions to ensure fairness to the players. President Halstead requested that the member clubs be prepared to discuss this matter at the November meeting.

**VYSA Report:** The annual workshop is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Center. A discount is being offered for block registrations. SEVYSA has agreed to pay the registration fee for all league coaches and for other club officials as space allows. Clubs should submit their application forms directly to Denise Edwards as soon as possible. All coaches' applications would be processed immediately. Team officials and members' Board members would be queued and processed on a first come first served basis until all 200 slots were filled.

**Administrator Report:** Denise advised that all match reschedules would soon be posted to the web and that some matches were being scheduled for Saturday, 11 December 2004. The scheduling of some Saturday matches perhaps needs to be explored as an option due to the ongoing shortage of officials. Saturday play would also allow for the scheduling of additional time between matches on both Saturdays and Sundays. Member clubs would need to identify which fields would be available for use on Saturdays.

**Unfinished Business:** The online scoring and standings system will also be developed in such a way that it will assist in the league scheduling by generating match pairs for the administrator to schedule. Tom Banford presented an informational summary of the impact of the number of matches to be scheduled and the number of teams in the division upon the competitive nature of the standings. This summary was prepared utilizing divisions with an even number of teams to minimize both byes and double-headers. The intent was to minimize the "luck of the draw" influence on the division winner competition by providing a balanced schedule for all teams. Tom Banford did not feel that the eight match schedule utilized in the spring provided for this balanced competition and instead suggested that the board look at a nine match schedule. President Halstead requested that member clubs be prepared to examine the options available for the spring when the calendar is presented at the November meeting. These options may include scheduling some Saturday play dates.

**New Business:** President Halstead requested feedback from the clubs on this fall's implementation of the league guest player rule. It was reported that teams utilizing guest players are not complying with the requirement to have a game day roster, which should be made available to both the referee and the opposing team. Guest players must not be utilized without the proper paperwork. Teams must ensure that the officials, before each match, check the player-passes. There was additionally a report of a player from a team in an IL division guest playing with a team in a B division at the same age level. The two clubs positioned for this type of guest play are Chesapeake Select Soccer at the U12 and U13 ages and the Virginia Rush at the U12, U13, and U15 ages. All clubs were reminded of the sportsmanship aspects of the guest player rule. Guest players are appropriate for teams with a serious shortage of players to help avoid forfeited matches and for individual players to guest with higher-level teams for evaluation purposes.

The board approved a waiver request for this fall, to the guest player rule, to allow a Virginia Rush U10 player, Mason Duke, to guest play with a U11 team which is playing in a U12 division. Chesapeake Select Soccer Club requested a waiver from the 7 November 2004 play date for their U10 Burn team to participate in the Raleigh Shootout. The U10 and U11 boys are playing a week earlier this year in Raleigh. This request generated considerable discussion regarding league policy on opt-out dates and the board's previous refusal to grant additional opt out dates beyond those called for in the league calendar. The waiver request was approved by a narrow margin with several clubs abstaining from the vote, 5 yes, 4 no.

#### **Announcements:**

SEVYSA Meeting	16 November 2004	7:30PM	Warrick High School
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President, Tom Halstead adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene T. Banford  
SEVYSA Secretary