

## **Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: November 24, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Midwest United Offices (3445 36th Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49512)

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Kevin Balcer.

- A. **Board Members Present:** Jane Ashby, Kevin Balcer, Bre Brendsel, Chris Denham, Sara Ingraham, Andrew Johnson, Kellie McPherson, JoAnn VanSlooten
- B. **Administrator Present:** Sue Crabtree
- C. **Board Members Absent:** none
- D. **Guests:** none
- E. The minutes from the October 2025 board meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.

### **II. Officer's Reports**

- A. GVSOA Representative
  - 1. GVSOA is considering single site options for referees to be assigned 4v4 games for Spring 2026. With the current system of clubs assigning their own referees for 4v4 games, there is the question of liability insurance.
- B. Director of Coaching
  - 1. Many first time GVSA coaches are taking the course, but there are 35 coaching remaining that need to fulfill this requirement. They will not be permitted to head coach in the spring without completion of this requirement.

### **I. Administrator's Report**

- A. Oakridge Soccer Club and Cadillac both need to meet the minimum required number of teams to participate in GVSA for the spring season.
- B. Spring registration opens this week on the GVSA Dashboard.

## II. Old Business

### A. AGM voting (procedures, voting in the event of a tie, proxy voting)

1. Jane Ashby proposed new procedural language to clarify and update voting procedures at the AGM.

### B. New website update

1. Progress is being made and there should be a scheduler to test within the next week. GVSA will utilize Stripe for payments once the new website launches.

### C. Soccer Parenting

1. Sue Crabtree negotiated a substantially lower cost for the program for GVSA, including 25 return to play courses, as well as complimentary access to all parents in the league.
2. Kevin made a motion to approve \$3,500 for the upcoming year to become a member of Soccer Parenting. Seconded by Chris Deham and passed unanimously.

## III. New Business

### A. Poaching Rule Section, A Purpose and General Structure, 5 b.

1. Tabled

### B. Excess funds- Scholarships

1. A new GVSA annual scholarship program was presented to the Board.

## IV. Club Member Comment (Clubs are asked to submit any agenda items not listed above in advance)

- ### A. No comments were submitted

## V. Executive Session

- ### A. Disciplinary items were discussed.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be December 1, 2025 at 7pm, virtually.