

GVSA Board of Directors Minutes

10-4-21, 7:00pm

Present: Kevin Balcer, Sue Crabtree, Chris DenHam, Elissa Vire, Bruce Lane, Jane Ashby, Lizzie Hornack, Bre Brendsel, John Corbett

I. Call to Order: 7:10pm

II. Minutes of 9-13-21 Board of Directors Minutes approved as presented.

III. Officer's Reports:

Sue Crabtree- CASL will be asked to make notice of cancellations timely
- the number of red and yellow cards is lower this season than in spring at roughly the same time

Sue Crabtree + Jane Ashby- discussing unacceptable parent behavior that is threatening, escalating & more blatant
- Reeths Puffer incident is being reviewed

Kevin Balcer- has referee shirts for the club-provided referees

IV. Old Business

a) Referee Shortage in Big Rapids

Elissa Vire- instead of refereeing, youths are taking retail jobs for \$13/hour without being yelled at

John Corbett- per the report sent yesterday to board members:

- this season (and in prior seasons) Big Rapids does not have enough refs to put full crews on all (29) games
- most games have partial crews
- at least one game/season has no refs
- paying an additional \$34/game on u19 games does not result in local refs accepting the games
- if the club fields additional teams the number of games with incomplete/no crews will continue to increase
- refs near enough and available for game assignments are at least 15-20 miles away and accept assignments from the Muskegon assignors
- may need to consider moving Big Rapids' games to

Fruitport/Fremont/Muskegon

Kevin Balcer- there are 3 options:

- 1) increase the number of Big Rapids' referees (will take many, many seasons)
- 2) increase the number of referees in Big Rapids from Grand Rapids/Muskegon (those areas do not have extra referees to spare)
- 3) Move Big Rapids' games to other venues where there are greater numbers of referees accepting games (move at least the u19 and u14 games to other locations, and let the newer Big Rapids' referees work these games locally)

John Corbett- will discuss moving u19 and u14 games to Muskegon, with the Muskegon assigning group

Kevin Balcer- will discuss moving those teams to Muskegon fields, and creating a Big Rapids' referee group, with the Northland United president

Options to be reviewed at the November Board of Directors meeting

b) Build-out Lines

Chris DenHam- use in 7v7 games only

- Lizzie N+Hornack is also involved in this effort

- discussion/details will be reviewed at the next Board meeting

V. New Business

Bylaw Review

Kevin Balcer- the bylaws will be reviewed, as they were last updated in 2008 - proposed changes will be voted on the board prior to the AGM and ratified by the members at the AGM or a special meeting

Jane Ashby- will create a Google Doc for board members to comment or request any sections be reviewed/updated.

4v4 schedule/standings' page

Sue Crabtree- u7/u8 standings are not public, which causes the schedules to not be public
- parents/teams want to have the schedules public

- sue will explore reprogramming to make the schedule public and keep the standing not public

General discussion of blending in-person and virtual Board meetings.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be on November 1, 2021 at 7:00pm in-person.

December and January Board Meetings will be virtual.

7:55pm Regular Session concluded

8:00pm Executive Session called to order

Submitted by,

John Corbett