

GVSA AGM

March 11, 2023

10:30 AM

Grandville Public Library

4055 Maple St SW, Grandville, MI 49418

- Call to order at 10:32 am by Kevin Balcer, President
- Board Members present: Kevin Balcer, Elissa Vire, Courtney Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Bre Brendsel, Lizze Hornack, Bruce Lane, Chris Denham
 - Sue Crabtree, Administrator
- Board Members absent: Jane Ashby
- Roll was taken via club sign in and verbally and a quorum was established by Sue Crabtree.
 - The following clubs are represented: Alliance FC, AYSO United, Lakeshore SC, LASSO, MFA Revolution, MI Power Futbol Academy, Michigan Rangers, Michigan Rovers AC, Midwest United FC, PASS FC, Rapids FC, SCOR, USA Soccer Club, West MI Galaxy, West Michigan Storm, West Shore Waves
 - The following clubs are absent: Cadillac SA, CASSA, Fury FC, Holland Rovers FC, Northland United SC, Oakridge Soccer Club, Reeths-Puffer YSC, White Lake Breakers
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous AGM as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reports

- Kevin Balcer: We saw some great State Cup successes with some of our teams this past year. Jessica Stewart from the Spring Lake area won female referee of the year and Brylee Borgman, who plays with Midwest United and played with West Michigan Storm, won an MSYSA scholarship.
- Jane Ashby: absent, see attached report.
- Elissa Vire: see attached financial report.
- Andrew Johnson:
 - GVSOA has been reorganizing this past year. We have added a treasurer and secretary and someone that onboards new referees.
 - There will be two preseason kick off meetings (one in Grand Rapids and one in Muskegon) with on field training.
 - Assignors are working to make things more consistent across the league.
 - The goal is to contact the club and Sue if there are no referees assigned to the game by Wednesday.
 - This year's recertification class emphasized the technical area. Coaches need to stay in their technical area and should not approach referees. Coaches can receive a red card for approaching a referee at half-time and/or after the game.
 - GameOfficials was down the past month so the number of certified referees is lower than normal.
 - 35 new referees in Muskegon and Grand Rapids for the February classes. 55 signed up for March classes. michiganrefs.org

- Bruce Lane: see attached report.
- Chris Denham:
 - Starting this spring on the 4v4 games, there will be an arc in front of the goals. Players cannot be in there unless actively defending.
 - Build out line needs to be dashed vs a solid line.
- Sue Crabtree: see attached report

Items of discussion

- Bylaws Change
 - There was a motion to add the following to the bylaws to Article IX Election of Directors and Officers: In the event of a tie, the member clubs shall revote between the tied candidates. If the result of the second vote is still a tie, the Board members shall determine the result. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Updated Rules
 - Regarding clubs and teams being fined for irresponsible / unacceptable behavior by coaches, players, or spectators.
 - See report below

Elections (see attached sheet on candidates)

- 4 positions were open and elections were held. The following candidates were elected:
 - Vice President: Jane Ashby
 - Treasurer: Kellie McPherson
 - Ethics: Bruce Lane
 - At Large: Lizzie Hornack

Open Discussion

General discussion was held

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM