

## **ASA Board Minutes**

**Monday, November 28, 2011**

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm at the ASA office.

Present: Ken Bass, President; Devin Corini, Treasurer; John Mingus, Recreation Program Committee Chair; George Shirley, Travel Program Committee Chair; Bob Waffle; Ron Molteni.

Not present: Kirk Leach, Vice President; Sam Anthony, Teen Program Committee Chairman; Cathy Hope

Minutes of the October 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

The Board heard a presentation from Bob Maynes, former Director of Coaching with McLean Youth Soccer, on McLean's mandatory coach licensing program for recreational coaches. The presentation was followed by a number of questions from Board members. ASA Technical Director Bob Bigney indicated that he would follow-up with some comments and suggestions of his own, as well as putting together a proposal for a coaching education/licensing program for ASA.

The Board briefly discussed the Staff Report circulated by Executive Director Justin Wilt. President Bass noted that the inaugural Arlington Recreational Tournament had a decent turn-out and earned a small surplus. He expressed the wish that the ART would have growth over the years similar to that of the ASIST.

Recreation Program Committee Chair John Mingus presented the Recreation Program report. Work continues in a subcommittee looking at ideas for an advanced soccer program.

Travel Program Committee Chair George Shirley presented the Travel Program report. The Travel Program Committee is working on a proposal for tiered fees. The Board had some questions about how high school age teams might be treated if they have Spring sit-outs.

Communications and Outreach Committee Chair Ron Molteni reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. He is still trying to follow-up with Arlington Magazine on doing something concerning ASA. The Board had a discussion about doing some outreach to candidates for the soon to be vacant County Board seat to educate them about ASA and its needs concerning fields and facilities.

Finance Committee Chairman Devin Corini reported that he had met with the Executive Director and Finance Manager to get up to speed on ASA's finances, and that a meeting of the Finance Committee has been scheduled for December 12.

President Ken Bass reported on several items:

--so far, there is still no word on efforts to use the Field Fund to build a new field at Kenmore; he hopes to have additional information this week.

--there was an issue recently with VYSA's Kid Safe program not running social security numbers for background checks; that has now been rectified, but the program will cost more money. It is likely that VYSA will be seeking additional funds beginning next fiscal year to pay for Kid Safe background checks.

--ASA has applied for a program grant from the US Soccer Foundation, in the amount of \$10,000, to expand ASA's after school soccer program; if the grant is forthcoming, ASA would need to provide additional funding of roughly \$5000-7000 for the program, much of which is already in the budget.

--a couple of ASA teens have proposed setting up a group to raise funds for supplemental financial assistance; they would like to put together a powerpoint presentation to use with local businesses, and establish criteria for distributing any funds raised. ASA will do what it can to facilitate their efforts.

The Board briefly discussed its plans for a "mini-retreat" on Saturday December 3 to review and refine the ASA strategic plan.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

(Minutes prepared by ASA President Ken Bass as acting secretary in absence of ASA Secretary Sam Anthony.)