

**Stafford Area Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2007**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm with Drew, Nick, Reb, Toby and Barry present. Tom Armstrong joined the meeting at approximately 7:45.

**II. Public May Address the Board – No input.**

**III. Other Reports – None.**

**SASA Technical Director – Barry Hill**

- Setup of field – come up with a plan for the fall season (recreation, classic and travel designated fields based on availability) and stay with this for the season.
- Recreation Coaches Meeting – Barry run them...more like a coaches meeting.
- SASA-FASA Classic games – seem lopsided and wrong teams showing up.

**Travel Technical Director – Tom Armstrong**

- Small sided internal tournament – something like a 6v6 tournament (small fee per team) making it fun and have food and music or something at the end of the day. Look at Memorial Day weekend next year...there was discussion to make this happen on 23-24 June timeframe this year also (maybe not quite as elaborate) since we are late to need to make the usual Summer Kickoff Classic happen then. ACTION: Toby to look into maybe making this happen on 23-24 June.
- Fields – need work on them...not good for training any teams on properly. ACTION: Reb to setup a time for Barry and him to meeting with County officials about field conditions.

**IV. Coordinator Reports (Those with approved agenda items) – None.**

**V. Approval of the Minutes – Toby motioned to approve 29 March Board meeting minutes; Drew 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved the minutes as written.**

**VI. Action Items – Covered in Reports**

**VII. Board Reports**

**President – Reb Benson**

- SASA Mascot name – Board agreed it would be good to come up with a mascot name. It was decided to run a contest via the next SASA newsletter to come up with mascot names and award 4 DC United tickets to the name the Board will select in the end that best represents SASA. ACTION: Reb to develop input on this for the newsletter.
- Field Usage Coordinator –per action item from 29 March meeting, Barry and Reb interviewed with several potential candidates and picked Becky Mulder to be this coordinator. Barry is working with Becky to get her up to speed on what the job entails and work with her and her husband on if we can come up with a better way of working field usage. She will slowly get involved with aspects of this position the rest of the spring season and be the main focal point starting fall season preparations.
- Uniform Handler – Per action item from 29 March meeting, Lynda and Reb met with two organizations that provided proposals to start handling the uniforms (i.e., maintain the inventory of Score uniforms) starting as soon as possible. The best

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- proposal was with Sports Scene (on Rte 610). They will pick up handling the inventory of uniforms and all (Recreation and Classic Division) will pay for the (Score) kit uniform or pieces at Sports Scene. Sports Scene will also carrying accessory items with SASA logo that we agree to and carry small quantities of travel (Adidas) uniform parts and bags and warm-up outfits for those short notice situations a player runs into. Toby motioned to accept the partnership agreement between Soccer Scene and SASA, Drew seconded the motion and all concurred.
- RSRA Contract – Nick motioned to accept the new Rappahannock Soccer Referee Association (RSRA) 3 year contract (thru December 2009), basically the same as previous years with increasing referee fees. Drew seconded the motion and all concurred.
  - Easement Request: Marion Manor – Toby motioned to accept the easement paper work for this retirement and elderly care facility to allow a water line and forced feed sewer line to run from the pump stations on Brook Point High School property through our land to their land (it will run through an area of our land where there is little we can do because of decreased width and RPA/100 year flood plan restrictions). Nick seconded the motion and all concurred.
  - Easement Request: Doug Brown (Downtown Properties, Inc) – before a motion could be developed on this request for water and sewer easement, much like Marion Manor request (and same location), due to future property development in land surround ours, board members requested we see if Mr Brown would provide any construction support of our property, besides a \$10,000 fee for the easement once executed on. ACTION: Reb to check with Doug on further assistance.
  - R&D Committee Recommendation – Toby motioned to accept the Committee recommendation on a 3 year ban for a U19 player due to an incident on the field during a game, Nick seconded the motion and all concurred. ACTION: Reb to send the letter.
  - SASA fees – Toby motioned to increase the SASA Recreation U10-U19 and Classic U12-U14 fees by \$5.00 due to increased referee and other expenses starting the fall season. Drew seconded the motion and all concurred. The travel fees were deferred to a separate meeting with appropriate individuals to layout the right requirements and necessary fees to come up with a seasonal or annual fee.
  - SASA Uniform fees – Toby motioned to increase the recreation and classic kit uniform fees (to \$26 for Rec U6-U10, \$29 for Rec U12-U19; \$42 for Classic U8-U10 and \$45 for Classic U12-U14) due to increased shipping costs. Drew seconded the motion and all concurred.
  - SASA Schedule – went over upcoming dates for various items to include Travel (9 and 11-14 June) and Classic (16 and 18-20 June) Division tryouts (plus a supplemental Classic tryout in July), open registration dates for Recreation and Classic fall signup (16 June – 21 July) and Recreation Coaches meeting on 18 August instead for all age groups.
  - SASA Annual Meeting – All concurred to have the general membership meeting on the front side of the Recreation Division Coaches meeting each August from here on out. Identify the annual meeting (to cover election of board positions and general membership issue) from 9-9:30am or so for all SASA team representatives then the Recreation coaches meeting from 9:30 – 10:30am or so. It was discussed that for this year the only Board position up for re-election is the Classic Division Director...and that the Division Directors are voted on by the team representatives for their division only—hence only Classic Division representatives will be voting at

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- this year's general membership meeting. ACTION: Reb to put out for Classic Division nominees (all assumed Toby would be one of them) to be voted on in August.
- SASA Administrator – All discussed the possibility of adding a part time (20 hours per week) administrator to complement our Operations Manager (Lynda) with a main focus on administrative functions to include writing checks, balancing books, maintain budgets, expense reports, etc for the Board to review at meetings and the Treasurer to audit/confirm. All requested deferment on a decision to add this position (which would also result in a change of office hours and office worker support to defray some of the cost) until the June meeting.
  - Summer Kickoff Classic – All concurred it is too late to get that annual tournament going without an identified director. Still waiting to see if Soccer Academy will work out a capability and proposal to provide a Director for this tournament plus starting one around Veterans Day weekend plus the St Patrick's Day Tournament.
  - Permits: High School and Sundays – Reb discussed is ongoing dialog with the School Asst Superintendent on developing a different policy for how we can book high school fields that he will work with Athletic Dept Directors. Reb also discussed that with the likelihood of Stafford Parks and Recreation taking over Pratt and Brook Park complexes starting in July it will require discussions on field use (to include Sundays).
  - Land Opportunities – Reb discussed that he will continue to work with the real estate agent and VYSA on possibilities where both can partner together if it makes sense and if so bring that to the Board (i.e., a land purchase ready to potentially execute on). Depending on what were to be available could be for another facility to partner on or become the primary facility that we would partner on (maybe sell existing land to help defray our overall costs).
  - SASA Day at RFK – Reb mentioned we had 121 tickets sold for this event that was part of the DC United game on 6 May. Thought that maybe a Sunday afternoon was not as good a choice as a Saturday evening game...will look for that venue for the fall SASA Day. Also look to have a player appearance (part of our agreement with DC United) during the Saturday picture day in the fall (22 September). Nick mentioned it would be good to get SASA tickets to the LA Galaxy (Beckham) vs. DC United match if possible. ACTION: Reb to check into group ticket possibilities.

**Vice President** – Drew McGregor

- Asked about the status of the plans for Phase I. Reb mentioned the plans are still at the County and we are still trying to get Anderson and Associates to get all the questions answered and work a game plan for the Corp of Engineers and streams issue.
- All talked about the possibility of another PCA Second Goal workshop in August...possibly in-line with the coaches meeting, etc and find ways to promote it better and develop incentives for participation. ACTION: Drew will look into costs and ways to promote and develop incentives for another workshop to bring to the Board for approval.

**Secretary** – Luke Harden

- Excused...no input.

**Treasurer** – Tom Paton

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- Excused...no input.

**Recreation Division** – Carla Smith

- Excused, but the Board did talk about the four year olds in the recreation program and concurred that our policy should be that any player in the U6 age group must be 5 years old at the start of the soccer year (August – July). Let the Soccer Academy Little Strikers program (run in Stafford also) or the younger age programs run at the Fredericksburg Field House serve as an avenue for the under 5 group.
- Mentioned there is a Recreation Division Age Group Coordinators meeting on 22 May.

**Classic Division** – Toby Brown

- Mentioned that FASA is picking up on the idea of a U16 age group for Classic so hence no need to readdress this option for SASA – would be too much competition to get quality players for both associations.

**Travel Division** – Nick Scarpinato, Jr

- Super Y has a good turnout of SASA players and coaches for their teams formed up for this summer session
- Commented that all volunteers for the travel tryouts will show the SASA colors...blue polo shirts for evaluators and white polo shirts for administrators
- Would like the R&D committee to review a situation with a coach that is accomplishing both travel and classic and to develop a SASA policy position regarding the issues that have surfaced on this coach.
- Talked about the upcoming Travel Managers meeting that Barry will run on 17 May and the Coaches meeting on 21 May.
- Mentioned we might want to look at having Barry be the tournament director for the St Patrick's Day Tournament.

**VIII. New Business - None**

**IX. Adjournment**

At 10:20pm Nick made a motion seconded by Toby to adjourn the meeting, the board unanimously supported the motion and the meeting was adjourned.