

GVSA board meeting minutes – February 6, 2017

Present: John Hall, Josh Sheldon, Sue Crabtree, Ken Lovell, Bruce Lane, John Corbett, Lawrence Murray

Guests: Alex Fedorowych, Gordon Dean, Rodney Cobb, Brian Picarazzi, Steve Royce

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:04pm

Previous meeting minutes approved as presented.

Officer's reports:

Jake Harmon – shared financials via email

President's report:

John Hall stepped down from the MSYSA board.

Administrators report:

See attachment.

Old Business:

PDA complaint – see the attached letter from GVSOA.

New Business:

Respect campaign banners – tabled. Bruce will bring information to the next meeting.

SCOR game #1737-9 - Game report had written name of a person who was not on the bench. The individual came on the field to tend to a head injury. The person was not registered as a coach so SCOR was told they forfeited the game. After discussion a motion was made to waive the fine and the forfeit. The motion passed.

Laws of the game changes - John Corbett presented revisions of the laws of the game. Sue will distribute the changes to all of the clubs and it will also be added to the website.

AGM - the AGM will be March 11th. The open positions will be VP, Treasurer, Registrar and one at large position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next meeting is March 6th, 2017, 7:00pm

Submitted,

Josh Sheldon, secretary

Administrator's Report
February 6, 2017

Premier Team Commitments:

- 57 teams were committed for Spring 2017. 33 are returning from Fall and 24 are new.
- Up 8 teams from Spring 2016
- 11 Clubs have teams playing premier.

Select Commitments:

- All teams minimums met and exported to GotSoccer
- 29 Clubs
- 395 Teams registered for Spring (256 boys, 139 girls)
- Elite teams are scheduling
- Preliminary divisions for the rest are posted
- U12 and under Schedules will be posed Feb 14th
- U13+ will post a day or two later to give more time for MSPSP scheduling.

1-1-17

To: GVSA Board

From: John Corbett, GVSOA Referee Administrator

re: Concern received about Referee Mike McCabe

After the last GVSA Board meeting I spoke with Mike McCabe about his reason(s) for question "does anyone speak English?". I also asked Mike's assignor about what he heard on this concern and if there have been prior issues of a similar nature.

The assignor has not received prior complaints on issues of this nature. This concern is the first one he is aware of.

Referee McCabe confirmed he did ask the question, and was not aware the question would give others cause to contact the Board or anyone else. In high school, select and recreation leagues, referees routinely ask players and coaches if anyone has any medical issues (ie allergies, asthma). He asked the question thinking that if any medical issues arose where time was crucial, he needed to know whether to talk to the player directly or should turn immediately to the coach for help. Mike regrets asking the question, and if he knew the question would be received differently than it was intended, he would not have asked at all. He will not ask in the future. I believe he will not repeat this behavior.

At both the Muskegon and the Grand Rapids' 2017 recertification for all grades 9, 8 and 7 referees we assign to GVSA games, this question was a specific training matter. It is our goal to make all our referees aware of the unintended consequences of this question and similar questions now, and prevent repetition. I believe we have accomplished this.