

GVSA board meeting minutes – November 5, 2012

Members Present: John Hall, Josh Sheldon, Ken Lovell, Sue Crabtree, Jim Cisler, Tim Scarpino, Lawrence Murray, Jack Wolf, Bjorn Hansen

Visitors: Aaron Dean, Reggie Rix, Darrell Rogers

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:05pm

Previous meeting minutes were approved with (1) change. Johns name changes to Jacks for field size.

### **Northstar SC:**

Reggie and Darrell were in attendance to let GVSA know that they would request GVSA to extend its boundaries (35) miles so that their club could join GVSA and play on their own fields rather than using the one's in Cadillac. They are limited because Cadillac does not have the available field space nor the referees to accommodate them. Discussion was shared concerning past history with them and GVSA. They will present their proposal at the 2013 AGM.

### **Tri-City Strikers DOC Aaron Dean:**

Brought up the request of moving their U-10 team to U-11 2nd division for the Spring of 2013. The team has done well. Fall of 2012 they went 7-0-1 and won the division; Spring 2012 they won the division; Fall 2011 6-1-1 2nd in division. He felt that this was good and right for this team. He gave reasoning that a mid season change had happened in the past and thought his team was also deserving. A vote was taken and it was determined that this change was not approved. It was thought that the possibility of a DOC meeting before placement of teams to give a recommendation for teams placement could be of service.

### **President's report:**

John presented the response letter from the Fire. The board was requested to review the material and email John their thoughts.

John handed out the attached sheet with field dimensions and goal sizes. John will make a proposal at the next meeting about GVSA requirements and/or recommendations. John will contact all clubs and request them to send in all the field sizes and goal sizes for all fields their club uses.

### **Administrators report:**

Sue let the board know that there have been about double the red cards given this fall vs. last fall.

Sue will be updating the calendar this week.

## **Vice President Report:**

### Game Report Concerns/issues

Unregistered adults on sideline. Game 1220-17 10-13-12 Rapids /white  
Forfeit Game 1213-43 Crew Rascals Black 2"" forfeit.

Lakers U-19 G team Game 1249-28 Kandance Boysen. Is she a coach or a manager?  
Jack sent a  
letter to parent explaining GVSA position on "Water Breaks" per her request.

Game 1217-26 10-14-12 RP vs Lakers. Reeths-Puffer unwilling to find agreeable  
date to reschedule.  
Team states that their season is done 10/20/12.

Game 1199-23 Issue of correct score and clarification of how many Premier players  
can dual roster in  
the Elite League. Reported that Haslett used 5 in one game and 9 in another.

Game 1214-21 (10-9-12) Referee called game before correct time was played. (5  
min. short) Vardar  
vs Ole U-11. Also concern with behavior of both coaches and fans.

There is a concern/problem with the Fruitport Assignor. Jack is following through  
with this issue.

### Galaxy Issues:

Game 1203-27 Coach Juan Toledo Red Card. (2"d red card this season)

U-14 11-2-12 Now has (2) unplayed games Field unplayable Jesus has not been  
back with Sue  
after being contacted and has also not contacted the other teams to reschedule

Game location change Referees showed up but teams had changed date and  
location. Juan said  
he'd pay the referees but has yet to pay them.

Game 1211-18 10-6-12 Coach Jesus DeLaCruz Red card Foul/Abusive language.  
Went onto the  
field of play to shout at the referee. Mocked the referee. Called him swear words.

Registration went OK

Club did not let GVSA know some games were at Walker field. This caused a  
scheduling mess to get it straightened out.

Several game schedules have been moved around which caused issues with fields; schedules; and referee assignments Many short notice of changes.

Limited management and follow through of issues brought to their attention

Other clubs have complained that Galaxy has not be responsive to their calls

Many games have both players and coaches arrive just in time for the start of the game or late

More Red card given to this club than any other club

Coaches have played players who have received suspensions

Poor conduct and behavior from parents

Uniforms with no numbers

Several team forfeits

Often playing with minimum number of players

The U-13 and U-14 teams have had many problems/issues

Because of these issues/concerns the Galaxy club officials including Juan & Jesus will both be required to attend the next GVSA Board meeting (12-3-12) to address these concerns.

AGM information:

It was decided that the meeting would be March 2, 2013 John would be contacting all clubs with the information. It will be at Monsma Marketing; 2450 Buchanan SW; Grand Rapids, MI 49508 Lunch provided at 11:30 with meeting starting at 12:00 p.m. Last year minutes were taken by Steve M and will be presented by John at this meeting for approval.

Gazelle Up-Date:

It was reported that Gazelle was very happy with how things went this past season. Over 800 people signed up and over 500 coupons were redeemed. All balls were distributed to every Elite team.

H0 Sponsorship Proposal:

A copy was given to all Board members. It was felt that GVSA at this time needed to 1“ support Gazelle. Sue talked with Gazelle about this. It was recommended that H0 consider working with Gazelle or contact the area clubs directly but not through GVSA.

#### Lakeshore Team Request:

It was requested that U-12 boys team not be dropped down because of their Fall 2012 record. It was 2”” to last in the U-12 2”” division. It was felt that wins/losses/goal differential should not be the only way to determine the position within a division. it was decided that we had guidelines to follow and if they or anyone else feil within these guidelines they would needed to be moved. It was questioned whether we could or should be doing something different to handle this issue. (Mainly from fall to spring changes)

#### RESPECT Campaign

There is a huge problem with this issue. With so many behavior problems (coaches & fans) Code of Conduct issues; etc., it is hurting our soccer community image along with affecting the amount of returning officials let alone growing the number of new officials. GVSOA has met to discuss this issue but felt that GVSA needs to put it forward to all clubs and work to support and educate everyone within our league. Jack, Bjorn & Lawrence said that they'd work on putting together ideas and options to make it positive and visible to our league membership.

#### U15 – U16 Roster Limits

It was discussed and approved to allow 22 players to be rostered on this age group teams

#### Game Change Procedures

Sue and Jack will put together a ruling and regulation procedure for Board review

#### Club Credit

There is not a good procedure set up at this time. It needs to be reviewed by Sue and Jake to see how it can be handled better.

Meeting adjourned at a very late time.

Next meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7:00pm at MVP Spot (32<sup>nd</sup> St.)

Timely handled and submitted by Josh Sheldon & Ken Lovell