

American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting

February 21, 2005

Minutes

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

David Ehlert called the roll.

Present: Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Berea, Broadview Hts., Brook Park, Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Columbia, Elyria, Hudson, LaGrange, Lakewood, Medina, Middleburg Hts., Midview, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, Parma, Rocky River, Strongsville, Wellington, Westlake, and Wooster.

Absent: Ashland, Fairview Park, Independence, Lorain, Mentor, Norwalk (excused), Parma Hts. (excused), Sandusky (excused), Vermillion, and Wadsworth.

Minutes from the February 7, 2005 meeting were approved by Westlake and seconded by Rocky River.

Announcements by Paul Emhoff:

Spring tournament – The AASL Spring Tournament will be played from Friday April 1st to Sunday April 3rd, 2005. Information regarding the tournament will be emailed to the Community Representatives and Presidents soon.

Transferred players – The State Cup allows no more than 5 transfer players on each roster. It is the Team's responsibility to follow Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN) rules regarding roster eligibility when entering tournaments such as the State Cup. Transfer rules are on the OYSAN website. Jayme registers players for AASL purposes only. Paul recommends that an AASL Player Status Change Form be completed and sent to Jayme for mid-season player drops. OYSAN may request this information for the State Cup.

Coach of the Year – Paul thanked the communities that sent in Coach of the Year Nominations. There are many excellent choices this year.

Field Sizes – Paul handed out suggested field sizes for U8, U9, 8v8 and 11v11. **Please refer to the overall field sizes only. Sizes of goalie boxes and center circles will be discussed at the next meeting.** The recommended rectangular field sizes are:

- 1) 5v5 – maximum length is 50 minimum is 45 – width maximum is 45 and minimum is 35 – recommended field size 45 x 35.
- 2) 6v6 – maximum length is 55 minimum is 50 – width maximum is 45 and minimum is 40 – recommended 55 x 45
- 3) 8v8 – maximum length is 80 and minimum is 70 – width maximum is 60 and minimum is 50 – recommended 75 x 50
- 4) 11 v 11 – maximum length is 130 and minimum is 100 – width maximum is 100 and minimum is 50.

U8/U9 Coaches meeting - Monday March 14, 2005 at the Parma Community Recreation Center. Dr. Tom Turner will demonstrate. Required meeting for U8/U9 coaches.

Announcements by Gary Whitam:

Brackets – Final Brackets will be posted by midnight.

Preliminary Schedule – Preliminary schedules will be posted by midnight Thursday February 24th. Game changes need to be made prior to Friday March 18th at midnight. Game changes must be agreed upon by Community Representatives. Changes must be e-mailed to Gary with a copy to the opposing community. The final schedule will be posted by 6:00 PM on Sunday March 20th. Please do not forget to complete a Home Field Schedule Form and bring it to the Final Schedule Meeting.

Try to keep games in a row. It makes it easier for scheduling referees. Weekday games are acceptable in the Spring only.

Reminder – The State Cup is the weekend of May 6th – 8th and 14th - 15th. Other potential scheduling problems to consider: baseball, communions, and field trips. It is recommended that the coaches review the preliminary schedule.

Announcements by Jayme McCourt:

Player registration - Player registration opened February 7, 2005 and the box is back out on her front porch.

Announcements by David Ehlert:

Meeting Minutes - Minutes are now posted on the AASL website.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday March 21st, 2005 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the Final Scheduling Meeting. Please come hungry – food will be served. Please watch the AASL web site and e-mail for meeting changes or cancellations. Every effort will be made to provide notice of a weather related cancellation on that date by 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Elyria and seconded by Brunswick at 8:10 PM.