

GVSA board meeting minutes – February 1, 2016

Present: Josh Sheldon, Mike Panse, John Hall, Sue Crabtree, Ken Lovell, Lawrence Murray, Bjorn Hansen, Jim Cisler, Jake Harmon, John Corbett

Guests: Steve Colby, Mike Wint, Gordon Dean

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:00pm

Previous meeting minutes approved with changes.

**Officer's reports:**

Jake Harmon – Financials.

**President's report:**

John let us know a request came in from Cap City asking us to expand our boundaries to include Lansing. They also asked us if we would allow their U12 boys team to play in a GVSA U13 division for this spring. John to follow up with them on the requests.

John let us know that Erwin asked to advertise a 100 level Meulensteen course. John will follow up with Erwin requesting more information.

**Administrators report:**

Sue Crabtree – Collection of coaching license are coming along.

**Old Business:**

Small sided game follow-up for 2016-2017 – John provided sheet with field sizes for various leagues and states. Tabled until discussion at the AGM.

Enforcement of Coaching licenses and NSCAA Diploma equivalencies to USSF – Motion made to accept the NSCAA level 6 diploma as the minimum certification standard. All voted in favor so motion passes.

Coach pass card rule – Motion to accept rule change as stated and amended. All voted in favor so motion passes.

Ole – Ken to let Jose know he needs to attend the March meeting or there will be disciplinary action against Jose and Ole. Ken will send a certified letter.

**New Business:**

DA teams playing in GVSA – Sue will present a rule change at the March meeting to allow DA teams to play in GVSA.

Age group jumps between seasons – Sue will continue to monitor these requests and make these changes when necessary.

PDA - # of teams – Motion made to allow MI PDA to hold tryouts for the 2016-17 season. All voted in favor so motion passes.

2002 age group trapped players discussion – Tabled. John to write up proposal for the March meeting.

Tournament sponsorship – Tabled until March

GVSOA – Discussion on concussions. GVSOA wants GVSA to inquire with MSYSA. John will contact MSYSA in regards to this.

Dino Samaras transfer – GVSA will table until they have paid their club fees to TNT.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Next meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7:00pm at MVP Spot (32<sup>nd</sup> St.)  
Submitted,  
Josh Sheldon, secretary

## Current Rule

### **SECTION E RULES, GAME PROCEDURES**

2. Before every game, the coaches will provide the referee with a *GVSA Official Game Report* and ID cards for all players and coaches. The home team coach will also provide a stamped envelope addressed to the GVSA statistician. Referees will return the cards of all players to the coach or team manager after check and prior to the start of the game; they will send the game report to the league statistician within 48 hours of the finish of the game.

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## Proposed Rule

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A maximum of three (3) coaches and assistant coaches may be on the team side of the field during a game. **All must possess valid pass cards marked as kid safe. There must be at least one registered adult coach or manager present during the game. If not, the game shall not be played, the Refs will be paid and the absence of a Coach reported to GVSA. GVSA will rule the game as a forfeit. The use of just a risk management card with out a valid pass card is not allowed. A photo saved on a cell phone of a coach's <sup>photo</sup>card will be considered valid as long as the referee can view it clearly and identify the coach and the pass card as marked kid safe. Players may not present photos of pass cards.**

From: Michigan PDA  
To: Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA)

February 1, 2016

**RE: GVSA BYLAWS**

*Section 2 PARTICIPATION*

*All member clubs are expected to field a minimum of four (4) teams, in any age groups, per year. Clubs who fail to field any teams during a season will be considered to be inactive. If they field teams the following season, they will automatically be reinstated to active status. Inactive clubs may not vote in League elections, and are not considered for purposes of determining quorums. Clubs who fail to field any teams for two consecutive seasons shall be deemed as having dropped out from the league. They may reapply for membership, but are subject to all criteria in Paragraph 1.*

**RE: History of Michigan PDA**

The Michigan PDA was formed with the purpose of providing a leadership role in the Hispanic community with regards to the importance of a quality public school education tied together with quality soccer training. The cost of the program varies from player to player and the amount they pay is based on the amount their family can afford. The balance of the fees to play (travel, uniforms, tournaments, fields etc) is covered by funding by the principals of the Michigan PDA and donations from affiliated businesses either owned or controlled by the principals.

**RE: 2015/2016 playing year**

The Michigan PDA formed 3 teams in the 2014/2015 playing year. The Michigan PDA has formed 3 teams in the 2015/2016. The Michigan PDA had formed a fourth team (17/19) for the spring and had actually registered and paid for the team with GVSA. Unfortunately, following the registration event, the Michigan PDA determined that the players on this team would not represent the type of team (behavior on the field, behavior in school and behavior in public) that the Michigan PDA wants to be known by.

**RE: AGE GROUP CHANGES**

Like all clubs, the Michigan PDA will be dealing with the changes to the age groups starting in June 2016. Unlike other clubs, the Michigan PDA believes that the changes will benefit the club because the it will be easier to explaining to the demographic it draws from that the teams will be based on the year your child is born in rather than being born after August 1 of any year.

**RE: REQUEST for 2016/2017**

The Michigan PDA requests that it be allowed to continue in membership in GVSA for the playing year of 2016/2017. The Michigan PDA believes that it will continue to grow and will be able to form sufficient teams and that the teams will represent what the PDA is trying to accomplish.

Michigan PDA Registrar  
Gordon Dean

## What Referees Need to Know



- Communication
- Know the cues
- Take action
  - Stop play and allow the player to get immediate medical attention
  - Before reentering, ask if the player has been cleared by a healthcare professional

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Enforcing the rules of the game rests on your shoulders, and as a referee, you play a key role in preventing injuries.

Ensure that athletes, coaches and parents understand the expectation of good sportsmanship and following the rules.

If players are being aggressive and/or disrespectful, you have the ability to slow down the game and set the tone.

Remember that ensuring player safety is the first priority of referees at all levels of the game.

When a concussion is suspected, stop play so the athlete can be evaluated right away by an appropriate healthcare professional who has experience in diagnosing concussions.

Don't try to judge the severity of the injury yourself.

A player should not return to play unless cleared by a healthcare professional and don't hesitate to stop the game again and repeat the process should a player appear to be injured after returning to the game.

Make sure to ask the coach to introduce you to the healthcare professional before the game so you exactly who will be clearing the players if needed.

## What Referees Need to Know



- Take action
  - If not cleared by a healthcare professional, the player may reenter but you should stop play immediately and have him or her removed again
  - Repeat this process until the player is cleared by a healthcare professional or until the coach stops putting the player back into the game

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If the player has not been cleared by a healthcare professional, allow the player to reenter and then immediately stop the game again and have the player removed because of the suspected concussion.

Remind the coach that this process will be repeated until the player is cleared by a healthcare professional or until the coach stops trying to have the player reenter the game.

## Healthcare Professional



- The healthcare professional should be a licensed health care professional such as an athletic trainer (ATC), or a physician (MD/DO), with a skill set in emergency care and sports medicine injuries and with knowledge and experience related to concussion evaluation and management

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