

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

**Date:** April 14, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 PM

**Location:** Midwest United, 3445 36th St SE

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### **A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by Kevin Balcer.

**Board Members Present:** Jane Ashby, Kevin Balcer, Bre Brendsel, Mark Decker, Chris Denham, Sara Ingraham, Andrew Johnson, Kellie McPherson, JoAnn VanSlooten

**Administrator Present:** Sue Crabtree

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Guests:** Lewis Robinson

The minutes from the March 2025 board meeting were approved unanimously without changes.

### **B. Officer Reports**

#### **B.1 Administrator's Report**

- The Sideline Project was discussed; GVSA is collaborating with MSYSA to acquire the necessary resources.
- There were several last-minute player and coach additions this week.

#### **B.2 Referee Report**

- Games have been assigned for the first week of the GVSA season.
- A new FIFA rule came out that one player from each team is now required to wear a captain's band during each game. The GVSA board determined that we would not enforce the rule. GVSOA will notify referees that it does not need to be enforced and copy the GVSA Administrator, who will in turn, share with the clubs.
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#### **B.3 Ethics Officer**

- Bag tags and other award options were discussed for the Respect Campaign.
- Board member apparel is being looked into

#### **B.4 Director of Coaching**

- GVSA continues to ensure that the coaching license requirement is met
- An upcoming weekday course in Muskegon will support Lakeshore-area teams.
- GVSA is working to increase the availability of the USSF C coaching courses in West Michigan.

#### **B.5 Treasurer**

- The new treasurer is continuing to familiarize themselves with GVSA's finances.
- Investment opportunities were discussed.
- A motion was made by Jane Ashby to allow JoAnn VanSlooten to invest \$280,000 from savings into a 10-month CD at Chase Bank, with flexibility to adjust terms as needed that day. The motion passed unanimously.
- Potential new programs to utilize excess funds were also discussed.
  - Board members were asked to prioritize the suggestions presented and submit them to Kevin.

### **C. Old Business**

#### **C.1 4v4 Review**

- A survey of clubs indicated that roster flexibility and pass carding are the top priorities.
- The GVSA Administrator will present program changes at the May Board meeting to include roster a lower roster minimum, roster flexibility, and passcarding,

#### **C.2 Rule Translation to Spanish**

- GVSA rules have been successfully translated into Spanish.

#### **C.3 4th Official Program**

- GVSA will provide funding in the amount of \$3,000 this week to cover the cost of the 4th Official Program. Any remaining funds from the spring season will carry over to the fall season.
- GVSOA will provide a report of the games that are covered. The program will not kick off until approximately the 3rd week of the season due to the compact spring season schedule, as well as due to the limited ref availability due to the number of games and State Cup.

#### **C.4 Excess Funds / AGM Voting**

- AGM voting procedures, voting in the event of a tie, and proxy voting were discussed.
  - Item was tabled.

#### **D. New Business**

##### **D.1 ITC Letter**

- The ITC requirement for Select players was discussed. The possibility of removing this requirement for Select players was considered.

#### **E. Club Member Comment**

(Clubs are asked to submit any agenda items not listed above in advance.)

- No comments were submitted.

#### **F. Executive Session**

- None

#### **G. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The next meeting will take place on May 5, 2025, at the Midwest United offices.

The June meeting has been rescheduled to June 16, 2025.