

**GAASA MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Jim Bauschlinger, President**  
**Zoe Walsh, Vice President**  
**Jim Anderson, Treasurer**  
**Paula Moore, Girls V.P.**  
**Bob Wright, Boys V.P.**  
**Kathleen Jeske-Piorkowski, Secretary**  
**Ahmed Hawari, Director of Commissioner's**  
**LuAnn Blazeff, Registrar**  
**Tom Pickett, Executive Director**

**CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Akron Metro, Alpha Phi Alpha, Barberton Soccer Club, Brecksville Soccer Club, Copley Soccer Assoc., Coventry Soccer Club, Cuyahoga Falls Soccer, Ellet Soccer Club, Highland Youth Soccer, Inner City Soccer, Jackson Fury, Jackson Select, Kent Soccer Club, LKSC, Lake Soccer Club, Mantua Soccer Assoc., Medina Soccer Assoc., Northwest Soccer, Revere Soccer Club, Rootstown Soccer Club, St. Hilary, Stow Soccer Club, Striker's Soccer Club, and Wadsworth Soccer Club.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Jim Anderson handed out the GAASA Balance Sheet dated January 31, 2008. Board has decided that GAASA will adhere to a budget, Jim is working on that proposal.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Jim Bauschlinger indicated that the Monthly League Meetings need to be moved to TUESDAY'S every month, beginning in APRIL.**

**Leagues were reminded of the Code of Conduct form needing to be signed by the Board of Director's and all the coaches for every League. This form must be turned in at Player Registration, can be printed off of the GAASA web site. Any Coach not signing off on this document will not receive their pass.**

**VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT:**

**Zoe Walsh is putting together a Committee to discuss any situations that take place, that may not be covered on the GAASA Code of Conduct form. This Committee will comprise of League Reps to determine discipline guidelines that may not be reflected in the Code of Conduct. Any infractions that take place off of the soccer field will be discussed by this Committee, and proposed discipline action will be brought to the Board of Directors for further review. This Committee will meet on an as-needed-basis, when situations arise.**

**The Code of Conduct Committee will be: Zoe Walsh, Stow; Todd Koch, Stow; John Dziejwisc, St.Hilary, Bob Davies, Mantua; and Sherri Schloss, Wadsworth.**

**GIRLS VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**BOYS VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**SECRETARY:**

Kathleen will begin to post all the Monthly League Meeting notes onto the web site, for Clubs to review at a later time.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tom reminded all the Clubs that Team Registration is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom made reference to the fact that he would like to research and pursue, for future use, having parents access the Soccer Works program and register their child themselves. This would make registration easier on the Clubs and on LuAnn. Tom is researching the possibility of having parent's register their child's data online. Parents will NOT be permitted to choose the team that their child plays on! Tom asked that all Clubs consider this option and email him with any suggestions or comments that might help or hinder this idea. Tom is looking into the cost of this additional program onto the GAASA web site, and will present this to the Board of Directors for approval. This may become possible for the fall season. This program will ONLY be for travel players, not for a clubs in-house program.

Tom handed out a sheet with referee clinic information. To date there are 3 Clubs holding clinics, 1 for coaches and 2 for referees. All this information can also be found on the web site.

Tom reminded everyone that High School players CAN play in the Spring season. Either they can form their own teams, or they can contact Tom to be placed onto a team. HS game time will be changed to 45 minutes, due to referee upgrade requirements that they need to fill.

Tom announced that GAASA will be trying to schedule games back to back on the same field to make scheduling of referees more accommodating.

Tom will be invoicing the team fees. Remember that Player Registration has been moved up to March 15<sup>th</sup> because of Easter weekend.

Tom also pointed out that the referee fees for U9/U10 age divisions have increased to \$13 per team.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Ahmed is soliciting commissioners for the Spring season. Please contact Ahmed if interested.

## **REGISTRATION:**

**Lu Ann indicated that all Clubs must list the Club Code in front of the team name when declaring a team. Example: for Barberton: BBMajics.**

**For Player registration, only list the players on a roster that you have completed information on. If any information is missing, or a document not completed, do not list that player. If the player IS listed, teams must pay for that player. If the player is listed, and does NOT play that season, the teams will NO longer be given a refund for that player. This rule is mandated from OYSAN. The reason for this rule is so that Clubs do not roster a player, then have them become injured during pre-season practices, then remove them from the team. GAASA is not permitted to give out any refunds for players, once rostered. A player that is “paid-for” is then insured by the State. In the past GAASA covered all these expenses, due to our error by offering refunds.**

**Clubs must observe the two year age policy, when playing up a player. GAASA has 5 players that will be grandfathered from the Fall to the Spring season, that are not within the two-year age policy. Aside from those players, no other players will be permitted.**

**All U14 teams from the Fall will stay as such for the Spring season, GAASA now calling this age division U14/U15 to accommodate any trapped players. However, no 16 year old players may be added to roster.**

**In the Spring, GAASA has to charge coaches for every team they are listed as the coach. OYSAN is sent all rosters, and they are keeping track of coaches fees being paid by Clubs. Coaches may coach several teams, just do not list their name on each roster.**

**If a Club has a team they want to register, but has not found a coach yet, list the Club President temporarily, until a coach is secured.**

**Coaches with a flag on their pass, indicates their paperwork is complete. Coaches without a flag on their pass, indicates they are missing documents. Usually it is a copy of their license, which must be given to Lu Ann.**

**All Clubs must fill out a “Player Transfer/Status Form”, for every single player that played travel in the Fall, but is not returning in the Spring. One form per player. This form does not have to be signed by the parents of the player, but it must be filled out by the Club as a “voluntary drop”. This form can be found on the GAASA web site, and must be turned into Lu Ann by March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a Fall-to-Spring issue, and will not have to be repeated until next season. Such player may return the following Fall to play again, they will just need to be re-carded. Clubs must then go to the GAASA web site and change that player’s status. Either they are “unassigned” if not playing in the Spring; or they are “inactive” if they moved out of the area.**

**Hand out was given regarding registration on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Those Clubs being asked to volunteer are listed on the sheet, as well as everyone’s specified time to arrive to register. After April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be \$25 additional fees assessed. After April 28<sup>th</sup>, no more late registration accepted.**

**Meeting adjourned.**