

ASSA Board Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2013

Will Maffit called the meeting to order.

Gayle Smith called the roll:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS present:

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

Staff present: Gayle Smith, Robert Parr

Sabrina Blankenship made the motion to accept the April 22, 2013 Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting with one correction. Amanda Quillin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports:

Will Maffit discussed the US Youth Soccer meeting recently held in Dallas, TX. Discussion followed.

Scott Hendren discussed the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

Samir Haj made a motion to set the 2013/14 tryout date to June 27, 2013. Trey Bailey seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Will Maffit provided an update on the vacant board positions. Phil Duerr made a motion to accept Allen Finney as secretary, pending his retirement from Little Rock FC at the end May. Nick Sherwood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board discussed possible candidates for the VP South position and suggested that Gayle Smith contact the candidates. Will Maffit discussed the Referee Commissioner position and suggested that the Board provide a list of necessary changes, prioritized, for the referee committee.

Unfinished Business:

Referee Finances: Phil Duerr asked if the financial information from the referee committee was submitted. Scott Hendren has not received the information and Will Maffit will contact Bill Nelson to obtain the financial information.

Referee recruitment and certification: Robert Parr is working on additional referee courses to host in Fayetteville. He also stated that he contacted USSF and learned that referee courses can

begin July 1 and count towards the following year's certification.

Registration fee structure: tabled until additional feedback is received from our members.

State Cup update: Gayle Smith discussed the confusion experienced with combining the President's Cup and AR State Championships and stated it will be a process to educate everyone of the differences and requirements. She also stated that the numbers are up from last year. Phil Duerr and Will Maffit commented on the great job that Maumelle Soccer Club did with hosting the Kohl's American Cup.

State League: Samir Haj reported that he sent an email out to gather input for the State League, discussion followed. The Board also discussed the Premier League.

Committee reports:

New Program Growth: Phil discussed the growth of adult clubs and the need for bylaws specific to adult players and club. He will submit a proposal for the next board meeting.

League Development: Trey Bailey stated that he is working on a Northeast AR Regional League for the fall that is structured similar to an Scholastic league.

Marketing and Brand Development: Gayle Smith stated that she was busy with state cups and does not have anything new to report.

Communications:

David Potter, Cabot Pres, Central AR United email blast: The topic was not discussed due to the possibility of it be heard by the Appeals & Discipline Committee.

Samir Haj discussed an issue regarding a two-team bracket in the State Cup. Nick Sherwood stated that it is a numbers and education issue.

Will Maffit stated For the Good of the Game that Matt Forester will center the Portland Timbers' game on May 18.

Will Maffit adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Smith
Executive Director
Arkansas State Soccer

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