

GVSA board meeting minutes – February 7, 2011

Present: John Hall, Josh Sheldon, Steve Manett, Ken Lovell, Jack Wolf, Dennis Yunke, Bjorn Hansen, Erwin VanElst, Mark VanSlooten

Guest: Ryan Fitzpatrick (Alliance)

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:09

Previous meeting minutes approved.

President's report: John informed us of a meeting of West Michigan league presidents. All were concerned about the increase in MSYSA fees. MSYSA is eliminating charges for certain things and replacing the lost revenue with substantial fee increases. USSF is raising their fee \$.50 also. A discussion ensued regarding how to pass on that increase to GVSA clubs. We felt that we should pass on the increase and add a sum to keep our balances intact.

The state AGM is 3/12. John will attend.

Treasurer's report – We have cash balances of \$24,404.12 Checking and \$35,074.82 savings. We still need to pay MSYSA approximately \$8000 for spring player fees.

New business:

In email voting since the last meeting we decided to:

Change our rule on transfers inserting language allowing whole team transfers with GVSA board approval. Also eliminating the 2 game sit out if either club objects to a player transfer and allowing that transfer (over a club's objection) with GVSA board approval.

Accept a request for tournament sponsorship from Dago Cortez putting on a Memorial Day tournament in Holland.

Tryout dates were set as 6/18-19 for premier. 6/20 for select. First commitment date of 6/22.

Allow the transfer of the Fire U12G team to the Crew.

Josh informed us of an incident involving a crew coach at a game in Detroit. Apparently police were involved. We don't know if this will affect his being able to coach in the spring.

Jack reported that the referee comments from the blue sheets have been compiled and sent out. A record number of high marks were reported. A note to clubs referencing the report might be in order. The spring season kick off meeting is set for the last Saturday in March at MVP Spot. The Rovers still have not paid their assigning fees.

TNT has applied for membership in GVSA. The application is tabled pending clarification.

Alliance is offering a coaching clinic in April. They have asked if GVSA will subsidize clinic fees for attending coaches. Ryan Fitzpatrick gave us some information and answered questions. We felt more information was needed before we answer their request but our feeling is not to contribute.

The new substitution rule handed down by MSYSA was discussed. Jack felt that as long as referees were all aware of this rule, it would not be a problem to implement. It will be discussed at the kick off meeting.

GVSA support of an Academy club in West Michigan was brought up by Josh. He explained the Crew is enlisting support from other clubs to apply for this status. After some discussion it was decided to support this initiative. Bjorn will draft a letter for approval.

Old Buisness:

The GVSOA proposal to GVSA for assigning referees was accepted.

The Dave Whitehouse award was discussed. Ken and Jack will get together and draft some ideas to bring to the AGM.

Election of certain board members/officers (per our by-law change at last year's AGM) was discussed. Our announcement to the clubs regarding our upcoming AGM will detail this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Next meeting March 7, 2011, 7:00 at MVP Spot (32nd St.)

Submitted,

Steve Manett, secretary