

ASSA Board of Directors
September 16, 2013 Minutes

Will Maffit called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Allen Finney called the roll.

Present:

Will Maffit	Trey Bailey	Sabrina Blankenship	Phil Duerr
Allen Finney	Samir Haj	Scott Hendren	Melissa Moore
Amanda Quillin	Nick Sherwood	Charlie Toler	Brant Turner

Staff: Gayle Smith Robert Parr

Kim Malone was absent.

Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting – August 19, 2013: Phil Duerr made a motion to accept the minutes. Sabrina Blankenship seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports:

Gayle Smith, Robert Parr, and Scott Hendren submitted written reports.

Will Maffit reported that Brandon Story has resigned as the Tournament Director for Region III.

Gayle Smith, Sabrina Blankenship, Samir Haj, and Trey Bailey all reported on the various classic and recreational leagues around the state. There are approximately 225 teams entered in the Central AR Soccer League (Recreational). There are 132 teams entered in the AR State League (Classic).

Gayle Smith reported about a goal anchoring issue at Burns Park. Gayle will send reminders to the membership about the importance of goal safety.

New Business:

1. New ODP Administrator – Robert Parr introduced Melissa Moore as the new ODP Administrator. Melissa introduced herself to the board. Melissa has been appointed by Will Maffit to fill the ODP Administrator position.
2. State Cup Location – The state office did not receive any bids to host the U15 – U18 State Cup on November 8 - 10. Samir Haj made a motion that ASSA host the state cup at Burns Park. Amanda Quillen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. State Cup Fees, Formats, and Advancement – As part of the budgeting process a decision was made for teams advancing to regional tournament competitions to pay for their entry fee to the regional event. Samir Haj spoke on behalf of teams not having to pay the entry fee. Samir mentioned that at one time in that past the state even gave a small amount of money to teams advancing to help with expenses. Scott Hendren pointed out that if the board were to decide to not charge this entry fee then the board would need to find revenue to compensate for this expense. Samir motioned that ASSA does not require teams advancing to regional competition to pay the entry fee for that competition. Nick Sherwood seconded motion. A roll call vote was taken with 5 votes in favor of the motion, 4 votes not in favor of the motion, and 1 abstain. The motion passed.
4. Springdale Request for Level 2 – No action necessary and they can be level 2.

Unfinished Business:

1. Referee Proposal – Brant Turner is working on referee education courses. One method to increase offered courses is to have assignors go ahead and organize a class and then have the clubs help fill the classes. Robert Parr asked for a monthly report of the number of referees per level. Brant will provide that report beginning in October.
2. Referee Finances – Nothing new to report.
3. Update on District and Board Meetings – Gayle Smith has secured the Lakewood POA as the location for the Central District Meeting. Amanda Quillen has secured the Jones Center for the Northwest Arkansas District Meeting. Due to preparations for the state cup it was decided to not have a fall planning meeting on November 8. Gayle will find a more suitable date for the meeting.

Communications:

1. Nate Persson – Nate Persson is asking for a waiver for his team to participate in the State Cup. The waiver requested was to the requirement of participation in the Arkansas State League or Premier League as a requirement for participation in the state cup. No exception was given to the league requirements.

Will Maffit adjourned the meeting at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Finney
Secretary
Arkansas State Soccer Association