

American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting May 2, 2005 Minutes

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

David Ehlert called the roll.

Present: Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake, Broadview Hts., Brook Park, Brunswick, Columbia, Hudson, LaGrange, Lakewood, Medina, Middleburg Hts., Midview, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, North Royalton, Norwalk, Olmsted Falls, Parma, Rocky River, Wellington, Westlake, and Wooster.

Absent: Ashland, Bay Village (excused), Berea, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Elyria, Fairview Park, Independence, Parma Hts., Sandusky (excused), Strongsville, Vermillion, and Wadsworth

Minutes from the March 21st, 2005 meeting were approved by Parma and seconded by Broadview Hts.

Announcements by Paul Emhoff:

Kidsafe - Starting next week OYSAN will open up online registration for the Kidsafe Disclosure Statement at <www.oysan.org>. There will be two pages. A page for the 2003 to 2005 registration (if you are registering for this spring only) and a page for the 2005 to 2007 registrations. If you are registering for Spring 2005 and will be registering for Fall 2005 you will need to fill out both. The Kidsafe Disclosure Statements cover two-year cycles. Important - Please print off the registration confirmation and send a copy of it to the AASL to the AASL Registrar with the team's registration packet.

Rainouts – The AASL Board will not cancel games due to inclement weather or poor field conditions. Paul believes each community is smart enough to make the appropriate decision when canceling games due to inclement weather or poor field conditions. Please do not wait until Sunday to cancel if you know early enough. In the event of a cancellation please call your Referee Assignor to cancel and re-schedule. Bobbie's cell phone number is (216) 402-3102. Marko's home phone number is (216) 741-1218. Paul understands that the many canceled games from the last two weekends may be difficult to re-schedule. Paul is willing to extend the Spring season one extra week but he would prefer to get the games in by the June 12th make-up date deadline.

High School Summer League – The AASL High School Summer League has about 50 teams. The first meeting is May 10th in the cafeteria at the Cuyahoga Community College (Tri C) West Campus in Parma. There is a page on the

AASL website with High School League information. Mr. Wayne Wilson is the contact.

Local Soccer Tournaments – Please support local soccer tournaments. Many AASL communities have well run soccer tournaments. There is a page on the AASL website with local tournament information.

Scholarship Winners: The AASL chose two scholarship winners this year are Dan Whitam and James Synk. The awards will be presented to the winners at the next AASL meeting. We would like to thank John Kertis (Chairman), Tina Marianut, Vaughan Matthews and Mary Killoran for their help in picking the winners.

Announcements by Jayme McCourt:

Jayme discussed Fall 2005 Registration and handed out registration packets. Below is an outline of the key points of her discussion:

FALL 2005 KEY POINTS FOR REGISTRATION

THIS IS A COMBINATION OF MY VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THE WRITTEN ONES GIVEN OUT ON MONDAY MAY 2, 2005

These are the items I have to look for when processing the teams – there will be a lot of MUST's in here.

- **FEES**
Fee is \$12 per person.
Registration will be accepted at the Final Scheduling Meeting on August 1st at \$12.
Anything received after that meeting the fee will be \$24.

- **COACHES FORMS**

There MUST be one coach form for a team or I CANNOT process it. OYSAN rules. Don't submit teams without a coach.

Must list their license number and level on the form. **Over the next few weeks I will be compiling a list of your coaches with their license levels and numbers.**

Must be signed in the Disrespect Square.

Must be signed in the Bottom Square.

- **KIDSAFE – we are back to a 2-year cycle of Kidsafe forms 2005-2007**
Must have a Kidsafe.
Must have a SS # on Kidsafe.

Must be signed.
No Kidsafe – you will not be rostered.
Must have copy of confirmation

If you do not submit a kidsafe for fear of identity theft, you have to go to your local police department and have a background check done, at YOUR expense. Send that information to OYSAN and they will notify me to allow me to place you on the roster. You can give me a completed Kidsafe in a sealed envelope and it will remain sealed until it goes to OYSAN. Please mark the envelope “Kidsafe – and the name.

■ **PLAYER FORMS**

Must be signed in the Disrespect Square.
Must be signed in Liability Square.
Medical Square is not mandatory.

■ **PROOF OF AGE**

Passports are ok. If the child has a foreign birth certificate, as long as the name matches and we can make out the birth date, they are acceptable.

No hospital birth certificates.
No baptismal birth certificates.

■ **PASSES**

These are 2-year passes!! Computer generate, type or print
NEATLY!

Must have a COLOR photo. **Black and white photos will not be accepted. Digital cameras are great for this. You can print on regular paper on high quality and get a good photograph for these passes.**

Must be GLUED – no tape. – **tape blacks out the image upon lamination.**

Must be signed on the top line.

Must indicate AASL-Player or AASL-Coach. **Must have AASL on our passes.**

Double carding – Must have the same I.D. number.

Coaches must have a pass for each team they are rostered on.

■ **AASL Policy on Disrespect, Assault, and Abuse of Referees/Players/Coaches/Spectators**

Must give a copy to each parent/guardian of each player.

This policy was reworked this spring. Each and every person should be aware that this is in effect. You may not agree with it, but we are asking that you publish it. This is not just directed towards our referees but everyone on the field.

■ **ROSTERS**

Must be in alphabetical order.

This is my checklist against the roster I generate.

■	<u>ROSTER SIZES</u>	
	U8, U9, U10	12 max
	U11, U12	14 max
	U13, U14	18 max

All of the forms can be found at our website AASLOH.net under the Registration section.

The revised Registration Manual is on the website and it gives step by step instructions on how to do all of the paperwork. All 19 pages of it!

Please double-check your packets before giving them to me.

Try to get your teams in to me early. Don't wait for that lone late coach! You all know you have one!

The correct packets go smoothly and they are out the door. The problems are when one or more of the things I mentioned are not done. I have to e-mail you the problem, write down on the packet what the problem is and then wait for you to correct it when it could be something little. That team then goes on HOLD. Any team that goes on HOLD goes to the END OF THE LINE! They are done LAST. I have no other way of being fair about it. Some packets are perfect and they flow. It's not fair to those people that complete them accurately. So many teams that get put on HOLD have minor problems that could have been caught before giving me the packet.

A lot of these Registration rules are put in place by OYSAN. I am just following them. Then a lot of the others rules are for me to go through these packets quickly and efficiently. I have to be very organized in order to complete the high volume of teams in such a short period of time.

Questions from the floor:

A rule change was brought up from the floor. A community representative suggested a rule that covers transferring games from the home community to the away community in the event that a game cannot be played after the final schedule meeting because the fields are not ready. The suggestion is that the game should be moved from the home community to the away community's fields if the away community's fields are ready. Paul would like to discuss this proposal further and hold a vote at the next meeting when all communities are present.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday June 27nd, 2005 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the team declaration meeting for the Fall 2005 season. Please bring completed registrations forms and fees. The meeting was adjourned by Brook Park and seconded by Westlake at 8:05 PM.