

American Amateur Soccer League (AASL) Meeting

July 9, 2007

Minutes

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

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

Absent: Middleburg Hts. (excused), Vermillion (excused), Wadsworth, and Wellington.

Minutes from the April 30th, 2007 meeting were approved by Brunswick

Please note addition to Minutes:

Player/Coach Fee Increase: *The membership fee for the 2007/2008 season is \$13 per player, coach or assistant coach. This represents a \$1 increase over the 2006/2007 fee. Paul reminded everyone that the fee increases to \$21 starting July 30th for the Fall 2007 season.*

Announcements by Paul Emhoff:

Korey Alan Smerk – Korey was introduced as one of the two scholarship winners.

Awards - First and second place trophies are available and will be handed out after the meeting for the U9, U10 and U11 teams. T-shirts for U12 and above will be handed out at the next meeting. All U8 players received participation awards.

Trapped players: U15 Trapped Player has been eliminated. U14 teams will now be classified as U14/U15 teams. The maximum number of U15 players is 3. U15 players cannot play in tournaments as U14 players unless the tournament allows it.

Risk Management: Every year coaches are required to complete risk management. Starting September 1, 2007 the cost per coach will be \$5. The communities are encouraged to complete all risk management requests by September 1st.

Proof of Age: Communities will be required to sign a form verifying that the proof of age was checked for new players. The form will be sent to all communities soon. The AASL no longer needs a copy of the proof of age. An official of the club is required to sign the form. A current AASL pass guarantees proof of age was already checked by the league. It is recommended that the club maintain a copy of the proof of age.

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Announcements by Jayme McCourt:

Registration: Registration deadline for first AASL game is midnight July 22nd. Any registration after July 30th will be \$20 per registration. Player and coach passes for 2007/2008 begin August 1st.

Player pass numbers: e Reg is required for the Fall. You may use either the current pass number or the newly created e-Reg pass number.

Announcements by Gary Whitam:

Final bracketing meeting: This is the final bracketing meeting. No bracket changes allowed after the meeting.

Preliminary schedule: The preliminary schedule will be out by Thursday July 12th. Schedule changes need to be sent to Gary by midnight July 27th. Final schedules will be set on July 29th. Changes need to be worked out by both communities with a confirmation from both communities to Gary by either e-mail or phone. Put games in a row on a field and work with the NOGSL rep to align games (i.e., AASL boys game at 1:00 PM, NOGSL girls game at 2:30 PM, and AASL boys at 4:00 PM). This helps with referee assigning. No changes after final scheduling meeting with the exception of inclement weather and school functions. Fall season begins August 19th. You can change weekday games to a weekday but you cannot change a weekend game to a weekday game.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Norwalk. and seconded by North Royalton at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Monday July 30th, 2007 at the Brook Park Recreation Center. This is the Final Scheduling meeting. Food will be available.