

American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting

February 5, 2007

Minutes

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

David Ehlert called the roll.

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

Absent: Avon Lake (excused), Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Elyria (excused), Sandusky, Vermillion, and Wadsworth.

Minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting were approved by Middleburg Hts. and seconded by Parma.

Announcements by George Nanchoff:

The 2007 Continental Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament will be held in Cleveland during the week of July 4 – 8. Mr. Nanchoff handed out a brochure with the tournament's information. Contact the Tournament Director at 216-363-1117 or gnanchoff@clevelandssports.org.

Announcements by Chris Mueller:

AASL Spring Indoor Soccer Tournament – There will be an AASL Indoor Spring Tournament at NEO Soccer, 6200 Pearl Rd., Parma Hts., Ohio 44130 during the weekend of March 22 – 25. The prices are \$200 (\$225 after February 27) for U8 and U9 and \$225 (\$250 after February 27) for U10 through U14. This is a non-sanctioned tournament and the players are not covered under Ohio Youth Soccer Association-North (OYSA-N) insurances. Mr. Mueller handed out the registration form. Mr. Mueller's contact information is 440-885-1636 or neoselect@hotmail.com.

Announcements by Ron Gedrich:

Ron Gedrich was introduced as the new OYSA-N President effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Gedrich previously served as the OYSA-N Vice President. His soccer resume includes being a former Co-founder of the Cleveland Cobras and President of the Lake Erie League. Mr. Gedrich also announced that Paul Emhoff is the new OYSA-N Vice President. The position of District III Commissioner is currently open and Mr. Gedrich informed the group that they were seeking nominees to run for the position in an election.

Mr. Gedrich fielded a question from the floor. Lakewood asked for an explanation of the benefits of the player/coach membership fee. Mr. Gedrich pointed out that the player/coach membership fee includes (but is not limited to the following): insurance, membership, coaching schools, Tops soccer, the KidsSafe program and the Special Topics series.

Announcements by Paul Emhoff:

Fall Outdoor Soccer Tournament – The AASL needs a volunteer Tournament Director in order to participate with the Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League (NOGSL) again the weekend of August 17 – 19 in Strongsville. Without a Tournament Director the AASL can't participate. Contact David Ehlert if Interested

Team Declarations – Team Declaration Forms and payment are due today.

Brackets – The brackets will be made smaller this spring. The largest bracket will have 9 teams. Preliminary brackets are primarily based on last year's record and will be posted by Gary. The Community Representatives of each community must agree upon changes to the brackets. Gary prefers agreements be made via e-mail. No changes may be made after the brackets are set.

E.Reg.Training Session – An E.Reg. training session will be held at Comfort Inn on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The session will be held at the Comfort Inn located at 17550 Rosborough Drive, Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130 (phone number 440-234-3131). Please have your registrar and/or team managers attend.

Playoff system – The AASL Board is considering a playoff series for the top 4 teams in each bracket. Paul will bring up this topic again at the next meeting Feb.19. There may be an extra cost for the referees. The playoffs will be played at one site.

Per player/coach membership fee increase – There will be an increase of approximately \$1.00 to \$1.50 per player/coach membership in Fall 2007. The exact amount will be determined at a later date. National mandated the increase.

Referee fee increase – The referee game fees will increase in the spring. We will discuss them at next meeting.

Paul's new e-mail – When corresponding with Paul, please use the following e-mail address: premhoff6@yahoo.com.

Announcements by Jayme McCourt:

Registration – Please do not delete players out of E-Reg. database

Next meeting - The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday February 19, 2007 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the Final Bracketing meeting. Please watch the AASL website and e-mail for meeting changes or cancellations. Every effort will be made to provide notice of any weather related cancellation on that date by 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by North Royalton and seconded by Amherst at 8:30 PM.