

**Stafford Area Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2006**

- I. **Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. The following members were present: Reb Benson, Drew McGregor, Luke Harden, Toby Brown, Tom Paton, and Nick Scarpinato. Additional persons present were Barry Hill, Lynda Compton, and Bill Myers.
- II. **Public May Address the Board**
- Elvis Lewis – Mr. Lewis was unable to attend the meeting.
- III. **Other Reports**
- IV. **Coordinator Reports (Those with approved agenda items)**
- Coaching Coordinator – License sessions and spring training plans. Discussed that the training requirements need to be developed across the association.
 - Operations Facilitator – Refund responsibilities. Discussed placing Lynda on the account so that she will be able to write refund checks. This will be done when we obtain a new account and she will be added to our current account to authorize writing of checks.
 - Technical Director – Discussed various facilities that might have available fields in the area as well as possible way forward to obtain use of fields.
 - Discussed upcoming tournaments
 - Discussed the field closure on Sunday morning and how to improve things in the future.
 - Still working on the price for the use of the field house this winter.
- V. **Approval of the Minutes**
- VI. **Action Items**
- VII. **Board Reports**
- President** – Reb Benson
- St Patrick’s Day Tournament – Reb to look into obtain DC United sponsorship.
- Vice President** – Drew McGregor
- Brought information regarding the positive coaching alliance. He pointed out that it is a requirement within the NCSL for coaches U14 and younger.
- Secretary** – Luke Harden
- Discussed issues within the U16 girls division and specifically issues related with the play of a team. Reb is to speak to the coach.
- Treasurer** – Tom Paton
- Discussed the establishment of a new checking account. Leaning toward establishing the SASA account with Sun Trust. There is information that will be necessary to establish the account. The most important item for establishing the account is a corporate license for SASA.
 - Discussed the SCORE bills and the need to follow-up on the bills.
 - Discussed the need for bills to go into the treasurer’s inbox in the future.
- Recreation Division** – Rick Ecker
- Rick is stepping down from the Recreation division position. Carla Smith has volunteered to fill the position.

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- The board decided that it would meet with Carla and any other individual interested in the position. Carla will be acting director until such time as a final decision is made on who is elected as a volunteer

Classic Division – Toby Brown

- Toby discussed an incident involving parents at a recent game, he discussed the fact that the coach, instead of the parents, should be given the card. Reb will speak with the referee association regarding this issue.
- Discussed his philosophy regarding classic and recommended that U14 should be 8 v 8. This board discussed various views regarding the small-sided games at the U14 level.
- Discussed the pursuing players for the various divisions within SASA. It was decided that a brochure needs to be developed explaining the various levels and paths of progression.
- Discussed the issue that there are some players playing on multiple teams. Decided that it was fine to play on two teams in two separate divisions of SASA; however, it was inappropriate to be playing on two separate recreational teams in the same season.

Travel Division – Nick Scarpinato, Jr

- Nick provided a proposal for a club coach program. These individuals would provide assistance in the tournament administrative process. The individual would not be available in the summers but would be provided for approximately 8 months. Discussed the benefits and assistance such a position could provide. It was decided additional information needed to be developed. The information was to be developed and forwarded to Rick Thoroughgood would provide the information to Barry.

VIII. New Business

- Board access to internet – Discussed the need to ensure that there is an individual, in addition to Reb, who is available to receive information regarding field conditions etc. It was decided that SASA would look into providing Barry access to ensure this back-up.
 - Toby moved that SASA should obtain wireless access for a laptop for Barry to use. Nick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

- At 10:07 pm a motion was made by Nick and seconded by Luke to adjourn; it was unanimously supported.