

# American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting

## June 27, 2005

### Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Paul Emhoff at 7:30 PM.

David Ehlert called the roll.

Present: Amherst, Ashland, Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Berea, Broadview Hts., Brook Park, Brunswick, Buckeye, Columbia, Elyria, Fairview Park, Hudson, Independence, LaGrange, Lakewood, Medina, Middleburg Hts., Midview, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Norwalk, Olmsted Falls, Parma, Parma Hts., Rocky River, Sandusky, Strongsville, Vermillion, Wadsworth, Wellington, Westlake, and Wooster.

Absent: Cloverleaf and North Royalton (excused).

Minutes from the May 2nd, 2005 meeting were approved by Brunswick and seconded by Middleburgh Hts.

#### **Announcements by Paul Emhoff:**

**Scholarship Winners:** Paul congratulated the scholarship winners Dan Whitam and James Synk. Paul thanked John Kertis (Chairman), Tina Marianut, Vaughan Matthews and Mary Killoran for their help in picking the winners.

**Suspended games:** Once the referee for any reason suspends a game, the game is not to be played under any circumstances. A coach has no authority to override a referee's decision to play a game after the game is suspended. Playing a suspended game without a referee places the AASL, the Ohio Youth Soccer Association – North (OYSA-N), your community, and the coaches into a position of being in a very serious liability risk. If someone had been injured during a suspended game we all would have been subjected to a lawsuit. The coaches should try to schedule a make-up game at the field or as soon as possible. Please note the AASL does not have authority over the referees and all referee forms are reviewed by the AASL.

**Borrow playing:** A player may be a borrow player on another team in their community up to 3 games. Restrictions include players from A teams cannot play on B and C teams or older players cannot play on younger teams.

**Player passes:** If a team shows up without player passes do not play the game. The team without player passes forfeits the game.

#### **Announcements by Jayme McCourt:**

**Registration:** Registration is open as of June 27, 2005. Registrations after August 1<sup>st</sup> will have the late fee added and the player is not guaranteed to be carded for the first game. Please use the registration forms on the AASL website.

**Announcements by Gary Whitam:** Preliminary brackets will be posted on the AASL website by the weekend. The community representatives must agree to bracket changes prior to the Final Bracketing meeting. Please send an e-mail to Gary confirming the change by the next meeting.

**Proposed rule change:** At the last meeting a rule change was suggested by Lakewood. Lakewood suggested adopting a rule that covers transferring games from the home community to the away community in the event that a game cannot be played after the final schedule meeting because the fields are not ready. The suggestion is that the game should be moved from the home community to the away community's fields if the away community's fields are ready. Paul presented this rule change to the floor and it was decided by the group that the home and away swap should be a courtesy offer between the communities.

**Merges:** Parma Hts requested that Parma be able to provide players for their U10 and U14 teams without considering Parma players as being out-of-town players. The floor voted all in favor of this proposal.

Brook Park and Middleburgh Hts. requested permission to merge their U13 teams. The floor voted all in favor of the merge.

**Need players:** Lakewood and Olmsted Falls U14 team need players.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Brook Park and seconded by Lakewood at 8:18 pm.

**Next meeting** - The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday July 11th, 2005 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the Final Bracketing meeting.