

GVSA AGM meeting minutes – March 19, 2011 @ Monsma Marketing

Meeting called to order at 12:07 by John Hall, president.

Board members present: John Hall, Ken Lovell, Steve Manett, Jack Wolf.

Roll call was taken by Steve Manett, secretary and a quorum was established with the following clubs represented:

Cadillac SA, CATS FC, Chicago Fire Jrs. MI, Flying Kick, Fruitport Fire, GR Crew Juniors, Hastings FC, Kentwood SC, Lakeshore Premier SC, LASSO, MI Rovers AC, Muskegon Lakers SC, Northland United SC, PASS FC, Rangers SC, SCOR, Tri Cities Strikers SC, USA. (Vardar West came after roll was taken.)

Previous AGM minutes approved without questions.

REPORTS:

Jack Wolf explained GVSOA's role and support for GVSOA. He also brought up on-going training for referees and the need/requirements for re-cert classes. GVSA's referee evaluation sheets were explained as well and what is done with this valuable information. Going forward all referee assignors will be coordinated by GVSOA and all referees will need to be members of GVSOA.

Steve Manett mentioned that we are working on putting board meeting minutes on the website.

Ken Lovell reported that this has been the worst year ever for discipline issues. Even though GVSA tries to work quickly to communicate yellow/red cards issued, we need to have the clubs monitor also.

John Hall mentioned the revising of our club contact list and asked that clubs communicate any changes to GVSA timely.

John Hall presented the administrator's report citing cash on hand of \$49,409.12, an increase in teams and players over last year, the addition of two clubs, and the dropping of one club.

John also detailed major changes/events in 2010-11. These included; the Meulensteen Clinic that GVSA helped underwrite via contributing to some coach's fees, GotSoccer, risk management noted on coach pass cards, and GVSOA partnering with GVSA. A major event that will have a very big impact on GVSA was the stepping down of Dave Whitehouse, league administrator in October. Dave was not present at the meeting so his contribution could not be acknowledged personally, but the board expressed their appreciation for his guidance and hard work for all the clubs, players, & referee's that he served over the many years. Dave Whitehouse was a founding member of GVSA and will be missed.

John also explained two rule revisions adopted during the year. These are; 1) a requirement that an applying club have a minimum of 3 officers, and 2) a change to the player transfer rule requiring GVSA board approval if an entire team is requesting a transfer between clubs and also providing for GVSA board approval of an individual player transfer if the original club is objecting to this transfer. In this case the board can allow the individual player transfer if it feels the objection is not warranted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was heard regarding increasing team fees for the coming year. This is needed as MSYSA is increasing their player fees and we are faced with increased costs as a result of replacing Dave Whitehouse. After presentation and discussion of a new fee structure it was determined that the board should revise the proposed schedule of fee increase to better explain the figures noted. No decision was made at this time regarding a new fee structure although the clubs in attendance seemed to agree that an increase is warranted. The clubs also requested that any new fee structure continue to be based on a team rather than per player. This would make it easier to budget for and pay. The clubs further requested that any revised fees be presented as a combination of MSYSA fees, fees charged by Whiteware, and estimated costs to

hire a league administrator. The board agreed to meet as soon as possible to come up with this new fee proposal so that clubs can plan for.

Ken Lovell brought up that as he is no longer affiliated with a member club, he is technically not eligible to run for office. The MI Rovers AC then accepted Ken into their club.

ELECTIONS:

5 board positions are expiring at the present time. A slate of 5 candidates was presented to the membership for the 5 open board positions.

Elections were held with the full slate of 5 candidates being elected by acclamation. Board members starting terms in 2011 are:

Ken Lovell
Josh Sheldon
Jake Harmon
Jim Cisler
Jim Fuller

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted,
Steve Manett, secretary