

SASA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 3, 2008

The Stafford Area Soccer Association held its regular monthly meeting Monday November 3, 2008 at the SASA office. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

SILENT ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Reb Benson	P		Barry Hill	Teresa Luszcze
Drew McGregor	P			Robert Luszcze
Tom Paton	P			Deborah Schadewald
Bill Myers	P			Sterling Schadewald
Carla Smith		A		Paul Schadewald
Jim Ballard	P			Kurt Schadewald
Rick Thoroughgood	P			D. R. Horton
Toby Brown	P			Clark Leming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Thoroughgood motioned and Bill Myers seconded, to approve the minutes from the October meeting; motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC

D. R. Horton and Clark Leming discussed soccer fields that are planned for a future development. The athletic complex that was presented included six large rectangle fields, six smaller rectangle fields and four baseball fields. The Board stated their support for this project regarding the setup for soccer fields along with some additional recommendations related to lighting and irrigation.

Bob Luszcze and guests presented the board with problems with a U-17 Travel team to include tryout problems (no numbers on shirts) and issues with B and C teams (no A team). Guests were asking what could be done on the above issues. Board decided that Rick Thoroughgood as Director of the Travel Division would handle the issues and report back to the SASA board. Meeting time and date is TBD.

New Business

Status by each Division Director:

Rick Thoroughgood (Travel) talked about issues with teams in U17 / High School age. U14 Gunners has a coach but Brazil still needs a coach. Rick also talked about coaching problems/issues.

Toby Brown (Classic) talked about still having a couple of games not having referees. Sportsmanship issues on some teams. One coach using ineligible guest players. Training worked out this season. No Classic Tournament was held this fall season, but did have a Slam Tournament. Classic tryout schedule is out; Toby needs help with tryouts.

Carla Smith (Recreational) was absent to attend recreation division playoff games. She submitted the following report: Playoffs are scheduled to complete by November 13. (Weather permitting). U19 Girls House League – SASA team came in 2nd place for their Division with playoffs for that league in Fairfax the weekend of November 8 and 9. Age Group Coordinators (AGC) are in place for next season. Only one will not be returning, but already have replacements. Our first AGC meeting is on December 10th, working on an agenda that will include discussion on the upcoming season and lessons learned from this season. Will probably include Don Baxter to assist with Rainier discussion and since everyone has worked with it for one season we can hopefully give pointers on shortcuts etc. for next season. All schedules were submitted to referees for the playoffs. Several Age Groups had to be tweaked to accommodate referees, but all holes have been filled. Injuries are down from last season. Fields have greatly improved.

OLD BUSINESS

Board had a discussion on the 2008 and 2009 budget status. Bill Myers will pick an accountant to work with on the books. Toby motioned to have Bill select an account (with a \$500 limit) to help review what would be needed to merge the set of books properly. Drew seconded, unanimously approved.

Travel budget and Recreation outstanding bills discussed. Uniformed contract and issues was discussed.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

October 2008 Recap from Sean Rose, SASA Tournament Director: Another good, productive month as we are a little less than 5 months away from the St Patrick's Day tournament. I'm planning for our next volunteers meeting in the first and second weeks of November. I've broken it up by responsibility, so we're having a meeting for site coordinators (they get to pick which one they want to attend), one for check-in, and one for miscellaneous tasks. While a little tougher on me, it's easier on our volunteers because the meetings won't take as long. I am working on getting everyone to RSVP for this...a tougher task than anticipated!

As far as team conflicts, only two teams have stated that they plan on participating in the Jefferson Cup if accepted. Everyone else, to my knowledge, should be good to go. On the field front, I had a meeting with the Prince William Parks Commission and we should be good on the turf fields in the County. PWSI is holding their Icebreaker a week later than our tournament so there are no conflicts there. We have also submitted initial paperwork with Stafford County and prioritized our facilities. I do not foresee any

problems there. We have some backup fields in place as well should any unforeseen circumstances arise.

The Garden Inn, Fredericksburg has been secured as our Check-In location. That information is now posted on the website along with a discount for booking online. I hope to publish more discounts on the site as well for teams from outside the area.

Sponsors are coming along well. DC United will have a presence at check-in with a player (as long as there are no training conflicts with preseason) and there will be some giveaways too. Eurosport will have goodies as well. I am going to ask our volunteers at the next meeting to come with 3 leads of businesses I can contact.

Applications will open Nov. 15 on the site. I have asked all the SASA teams to apply already at <http://apply.sasapatty.com> so we can get them in the system. I will do a second email to everyone from last year as a reminder to them. I have also pinged my contacts at clubs in VA, MD, DC, WV, NC, PA, NJ, NY, and CT to make them aware of the event as well.

Other miscellaneous items...working on trophies with Lynda from Crown.... getting some tee shirt items up on the site for sale....I also put up a neat little traffic tracker at the bottom of the page so you can see where people are coming from...very interesting. Things are coming along nicely!

STAFF REPORTS

Barry Hill, SASA Technical Director, talked about the potential indoor site on Route 1. He also provided a report on the U5 SASA Stars program (hardcopy attached to office copy of minutes) and recommended SASA change the league structure for U6, U7 and U8. He mentioned the Travel Division meeting for managers went well and that he would be out of country (going home for the Holidays) from December 15 through January 7. He has looked at land in the Stafford area for fields. (Nothing positive)

Lynda Compton, SASA Operations Manager, submitted the following comments:

1. Have contacted Don to see if he is on target to launch registration for Dec 1. Need him to send a blast announcing registration. No reply from him, yet. I am looking to meet with him in November to discuss the public side of the registration site (more intuitive, user friendly) He has not gotten back with me regarding a convenient time for him.
2. Need to see if fees will remain unchanged for spring registration. Need to work on a flyer for the elementary schools (not every single school...that would cost too much). Flyer has to be pre-approved by SCPS (Valerie Cottongim). Note: Board concurred on the flyer to the elementary schools and the fact registration fees for would remain the same for the spring season.

3. Laptops - We have none available for open registration as they are assigned to Jennifer, Carla and Brad, (U19G), how are we solving this? Note: Board stated once we have a budget in place for 2009 we can then look to see what is needed and purchase that computer equipment.
4. Registration roadside signs. We only 6 left from original order. Do we want to re-order? Believe it was around \$250.00 for 15-20 double sided signs. Note: Board concurred on purchasing 10-15 signs.
5. Fees were as follows: U6 \$55, U8 \$55, U10 \$80, U12 \$95, U14-U16 \$100, U19-\$105

President's Report

Discussed the Gunner's proposal and it was agreed that Drew would head up a smaller group on the proposal. The Board further discussed the St Patrick's Tournament. The Board discussed the Office Manager Position; Reb will re-work the contract for this position at a lower price.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Bill and unanimously approved at 9:45 pm.