

GVSA board meeting minutes – November 7, 2016

Present: Josh Sheldon, John Hall, Sue Crabtree, Ken Lovell, Jim Cisler, Bjorn Hansen, Bruce Lane, John Corbett, Jake Harmon, Jack Wolf

Guests: Aaron Vandrie, JoAnn VanSlooten, Alex Fedorowych, Erwin VanElst, Mark VanSlooten, Ryan Smith, Neathan Gibson, Heather Perna, Rodney Cobb, Sue Constatine, Amy Rau

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

Ken Lovell:

- Ken would like clarification on how many coaches can be on a bench, including DOC's
- Ken let us know a coach pulled their team off the field half way through a game
- Ken let us know teams played with 22 players instead of only dressing 18 players
- Ken let us know there were over 60 issues in the past 4 weeks

Bruce Lane – Bruce wants us to remind clubs it is time to review the concussion protocol and rules prior to the Spring season.

Jack Wolf – Jack gave an update on the referee one game evaluations and how the process works.

John Corbett – John let us know there were issues in the year that cards for a team were missing photos and it was more than half way through a season. John will also be working with Sue on making sure all ref's know what valid risk management looks like.

President's report:

John Hall let us know that the Beacon project has not hit their target goal yet so the project has yet to begin.

Administrators report:

See attachment from Sue.

Sue also discussed Midwest United vs PASS game. Sue will count it as an un-played game.

Sue will reach out to the one club who has not paid the refs for the weather issue games at Helder park and enforce they pay.

Old Business:

Credit card payments – system will be ready by the first of the year.

Early Pas Card proposal – Tabled

Player suspensions – rule update – see attachment. Motion made to accept the proposal. All were in favor.

New Business:

Respect campaign banners – tabled

SCOR vs Lakeshore game #1691-3 issue – Score will be changed to reflect the actual score which was SCOR 10, Lakeshore 0. See attached game report.

Midwest forfeit issue game 1698-18 and 1698-23 – tabled

Minimum play time – tabled

AYSO United – discussion was held between the board and membership clubs. Lots of opinions on the situation. Amy Rau spoke on behalf of CASSA. See attached notes. Attached is the AYSO United application and other documents.

Motion made to suspend the letter of acceptance presented to AYSO United pending investigation at their conduct toward and including current member clubs. Motion does not pass. 5 voted no, 2 abstained.

Grand Rapids Invitational Tournament – PASS/SCOR proposal – Motion to accept their application to host pending the name of the referee assignor. JoAnne provided the name. All in favor of the motion so it passes.

Use of drones over game fields (game # 1738-21) – Tabled

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting is December 5th, 2016, 7:00pm

Submitted,

Josh Sheldon, secretary

Administrator's Report November, 2016

Calendar is updated for the Spring Season.

GVSA registration event will open on November 15th. Clubs may begin entering their teams.

Release and transfer window will open November 15th instead of January 1st this year. The release and transfer forms have been updated and posted on the GVSA site and will also be distributed to Club Registrars.

AYSO United has been added to the GVSA online system. Steve Royce will be their local contact and registrar. I have given him some information to get them started with registration and will be in contact with them again in the next couple of weeks after we open registration to assist them as needed.

Card count was down this Fall. Only 3 red cards issued to date. 11 issued in Fall of 2015.

Field Availability form has been updated to include field dimensions and goal sizes.

The Tryout registration has been updated to only show name and birthdate when searching for an existing player in the tryout registration. All other contact/player information has been removed from view. Only the Clubs will have access to this information on their dashboard. The website will send out an email confirmation to the player with login info when they register for a tryout. They can update their personal information at that time if needed.

SECTION C PLAYERS, REGISTRATION, TRAVEL

Current Rule:

5. A. If an ineligible player plays/participates in a GVSA sanctioned game with a coaches knowledge; the player will receive an automatic suspension of (2) games and the coach will be suspended (3) games. The coach will be required to meet with the GVSA Discipline Committee to discuss the situation and they will determine if any additional penalties need to be added. This mandatory meeting must be done before they can be reinstated. Players are ineligible if they are serving a suspension; if they are not registered; or if they are illegally registered (age or gender violation)

- B. If an ineligible player plays/participates in a GVSA sanctioned game and it can be determined that the coach unknowingly allowed the player to participate/play; the player will receive an automatic suspension of (2) games and the coach will be suspended (1) game. The coach will be required to meet with the GVSA Discipline Committee to discuss the situation and they will determine if any additional penalties need to be added. This mandatory meeting must be done before they can be reinstated. Players are ineligible if they are serving a suspension; if they are not registered; or if they are illegally registered (age or gender violation)

Proposed Rule:

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- B. If an ineligible player plays/participates in a GVSA sanctioned game and it can be determined that the coach unknowingly allowed the player to participate/play; It will be at the Disciplinary Committee's discretion ~~and~~ if the player will receive an automatic suspension of (2) games. The coach will be suspended (1) game. The coach will be required to meet with the GVSA Discipline Committee to discuss the situation and they will determine if any additional penalties need to be added. This mandatory meeting must be done before they can be reinstated. Players are ineligible if they are serving a suspension; if they are not registered; or if they are illegally registered (age or gender violation)

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From: ~~noreply@eayso.info~~ <noreply@eayso.info>

Date: Thu, Aug 25, 2016, 10:00 PM

Subject: What's Happening in AYSO Region 902, Cedar Springs

To: <noreply@ayso.org>

Greetings. My name is Mike Gesler, I am the Area Director for Area 8/A of which Region 902, Cedar Springs, is a part. My job is to monitor each of the eleven Regions of Area 8/A, and see that each Region operates according to the AYSO National Bylaws, Policies, and Protocols. Like most of the Regions in 8/A, I understand that Cedar Springs is a small, tight knit community, and I am sure by now some rumors may be circulating regarding Region 902. I want to address this issue, and assure you that your players will have a full schedule of games this fall season.

Earlier this week, I had to suspend Jason Bravata as the Regional Commissioner of Region 902. At that time, your Region was not compliant and without support of the required Regional Board positions (that being Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, Registrar, Child Volunteer Protection Advocate, and Safety Director). The only board member currently serving is the Treasurer. Thankfully, you have some wonderful volunteers who have stepped up during this week to help organize and begin the process of making sure your players have a successful fall season. But, these wonderful folk will need your help.

Out of town Soccer game - couldn't be there

This Saturday, August 27, at 6:00 pm, at the Burger King in Cedar Springs, I will be meeting with volunteers from Region 902 to help organize for the coming season. Your Region will be in need of individuals who are willing to form a temporary Regional Board to oversee and run the Region until a new Regional Commissioner can be nominated and approved; a process that will take approximately three months. I encourage you to think about ways you may help either as a board member, field help, concession stand, or any number of ways that will help your Region have a successful season this fall.

With that being stated, the nomination process is open for the next 30 days for anyone who may be interested in the Regional Commissioner position. This is an important position as the Regional Commissioner leads, organizes, oversees, and inspires the Region. More information may be found about the Regional Commissioner position at ayso.org under the tab, "For Volunteers." If you are interested, please contact me at mike@catalpaphotography.com, or (231) 250-4113.

In this interim time, please be patient with those who are volunteering to organize and oversee Region 902. I know each volunteer will be doing all they can so that the players of Region 902 have an enjoyable soccer season. If you have any questions or concerns, you may join us this Saturday evening, or contact me through my email or phone.

Thank you.

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From: noreply@eavso.info <noreply@eavso.info>
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016, 1:18 PM
Subject: AYSO United
To: <noreply@avso.org>

Attention Soccer Community,

We have great news to share with you!

Cedar Springs AYSO Region 902 has been selected as a host location for the new AYSO United program. Our region will be forming United teams to compete within the Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) league for the spring of 2017. GVSA is a competitive soccer league that holds stats and standings for each team every season in a gaming circuit covering the West Michigan area.

Utilizing the AYSO's core philosophies our United Club Program will allow our members to experience club soccer done the AYSO way! ,

AYSO United is a Competitive soccer program that will be offered in addition to the existing Recreational program. This offers yet another exciting opportunity for the soccer players in our area to develop to their fullest potential. Tryouts for the spring season will be held in late October and teams will be formed shortly after. The age groups will be U10-U19 and player placement will be determined by birth year and skill level.

In preparation for the higher level of play, the formed teams may be competing on indoor leagues and train throughout the winter. If your player shows soccer potential and looks forward to challenges, please contact us with any questions concerning his or her level of interest.

Additionally, AYSO United will serve as a platform for our coaches to develop their skills through both AYSO and United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensing platform. If you are a coach and would like additional information (after watching the video), please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are excited and honored to be selected to host this program for our region and look forward to hearing from you soon!

Paul Kolenda, Asst. Coach Admin

prior CASSA Coach Admin 12 yrs - 2015 Fall
CASSA removed him
due to wanting CASSA
to remain a
developmental
club

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From: noreply@eavso.info <noreply@eavso.info>
Date: Fri, Oct 14, 2016, 8:58 AM
Subject: AYSO United
To: <noreply@avso.org>

Soccer friends and families,

What's going on? -

Our regular AYSO Fall season is almost over so work to launch our AYSO United program is gearing up for competition in the Spring. AYSO's national organization has selected Cedar Springs as a location for a competitive soccer club initiative, recognizing the potential player pool we enjoy here as well as Tri-County, Greenville, Rockford and Sparta. There is much to do and we're hoping to work together with our parents and potential new coaches to prepare us for the season's arrival.

Tryouts & Team Formation -

AYSO United will be hosting tryouts on 10/29/2016 at Boomer Park. Tryouts are free of charge and open to all interested players in the area. We have planned a simple two-phase tryout format: 1.) Player warm-ups followed by 2.) Soccer scrimmages between prospects. All players will be contacted no later than one week following the day of tryouts. Players demonstrating they are prepared for Select level competition will be given team invitations for their age group. All players, regardless of outcome during tryouts are invited and encouraged to continue development in our recreational AYSO Primary program. AYSO United home games and regular season practices will be held at Boomer Park.

Interested Coaches and Volunteers –

*Please fill out a coach application and age group request at <http://avsounited.org/coach-united/>.

Coaches are a core measure of quality in any youth sports program. AYSO United is committed to offering our area's players the best instruction possible, the AYSO way! To that end, it is our intention that coaches are appropriately trained and licensed to coach in their age group. The GVSA league requires all Head Coaches to obtain their US Soccer Federation (USSF) "E" License no later than the beginning of their second season in the league. You can learn more about the USSF licensing pathway at the US Soccer's Digital Coaching Center education website -Registration is free and their site offers an "F" license course online, <https://dcc.ussoccer.com/> which takes about two hours and costs \$25.00.

Registration and Player requirements-

Players interested playing U10-U14 and your birth year falls on or between 2003 and 2009, you are eligible to attend these tryouts. Simply fill out a player registration at <http://avsounited.org/tryouts/> *Please specify Cedar Springs 902 in message.

Day of Tryouts-

Girl's check-in will be Saturday, Oct 29th at 9:30am, tryouts will begin by 10:00 and conclude by 12:00.

Boy's check-in will be Saturday, Oct 29th at 12:30, tryouts will begin by 1:00 and conclude by 3:00.

*All players must wear shin guards, bring ball and water.

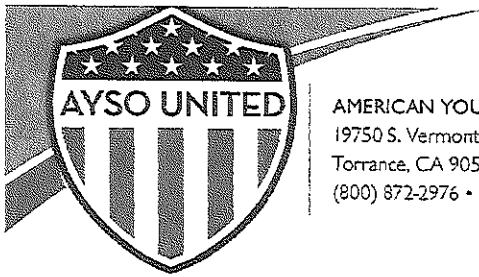
Tryouts will be held at Boomer Park, Ritchie Ave. Cedar Springs, MI

Please direct all questions to cedarsprings@avsounited.org

See you at tryouts!

Region 902

AYSO United



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Grand Valley Soccer Association
2222 Wealthy St SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Attn: Grand Valley Soccer Association Board Members

This letter is to ensure our Club Membership Application with the Grand Valley Soccer Association can waive a 90 day tryout/application rule to gain membership into your league this Fall 2016 season.

AYSO United is AYSO's official club program. Our club allows players to enjoy more advanced play, participate in intense competition and receive cutting-edge training while still enjoying the benefits of AYSO and its Six Philosophies. AYSO United models its program under U.S. Soccer's Zone 1 initiatives that falls directly under our "Development over Winning" approach.

Our new club program was formally unveiled nationally on May 2nd, 2016. If approved, we would be within the 90 day window by about 60 days. We ask for the board to approve our club, as we will have approximately 10 teams playing this fall, locally and are ready to play in a more competitive organized soccer environment. We plan to conduct our tryouts open and transparent on our AYSO United Western Michigan website, and by preparing flyers to generate amongst our Greater AYSO Grand Rapids area.

AYSO United Michigan will be our local club in the Greater Grand Rapids area which will be professionally supported and financed out of our National Organization. We will still have a strong local presence in the community. We will have a local Club Director and a local professional Director of Coaching in the Greater Grand Rapids area to maintain a local presence within the communities.

Lastly, our club agrees to abide by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of GVSA, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), US Youth Soccer (USYSA) and the US Soccer Federation (USSF). Please see our attached membership application, board of director's contacts, AYSO bylaws, and incorporation documents.

Kind regards,

David Thomas, Director of AYSO United

Grand Valley Soccer Association Club Membership Application

Club Name AYSO United Western Michigan

Contact Name David Thomas The Contact person will receive all
Phone(s) 424-221-7972 correspondence and communications
Address 19750 South Vermont Ave., Suite 200
Torrance, CA 90502 from GVSA regarding your application
Email DavidThomas@ayso.org

When was your club founded? 2016

What geographical area do you serve? Western Michigan, Greater Grand Rapids area

What is the primary goal of the club? Primary goal is to allow players to enjoy more advanced play, participate in
in intense competition while still enjoying the benefits of AYSO and its Six Philosophies

Do you have existing teams? Yes
If Yes list ages/genders Boys and Girls U10-U15

When do you wish to start play in GVSA (Spring or Fall and Year)? Fall 2016

How will you advertise your tryouts?
We plan to advertise our tryouts through our AYSO United Western Michigan website online. We also plan to make flyers
to share with our local regions to have players come tryout.

How do you plan to form at least four teams for play within GVSA?
We plan on forming six to eight teams by tryouts and using our local regions to support our teams in the GVSA. This
club is about providing our local members a change to play in a more competitive environment

Where do you plan to play? (Please list all fields)
Port Sheldon Sports Complex - 3066 Port Sheldon St. Hudsonville, MI 49426

Have you contacted a USSF Certified Referee Assignor to assign games? If so, please give his/her name:
Yes, Jim DeBrabander has offered his services.

The above named club wishes to apply for admission to become a member of the Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) and to enter teams for play within GVSA. We understand our admission to membership is provisional and subject to approval by the GVSA Board of Directors on a year by basis until we are able to form a minimum of four (4) teams per year for play in GVSA.

Our club agrees to abide by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of GVSA, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), US Youth Soccer (USYSA) and the US Soccer Federation (USFF).


Signature

3/9/16
Date

David Thomas - National Club Program Director
Name (Printed) and Title

PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF ALL CLUB OFFICERS (SEE NEXT PAGE)
ATTACH A LIST OF ALL CLUB BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND ANY INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS

**Grand Valley Soccer Association
Club Membership Application
Club Officials**

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