

**Stafford Area Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2006**

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. The following members were present: Reb Benson, Drew McGregor, Luke Harden, Rick Ecker, Toby Brown, and Nick Scarpinato. Additional persons present were: Barry Hill, Lynda Compton, Rick Thoroughgood, Bill Myers and Steve McKenna
- II. Public May Address the Board**
- III. Other Reports**
- IV. Coordinator Reports (Those with approved agenda items)**
- Coaching Coordinator: Rick T. reported that Challenger British Soccer had been hired and was providing the training for the classic division as well as the recreation division
 - He reported on the fact that none of the U8 REC teams/coaches attended this evenings training.
 - In the future, Rick would like to have the training provided before the start of the season.
 - Rick T has scheduled F-license training has been scheduled for this Saturday 9/16. The training is to be held at Rowser Building.
 - There will be another F-license course following the coaches meeting on March 10, 2007.
 - A new coaching coordinator will need to be found for Fall 2007.
- V. Approval of the Minutes**
- The minutes were amended to more clearly state that the contract between SASA and Stafford County was for the recreational soccer in the county. Additional amendments were made to correct minor errors in writing as well as attendance at the meeting.
 - Toby made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Action Items**
- VII. Board Reports**
- President** – Reb Benson
- Complex Development Coordinator – Elvis Lewis has communicated that he would like to take on the duties as the complex development coordinator.
 - Toby made a motion to accept Elvis Lewis and Luke seconded the motion. The duties and focus of the position were discussed. It was discussed that it might be better that anyone seeking the position come into the offices to meet with the board. It was decided that Mr. Lewis would be asked to come to the next meeting to address the board.
 - Sports Park status –
 - Reb is continuing to communicate with the Board of Supervisors.
 - He has also communicated with Gordon Miller with VYSA. The VYSA board considering their options.
 - Anderson and Associates continue to work on the plans. The plans for phase I have still not been approved and are being sent to and from the County in the approval process.
 - The Board of Supervisors has been approached for a portion of the proposed recreation bond money proposed for the next election.

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- Field use charging (Classic Div) update – The contract between SASA and the county only included the recreation division and not classic. Reb has discussed this with the Parks and Recreation representative. For the fall classic will not be charged a field usage fee and the Parks and Rec commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Extended discussion to determine the best way to go forward with the field usage fee in the future.
- Demosphere website – The company is preparing to provide a presentation of what they propose for SASA.
- Towering Concerns Group issue – A report was received regarding the concerns of this group and how those concerns could impact or be coordinated with SASA's concerns.
- Uniforms...issues, concerns, ideas on way ahead – Discussed the some of the difficulties associated with the uniforms. There was a delay in receiving some of the uniforms that resulted in a large last minute push.
- Master Usage schedule – Barry provided a brief of the master usage listing that he is developing. This has been time intensive, in part, in getting the information from the various coordinators.
 - Discussed the way forward to develop a practice schedule.
 - The work associated with this endeavor makes the consideration of hiring a coordinator to attend to such administrative matters.
- SASA policy on when recreation games deemed to be completed – discussed and decided that a game is considered to be completed if at least ½ of the game is completed.
- St Patrick's Day Tournament – A permit is being developed. As yet, there is no volunteer for this tournament. Nick will arrange for planning the tournament.
- Communication...working together – Discussed whether email communications have seemed to be effective.

Vice President – Tim Conklin

- Discussed whether SASA needs to obtain a business manager to ensure we are correct in our actions. We need to ensure we are looking holistically at our issues and not coming to support one specific issue/area of concern. An example of an area of concern is in the method of our contracting and whether our contracting is in fact effective for the entire association.
- The key to this concern is ensuring we have good communications and everyone is kept informed of decisions.

Secretary – Luke Harden

- Nothing to discuss.

Treasurer – Tom Paton

- Not present; however, Bill passed that travel has been making all of their required payments.

Recreation Division – Rick Ecker

- Not present.

Classic Division – Toby Brown

- Discussed complaint regarding a slapping incident following a game.
- Discussed and congratulated Toby of the excellent newsletter that he developed for the classic division.

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Travel Division – Nick Scarpinato, Jr

- Discussed an allegation of verbal abuse. Barry has investigated the issue.

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment

- At 9:55 pm a motion was made by Nick and seconded by Luke to adjourn and it was unanimously supported.