

Arkansas State Soccer Association
Board Meeting Teleconference
March 18, 2013

Will Maffit called the meeting to order.

Susan Roehrenbeck called the roll. The following board members were present:

Will Mafitt	Phil Duerr	Amanda Quillin
Scott Hendren	Charlie Toler	Sabrina Blankenship
Susan Roehrenbeck	Bill Nelson	Allen Finney
Trey Bailey	Nick Sherwood	Samir Haj

The following staff members were present:

Gayle Smith, Robert Parr

Will welcomed Nick and Samir to the board.

The minutes of the November 2012 BOD meeting were presented for approval. One correction and one change were noted. Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes; Phil seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

The minutes of the 2013 Planning Meeting were presented for approval. There was one correction. Phil made a motion to approve the motion; Amanda seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Reports:

Will gave a report on a town hall meeting that John Sutter, President of US Youth Soccer conducted.

New Business:

Gayle gave a recap of the AGM. There was discussion about the benefits of having the league scheduling meeting and the AGM together. There was also discussion about reinstating the district meetings and scheduling them before the AGM.

Allen reported on the site visit by Brandon Story, Region III Chair of the National Championship Committee in regards to our bid for the 2015 Southern Regional Tournament. Allen reported that the visit went well, that Brandon said that Arkansas would be hosting in 2015 and that he and Gayle are progressing with plans for the tournament. Gayle reported that she had attended a meeting of the North Little Rock

Parks and Recreation Commission and that they were very excited about the tournament.

Unfinished Business:

Scott gave background information on the issue of referee finances. Bill presented a draft of a proposal from the referee committee for a new structure for referee finances. Board discussion followed. Bill said that he would bring a final proposal back to the board by the May BOD meeting. Scott made a motion to provisionally approve the changes to the referee financial structure, with presentation of a final proposal in May. Susan seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Bill reported that the number of registered referees is close to the numbers that were registered at this time last year. He predicted that by the end of the year the number of registered referees could exceed that of 2012. He also discussed future assignor and instructor courses.

There was discussion about unfilled age groups that are advancing to the Region III President Cup. It was decided that board members would talk with teams and associations to see if there are any teams that would be interested in attending the event. Samir, Sabrina and the district vice presidents are going to work on this.

There was discussion about the registration fee structure that was proposed at the AGM. Phil suggested sending a survey to member associations for input. Gayle said that she would handle this.

Committees on New Program Growth, League Development and Marketing and Brand Development will present their reports at a later board meeting.

Robert presented a draft copy of the Model Club Accreditation survey form.

Looking Forward:

Samir is going to form a committee that will give input into the structure, including seeding, of/for the spring State Championships/President Cup. He plans to get that organized so that they can meet soon after the entry deadline and get information to teams well in advance of the tournaments.

ASSA will continue to explore options for primary/secondary registrations. Robert will work on this with the board commissioners.

For the Good of the Game:

Samir reported that an AR Comets U-13 boys team will be competing in the Dallas Cup.

Bill stated that he would be a referee at the Dallas Cup.

Phil told the board that the Adult Kick for the Cure Tournament, with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, would be held on April 13-14. ARCSA (Arkansas Central Soccer Association) is the main sponsor for the event. Bill said that all referees donate their time to referee the tournament.

There was no further business. Will adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Roehrenbeck
March 19, 2013