

GVSA AGM minutes – March 26, 2016 at Monsma Marketing

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by John Hall, President.

Board members present; John Hall, Bjorn Hanson, Jim Cisler, Lawrence Murray, Ken Lovell, Josh Sheldon.

Also GVSA Administrator Sue Crabtree.

Roll was taken by Josh Sheldon and a quorum was established with the following clubs represented: Cadillac SC, CASSA, Cats FC, Hastings FC, Lakeshore Premier, LASSO, MI Fire Juniors, Michigan PDA, Michigan Rovers AC, Midwest United FC, Muskegon Lakers SC, PASS FC, Rapids FC River City Rascals, SCOR, Thornapple Area SC, TNT Dynamite SC West, Tri Cities Strikers SC, USA, Vardar West.

Motion made by Leon Tabler of Muskegon Lakers to accept previous minutes, seconded by Tim Scarpino. Previous AGM minutes approved.

### **Reports:**

John Hall: John presented his report and it is attached to these minutes. John also updated the members on the Beacon Field project.

John Hall (on behalf of Jake Harmon): the Balance Sheet was presented and is attached. Jake can provide additional reports for Clubs from GotSoccer as needed.

Ken Lovell Report: Ken emphasized the importance of checking game reports before signing them. He also stressed the importance of coaches and managers knowing the rules and regulations for their teams.

Ken was asked if there was a way to use the Respect Campaign for all teams in Elite, even if they are not in GVSA and Ken felt that is something we could make happen.

Sue Crabtree: Sue presented the Admin. Report and it is attached to these minutes. She also presented the GVSA total team and the GVSA annual comparison and both are also attached.

Bjorn Hanson: Bjorn reported that the Respect Campaign is working. He encouraged clubs to start to focus on the coaches as it will trickle down to players and parents. GVSA will re-evaluate the way referees are rated starting the fall of 2016. Bjorn let the members know there is now a process for ref complaints or issues.

Comment was made from the floor that Bjorn and the other committee members, along with GVSA, are doing a good job with the Respect Campaign. Also, Bjorn was encouraged to start to focus on the younger ages of GVSA.

### **Items of discussion**

#### **By Law and/or Rule revisions:**

Eligibility for membership – By-Law change to extend the boundaries to include the Greater Lansing area. A proposal was made, general discussion was had and the motion was voted on and passed. See attachment.

Coach License Rule – Rule change was proposed and made to allow an NSCAA level 6 license to be the equivalent of the E license. See attachment. Sue let all know that she will be tracking coaches having the appropriate licenses and enforcing the rules.

Dual Registration Rule – Rule change was discussed and made to allow Pass carding and Dual-registration as well as to allow DA teams to play in GVSA. See attachment.

Pass card Rule – Rule change made. See attachment.

Field Dimensions – John presented the field dimensions we will use for the 2016-17 seasons. See attached.

Both teams will sit on the same side of the field with their spectators sitting across from them for all GVSA games.

It is not the referee's duty to deal with unruly spectators. It is the home team's responsibility.

**MSYSA Mandates: Age, Concussion, Heading, SSG:**

General discussion on the mandates from MSYSA.

**Elections: (see attached sheet on candidates)**

4 board positions are open at this time. Elections were held and the following candidates were elected;

John Hall– President

Josh Sheldon – Secretary

Bjorn Hanson – At Large

Bruce Lane – At Large

**Open Discussion:**

The floor was opened for discussion of any topics members wished to bring up. The list includes:

- Concerns on U14 and u15 and the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade combination.
- Concerns on costs for young referees starting up.
- Suggestion made for GVSA to re-evaluate inter-club transfers.
- Suggestion to looking at opening up Elite leagues for U11
- Concern brought up on premier kids playing on select teams to get around the Pass Card rule
- Concerns with one DA team being allowed to play in GVSA and the circumstances around how it was passed and communicated to the membership
- Suggestion made on more detailed notes being taken at meetings
- Recommendation made to publish meeting agendas at least a week in advance
- Suggestion to open up referee evaluation process as opposed to the one game per team's random system we currently use
- Suggestion made for GVSA to purchase a postage machine and to send out all game envelopes with postage on them

The meeting was adjourned about 3:00pm.

Submitted,

Josh Sheldon, Secretary