

## **Grand Valley Soccer Association**

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2024 – 6:30pm

Manufacturers Supply Co.

4235 Corporate Exchange

- I. Call to Order at 6:37pm 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, Andrew Johnson
  - B. Board Members Absent: Chris Denham
  - C. Guests: Brett Beckett
- II. Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 8, 2023 were approved as presented
- III. Officer's Reports
  - A. Referees: Andrew reported that the new referee assigning system appears challenging. He will present further information at the next meeting.
  - B. Ethics officer: Bruce presented data on the Fall 2023 sportsmanship scores. Presented factoring out U7 and U8 teams, as those are club-reported. Discussed providing a certificate or other award to the club with the highest overall sportsmanship scores.
- IV. Administrator's Report
  - A. Premier and select teams are committed for spring. There is an upcoming deadline for player minimums.
- V. Old Business
  - A. 4v4 Discussion
    1. Tabled
  - B. Coach License rule changes
    1. Kellie presented a plan for working with DOCs on enhancing coaching education for coaches within GVSA. She presented potential new requirements that GVSA will have for coaching licenses. Some current

coaches will be grandfathered in. The focus will start with head coaches until a solid tracking system is in place. There is a significant shortage of educators to run courses.

- VI. New Business
  - A. MSYSA Strategic Planning Meeting Recap
    - 1. Kevin attended the MSYSA Strategic Planning Meeting and presented the data from the PowerPoint presentation to the board.
  - B. GR Pro Soccer Stadium
    - 1. Marc began discussion about future potential opportunities
  - C. Open Board Nominations
- VII. Club Member Comment
  - A. None submitted
- VIII. 2024 GVSA AGM (March 9, 2024) will be held at the Cascade Library (2870 Jacksmith Ave SE) at 10am.
  - A. Nominations due to GVSA by February 15
- IX. Executive Session
  - A. No disciplinary items
  - B. Discussed AGM agenda further
- X. The next meeting will be February 5, 2023 at 6:30pm
  - A. Location: Midwest United 3351 36th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm; the executive session adjourned at 8:16pm.