

December 1, 2009 (Approved)

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members: Lisa Walker – Alleghany; Steve Gordon – Amherst; Scott Bennett – Danville; Jeff Simpson – Freedom; George Self – Piedmont; Philip Raintree – PASA; Gene Harris – Radford; Josh Jones – Salem; Val Karras, VAFC; Mark Boenke – Wythe.

President – Otis Chambers; V.P. of Operations – Sandy Paterson; V.P. of Administration – Tom Brown; Secretary – Suzy Sauerwald; Administrator – David James; Registrar – Linda Kempainen; Chair of Conduct and Sportsmanship – Not Present; Treasurer – Nicki Drew.

Reading/Discussion/Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Motion to Approve, 2nd – all in favor – approved.

Introduction of Guests:

BRCL Conduct and Sportsmanship Committee: Sean Goldsmith.

Officer and Committee Reports

VP of Operations – Sandy Paterson. 298 games scheduled and 294 played. Very wet fall and was still manageable. 30 shut-outs, 76 1 goal differential; 61 2 goal differential games.

Treasurer's Report – Nicki Drew – General Fund: \$26,715.77. Registrar's Account: \$1,896.52. Player Registrations Account (VYSA): \$1,898.00.

Registrar's Report – Linda Kempainen. Total boys teams: 40; total girls teams: 31. VYSA conference is in January in Crystal City.

Administrator's Report – David James. Fall season went well. We had 3 divisions with play-offs played on 10/31/09. Teams played 6 games during the season and then a championship format play-off at the end of the season.

BRCL website has a lot of photos submitted by teams/clubs.

BRCL laptop crashed. Motherboard and hard drive problems. He was able to recover all the files.

VAFC Arsenal is hosting an indoor soccer league at the new GreenRidge Recreation Center. League play will be held there and VAFC Arsenal will host a tournament Valentine's weekend.

Clubs have been notified of VYSA fees that are owed.

President's Report – Otis Chambers. VYSA conference – Otis will be attending and Tom Brown will also attend.

Special Committee Reports

Director of Coaching. DOC's meeting. Discussion regarding parents being on the far side across from their team. Also, clubs need to mark a 5 yard buffer zone from half field and to the 18 yard box. Discussion regarding parents receiving -2 score being banned from next match. Discussion regarding rating the referee's. Discussion regarding all championship matches having a winner – going directly into PK's. Discussion: Red cards/yellow cards – sitting out one match, etc. Academy matches being held – at least 2 during the spring with rotations of clubs hosting. Need all DOC's emails. Blue Ridge Classic Team – summer training/try-outs during the first week of February.

All championship matches in play-offs need to have a winner – straight to PK's. Motion. 2nd. Discussion: All games in play-off matches, including consolation will have a winner. Voice Vote – all agreed.

Discussion regarding red cards/yellow cards. When receiving a red card, mandatory sit of one match with the discipline committee having the option of extending the punishment. This will be discussed at the next DOC meeting. Our policies and procedures deal with this already. The steps are in place but we don't have any enforcement for the teams/coaches that are not reporting these. Proposal: The red and yellow cards need to be reported by the coaches/managers within 12 hours to our BRCL administrator via email. The player name and jersey number needs to reported along with game date and complete team name and gender. Section 13.12 – change in policy. Voice Vote: All agreed.

Guest Report: BRCL Conduct and Sportsmanship Committee Report.

Orange cards were still coming in last week. A year end report is being compiled of all games with infractions (-1 or -2) to help the clubs determine the coaches, the players, or the parents that may be an issue going forward.

U16 – U19 boys required more time from the committee this season. The level of play was determined to be more than aggressive and adversarial.

Guidelines for orange cards will be distributed to each member club prior to the spring season.

Sports and Conduct discussion regarding sportsmanship. Proposal: Change from 4 yellow cards in a season to 3 for a 1 game suspension. Accumulated further yellow cards will result in suspensions as follows: 2 yellow = red; an additional yellow = another red. Section 11.10. Voice Vote – All agreed.

Support the coaches getting yellow cards for parent sportsmanship (removal of a coach could require forfeit). Table this to go back to the conduct committee to continue working on this.

Two member clubs are in the process of providing additional information regarding incidents that happened during the season to determine if a hearing is in order. Two member clubs will be asked to provide additional information regarding incidents that need to be reviewed. One member club is in the process of issuing a punishment internally.

BRCL would prefer that clubs be more proactive and issue the punishment to be reviewed and accepted by the League, however, due to club politics this may not be possible in all occasions.

6 players and 1 coach received red cards this season.

This is not a league of win at all cost. The coaches and parents need to understand “life” lessons need to be taught as well.

Unfinished Business (Carried over from Previous meetings)

Discussion of our 2 no play dates. Some of the clubs – like 4 but will accept 2. Motion that we go to 2 no play dates. 2nd. Discussion: Effective immediately. Voice Vote: All agreed.

New business:

Fall 2009 Sportsmanship. – Discussed already.

Suggestion: Spring Season 8 weeks with the 9th week for rainout/make ups. Spring season: start March 20 – May 15, the following weekend - May 22 - will be rain-out weekend. Motion, 2nd. Voice Vote – All agreed.

Competition Committee meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Add an Academy page to BRCL’s website listing play dates and more. Send information to John Faircloth.

BRCL Committee appointed to develop a 5-year plan. Member clubs were suppose to notify Otis Chambers of their reps by 10/01/09. Radford and Freedom were the only clubs that notified him.

Award Fall 2009 Division Championship patches.

Proposals for Change of Bylaws, Rules & Procedures. None.

Miscellaneous announcements

Next BRCL meeting Tuesday, January 5. Competition committee meeting 02/16.

Tuesday, March 9 at VAFC clubhouse. Wed. May 5. Wed. June 16.

Upcoming Coaching Courses. PYSL hosting an E license in January; VAFC hosting D & E in Feb./March.

VYSA Soccer Youth Convention January 22 – 23, Arlington, VA.

PYSL – March Madness 13 and 14.

Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.