

GVSA board meeting minutes – May 2, 2011

Present: John Hall, Josh Sheldon, Steve Manett, Ken Lovell, Bjorn Hansen, Jack Wolf, Jake Harmon, Jim Cisler

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:05

Guests present were representatives from the following clubs:

MI Rovers, GR Crew Jrs., Ole SC, SCOR, TNT, Rangers SC, Tri-Cities Strikers, Fruitport Fire, Muskegon Lakers, Alliance FC, Kentwood SC, Pass FC-GR Hawks/Wolves, USA, CATS FC.

Also in attendance were Sohail Qureshi from MSYSA and John Corbett from GVSOA

The first portion of our meeting was devoted to a special request made by many member clubs to address a few issues. These issues were 1) Premier team sponsorship, 2) publication of scores & standings at age groups U8 thru U12, and 3) communication between the GVSA board and members.

Issues were brought to the board in the form of a letter dated April 20, 2011.

Regarding premier play, the clubs are requesting that GVSA sponsor all teams into the state premier league that ask for it, eliminate the requirement to participate in state cup play, and eliminate any restrictions for continuing to receive sponsorship once granted.

Regarding scores and standings, the clubs are requesting GVSA stop publishing scores, results, and standings at U8, U9, and U10 levels and to stop publishing standings at U11 & U12 levels.

Regarding communication, the clubs requested better and more consistent communication be forthcoming from the board.

We first clarified the results of our elections held at the AGM. While we may have not followed our by-laws to the letter, the clubs present approved the election process and subsequent positions assigned by the board.

A lengthy discussion was held on the topics mentioned above. It was decided by the board to issue a summary notice to all members and solicit comments from interested parties. This will be done tomorrow and a deadline of May 9 was established for a board vote on these issues.

After a brief recess, the business portion of the meeting was held.

Previous meeting minutes approved with a minor correction to language about the AGM election..

Officer's reports.

VP- Ken wondered if he was getting all information on cards issued. John mentioned that he will make sure to forward all emails on this subject to Ken for possible action.

Treasurer- Jake wanted clarification on just who should have access and be a signer for our checking account. He will draft a proposal to bring to a future board meeting.

New business:

-A possible West Michigan tournament conflict has been resolved as TNT is withdrawing their request for a tournament.

-A request for associate member status has been received from a group in Sutton's Bay. After some discussion, it was voted to allow this application pending their following all requirements for play. They are hoping to play GVSA teams in Fall 2011.

-CATS girls U12 team was approved for premier play next year.

-It was mentioned that items are not being posted on the website in a timely manner. John will address.

-One board member has not been present at the last 4 meetings. There is a concern that he cannot, or is not interested, in serving on the board. John will contact him to clarify and resolve.

Old Business:

Jack is still working on a mentoring fee proposal.

The Rangers player transfer issue has become a non-issue as the club decided to sign off on the paperwork. This after much time spent in discussion and emailing between board members to support the club's stance of not allowing the transfer. Possibly our decisions in the future should become binding upon all parties.

Club administrator-John will develop a job description this week for publication on the website to get applicants. A 2 week time frame was set to accept applications once the job description is posted. Ken will gather applications.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Next meeting June 6, 2011, 8:30 at MVP Spot (32nd St.)

Submitted,

Steve Manett, secretary