

## **Grand Valley Soccer Association**

Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2023 – 7:00pm

3351 36th Street SE

Kentwood, MI 49512

- I. Call to Order at 7:02pm by Kevin Balcer
  - A. Board Members Present: Kevin Balcer, Courtney Johnson, Bruce Lane, Andrew Johnson, Sue Crabtree, Jane Ashby, Kellie McPherson, Bre Brendsel, Marc Decker, Chris Denham, Andrew Johnson
  - B. Board Members Absent: none
  - C. Guests: none
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 6th, 2023 were approved as presented
- III. Officer's Reports
  - A. Treasurer: no updates
  - B. Referees: Andrew reported that they are no longer using the current referee assigning system, Game Officials. The new system may require minimal fees per game. It is unclear who will pay the per game fee - the State, league, or club. The new system will be rolled out in January.
    1. Board discussed other Michigan leagues partnering with colleges or universities to offer college credit for taking referee courses.
    2. Two clubs have not paid outstanding referees payment fees. These fees will be added to their club dashboard.
  - C. Ethics officer: Bruce presented the new sportsmanship bag tags. He is working to determine which teams will receive the tags for the Fall 2023 season. Discussion was had as to how the winners will be announced.
- IV. Administrator's Report
  - A. Sue reported that MSYSA asked for a list of all GVSA clubs that will be participating in winter training for insurance purposes. All clubs were listed in the response to the State.
  - B. State AGM is February 24, 2024
  - C. Premier team commitments and registrations due in December.

- D. Select team commitments and registrations due in January.
- V. Old Business
  - A. 4v4 Discussion
    - 1. Tabled
  - B. Respect Campaign Tags Update
    - 1. Tags have been printed and presented to the board.
- VI. New Business
  - A. The Village99 Scholarship Proposal
    - 1. Jane proposed exploring a partnership with The Village99. The Village99 is a nonprofit organization that connects families with resources (educational, housing, food etc.) and connects nonprofits with each other to amplify their impact. The Village99 has scholarship programs with other sports and would like to extend this to soccer with GVSA as a partner. The Village99 would provide the funding and administer the program. GVSA would be responsible for communicating the opportunity to the
    - 2. Jane proposed presenting this to all GVSA clubs, but would not only include GVSA players, but all other leagues within our member clubs.
    - 3. The next step is for GVSA to meet with a member of The Village99 to discuss further.
- VII. Club Member Comment
  - A. None submitted
- VIII. 2024 GVSA AGM date announced: March 9, 2024
  - A. GVSA will form a nominating committee. Nominations will be asked for in the President's winter letter. A slate will be provided prior to the AGM.
- IX. Executive Session
  - A. Disciplinary Items - Jane
    - 1. Open discussion was had
- X. The next meeting will be January 8, 2023 at 6:30pm

A. Location: Mansco 4235 Corporate Exchange Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426

XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm; the executive session adjourned at 8:16pm.