

GVSA board meeting minutes – February 6, 2012

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

Guest: Jesus Delacruz-Galaxy FC

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:05

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Activity since last meeting on December 5, 2011:

In e-mail voting the board **approved an expense for flowers at the funeral of Mark Winia**, long time area soccer coach who passed away suddenly.

In e-mail voting the board **approved a donation of \$150 towards fundraising for a player to attend Super Y National ODP camp in Florida.**

No quorum was present at the January meeting so no official meeting was held. Those present did discuss a few topics including; logo design – email response to Jack's logos indicated a choice, Jack's proposal to modify referee support programs currently in place, and the GVSA rec program.

Galaxy FC

Club president Jesus Delacruz was present to discuss the club and prior problems with proper player documentation and GVSA paperwork. He presented a report citing the club history and makeup. He also advised of a partnership with a non-profit agency that will provide a small budget and also an avenue to get community sponsorship. He feels this will allow the club to become more stable financially and grow. He is aware of past problems, and even though some were fueled by the merger of Club Aguilas with Galaxy, he realizes that GVSA has procedures that all clubs must follow. The board offered assistance in the way of notification of deadlines and member help if he feels that would help. The board did let him know that Galaxy is on probation for the spring season and if these issues do persist, his club could be suspended from GVSA.

Officer's reports:

Treasurer – Jake advised on activity with our new accounting firm. Required federal tax documents have been filed and data input into the new software is underway.

Vice President – Ken mentioned that representatives from Muskegon Lakers will be present at our March meeting to discuss a coach using unregistered players.

Other business:

Gazelle Sports proposal – Bjorn will make some minor modifications and present to Gazelle.

John brought up a PASS request for their U12 team to move up in age group for the spring season. This was denied. This lead to a discussion about teams moving up between the fall and spring season. It was decided that for a team to move up in age groups from fall to spring they must first request such a move. The league administrator will make the decision along with board input if necessary. An undefeated team will be given prime consideration for this move if requested.

Tryouts – Premier tryouts may first be held Saturday, June 16, 2012 in accordance with MSYSA guidelines. GVSA select tryouts may start Monday, June 18, 2012. GVSA commitments may be signed June 20, 2012 at the earliest.

Logo- Jack's logo design was officially approved for use.

AGM – meeting changed to March 10, 2012 still at Monsma Marketing. John advised on an agenda to include elections, and inform of rule changes.

State AGM- John will attend the February 25 meeting. He asked for board input on any proposals.

Sue advised that elite scheduling will begin today. We will not have a formal scheduling meeting. All scheduling will be done on line as teams contact each other to set game times. Select divisions will be posted this week and preliminary schedules are planned to be available the last week in February.

Jack brought up his recommendations for modifications to GVSA's referee support programs. Board approved changes are as follows:

GVSA payment for officials to upgrade from grade 8 to 7. A \$45 cost. **This program was discontinued.**

GVSA payment to grade 7 officials doing GVSA games. A \$10 cost per game. **This program was discontinued.**

GVSA to pay grade 7 officials mentoring fees. **This program is continued with the following guidelines:**

- Mentor assignment to be approved and assigned by certified assignors.
- Mentor work as AR or observer. If as AR they are paid normal AR fee plus additional \$10 per game. If as observer they are paid as if AR.
- Claims must go thru and be approved by GVSOA.
- Maximum payment per season to be increased from \$250 to \$300.

Jack also mentioned that he has been contacted by Hastings FC regarding referee assignments, mentoring, etc. He will help with mentoring.

Next meeting March 5, 2012 at MVP Spot (32<sup>nd</sup> St.)

Adjourned

Submitted,

Steve Manett, secretary