

GVSA board meeting minutes – June 6, 2016

Present: Josh Sheldon, John Hall, Sue Crabtree, Ken Lovell, Jim Cisler, Jake Harmon, Jack Wolf, Lawrence Murray

Guests: Steve Colby, Kim Alderink, Nicholas Alderink, Heather Perna, Bob Middleton, Brian Picarazzi

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 8:30pm

Previous meeting minutes approved with changes.

**Officer's reports:**

Jake Harmon – will send financials out to the board prior to next meeting

Ken Lovell – Ken shared there was an issue where a ref ended a game early after a player received a red card and wouldn't leave the field. Ken shared in the TC vs SCOR game the TC coach was ejected and a parent issue happened as well following the game. Ken let us know Muskegon Lakers will not return to GVSA next fall. Ken let us know a club had a concern with another club potentially poaching one of their coaches. Ken shared there was an issue with a coach from the Muskegon Lakers who received a red card. The coach was Ronald Harris. Ken told us a Fruitport team received discipline for receiving too many yellow cards. Ken asked Jack to remind all referees to make sure they are rating the players, coaches and fans after every game.

**President's report:**

John let us know that the focus of MSYSA for the coming year is education, marketing and recreation development. John brought up term limits for board members.

**Administrators report:**

See attachment.

**Old Business:**

Beacon Soccer field Project – John shared email from Scott on the project.

AYSO United – the club has been approved to GVSA but must wait 90 days to hold their tryouts.

**New Business:**

Maximum roster size for U12 – tabled

Pass carding U14 to U15 – Tabled after some discussion. John to put out an email to all of the clubs.

Respect Campaign – Tabled

Cost registrations / transfers – the situation was reviewed but per the rules the transfer was not allowed.

Lasso appeal – tabled

Tournament sponsorship – we have encouraged SCOR to turn in a formal application for review.

Credit card payments – discussed but tabled until the July meeting

Last minute game cancellations / procedures – Sue to write up a policy to review at the July meeting.

Alderink suspensions – 2 red cards in one season. Nicholas attended the meeting and spoke to the board about the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.  
Next meeting is July 11th 2016, 7:00pm  
Submitted,  
Josh Sheldon, secretary

## Administrator's Report May/June, 2016

The Following Age Group/Division Changes Beginning 2016-2017 Season Announced to Clubs

U7- U15 Boys and Girls Play Fall and Spring

U16/U17 Combined, Girls Fall  
U18/U19 Combined, Girls Fall

U16/U17 Combined, Boys Spring  
U18/U19 Combined, Boys Spring

- U6 player may not register
  - U7 may only play up one year
  - U8-U14 may play up 2 years
  - U15 and up may play up more than 2 years
  - Players may not under any circumstances, play down. There is no trapped player rule because we have add U15 all year
- ❖ The age of the oldest player determines the team age. The administrator may determine the need to combine the U14 and U15 age groups during the High School Seasons if there are fewer than five(5) U15 teams committed for the season.
  - ❖ A few clubs were ok with HS Open division but only 2 said they would try to form teams. We will not move forward with this option at this time.

Further review on age groups with Whiteware found:

- ❖ We had 17 "trapped" players total this year. All of them were born in 2001 and none in 2000 (U15s this year are 8-1-2000 -> 7-31-2001).
- ❖ This would mean that if U15s are the oldest age group in the Fall (Boys) and Spring (Girls) that we would literally have no trapped players at all to worry about, and we could simply make the idea of them go away

Additionally:

- ❖ Whiteware has prepared the system for the age changes.
- ❖ Tryout Registration opened in May. Improvements made
- ❖ Numerous field closures this season lead to more game changes than normal. Christian Athletic Complex saw the most closures.
- ❖ 7 clubs have been notified of team card counts climbing (6 or more). Fruitport U19 boys has 10 yellow cards and 1 red.
- ❖ Muskegon Lakers not returning
- ❖ Central Shoreline not returning???
- ❖ Alliance expanding to Lakeshore (Fremont/Ludington)