

American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting

February 6, 2006

Minutes

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

David Ehlert called the roll.

Present: Amherst, Ashland, Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Berea, Broadview Hts., Brook Park, Brooklyn, Brunswick, Buckeye, Columbia, Fairview Park, Independence, Lakewood, Lorain, Medina, Middleburg Hts., Midview, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, North Royalton, Norwalk, Olmsted Falls, Parma, Parma Hts., Rocky River, Sandusky, Strongsville, Vermillion, Wadsworth, Wellington, Westlake, and Wooster.

Absent: Cloverleaf (excused), Elyria (excused), Hudson (excused), and LaGrange.

Minutes from the November 7, 2005 meeting were approved by Middleburg Hts. and seconded by Brunswick.

Announcements by Paul Emhoff:

Spring Indoor Soccer Tournament – There will be an AASL Indoor Spring Tournament at NEO Soccer, 6200 Pearl Rd., Parma Hts., Ohio 44130 during the weekends of March 24 – 26 (U8 – U11) and March 31 – April 3 (U12 – U14). The prices are \$175 (\$200 after February 20) for U8 and U9 and \$225 (\$250 after February 20) for U10 through U14. Further information will be sent to Community Representatives and Presidents in the near future. This is a non-sanctioned tournament and the players are not covered under Ohio Youth Soccer Association-North (OYSAN) insurances.

Fall Outdoor Soccer Tournament – The AASL and the Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League (NOGSL) will jointly sponsor an outdoor tournament the weekend of August 11 – August 13 in Strongsville. Details are forthcoming.

AASL Sponsored Referee Course –

WHEN:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
February 24, 25 & 26, 2006

WHERE:

Schaaf Community Center
Room 115
5983 West 54th Street
Parma, Ohio 44129

WHAT:

The clinic will consist of two parts:

1. A course for recreational referees (Grade 9)
2. A course for travel referees (Grade 8)

Participants may select one course or both.

HOW MUCH:

- 1) Registration fee - \$35
- 2) Grade 9 fee to USSF - \$20 (if participant selects this course only)
- 3) Grade 8 and 9 fee together for USSF - \$25
- 4) Fee to belong to Greater Cleveland Soccer Officials Association (optional) - \$10 student and \$35 adult.

To Register, call Marko Vucenovic (216) 741-1218 or e-mail: vumarkosoccer@msn.com.

Registration – Paul would like to purchase a system that allows for online player and coach registration. Paul is in discussions with a software company. Two large communities (Westlake and Strongsville) and two smaller communities (Parma and one to be determined) will be asked to pilot the system.

Announcements by Gary Whitam:

Team Declarations – Team Declaration Forms and payment are due today.

Brackets - Preliminary brackets will be posted by Sunday February 12, 2006. Gary will post the preliminary brackets. The Community Representatives of each community must agree upon changes to the brackets. Gary prefers agreements be made via e-mail. No changes may be made after the brackets are set.

Announcements by Jayme McCourt:

Player registration - Player registration is open and the box is back out on her front porch. Jayme brought extra player passes to hand out.

KidsSafe form (now called Risk Management) – Beginning January 1, 2006 the KidsSafe form is required to be completed online at the OYSAN website (www.oysan.org). No paper applications will be accepted.

Announcement by Tom Faro:

Paul introduced Tom Faro, Executive Director of OYSAN. Mr. Faro began his duties in October 2005. Mr. Faro began his presentation by thanking the communities for their contributions to soccer and explained that OYSAN's goal is to provide information to the soccer community quickly. He and OYSAN are also trying to make processes much easier including developing a one-sided player pass card and by providing more information on OYSAN's website. Mr. Faro explained that OYSAN processed 12,000 KidsSafe forms. Mr. Faro invited everyone to visit the new OYSAN website and check out all of the changes.

Announcements by Lee Wiswell:

Lee handed out Bothwell refunds.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday February 20, 2005 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the Final Bracketing meeting. Please watch the AASL website and e-mail for meeting changes or cancellations. Every effort will be made to provide notice of any weather related cancellation on that date by 4:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by North Royalton and seconded by Parma at 8:10 PM.