

**Minutes of Arlington Soccer Association Board Meeting
Monday September 26, 2011
ASA Headquarters**

7:32 p.m. – President Bass called the meeting to order

- Those present included the following: President K. Bass, Vice President K. Leach, Secretary S. Anthony, R. Molteni, B. Waffle, P. Bobeczko, and ASA Executive Director J. Wilt and Technical Director B. Bigney

7:33 p.m. – Board unanimously approved the August 2011 ASA Board minutes

7:34 p.m. – J. Wilt answered discussed and answered questions regarding the ASA Staff report, including the following:

- Status of the coaching vacancy in the travel program – will be filled in the next day or two
- Compliment about the much-improved staff report, reflecting more thought and responsiveness to board requests for data, stats, etc.
- About ASA soccer camps: fewer in attendance this past summer, but profits are good.
- Inquiry about Virginia solicitation status
- Projections v. accounting? Our records on this date back 2 years, due to efforts of previous board members and current ASA staff.
- Bass reported on VYSA spreadsheet comparing registration #s across the state since 1991 and every club the past 3 years. We have the largest or 2nd largest growth! Loudoun County has more players (8,770) than us.
- Concern about amount of fields provided by county to the ASA; and query about how many rectangular vs diamond fields exist, as well as competition for space against adult leagues and school programs
 - Idea to build up a surplus of funds in ASA and donate to county for more fields? Some believe we are going to have to get to that point.

7:55 p.m. – K. Bass discussed the resignation of A. Mathias from the ASA Board due to work and schedule challenges.

- Review of by-laws shows ASA can fill the position by appointment or leave it unfilled until next election.
- Bass hopes to fill the position with someone who could serve as Treasurer: he is open to recommendations and stresses transparency be high priority as we move on.
- P. Bobeczko recommends ASA review candidates from June 2011 election.

7:58 p.m. – Program reports:

- Teen Program – Anthony reported on higher numbers of teams and players this season. Concern raised about 7th and 8th graders playing in the program and proper procedure for evaluating players under U-15. U-13/14 set-up means some younger players want to stay with the team as it moves into the U-15-19 program. Discussion and debate about enlarging teen to include U-13 and above. Also a suggestion to raise the registration fee for teen players to help with the costs of the 3 referee system now in place.
- (8:16 p.m.) Travel Program – Bobeczko discussed player representatives and success of VCCL in the travel program, yet lop-sided scores do occur in this new league.

8:24 p.m. – Functional Committee reports

- Field and Facility committee – Bass and members present discussed options for locations for a turf field (Kenmore? Another at Long Bridge?)
 - Bass submitted resolution, seconded by B. Waffle: “Recommend to Arlington County Field Fund Committee a \$200K down payment for rectangular sports fields be used to new synthetic field”
 - Lots of discussion on private fundraising, Arlington county helping, as well as ASA?
 - P. Bobeczko recommended amendment to resolution: “Final use of field fund would be made pending field proposal”
 - The hope is ASA can provide funds to help move this project: these funds would not be used to turn a current grass field to turf, but a new field created from new space.
 - Why? If we have field space already of natural grass, then the turf field transition would yield 20 to 30% more use by ASA and other leagues: a newly created turf field would yield 100% more use.
 - Bass – there are four places in the county for new fields
 - Query – would the sports foundation rep say they would do this?
 - Board members recommend hiring a consultant to analyze cost of a bubble to cover a turf field: another option!
 - This could yield 2 winter sessions of soccer
- At 9:02 p.m., a unanimous vote approving the resolution and amendment!
- Human Capital Committee (9:03 p.m.) – K. Leach reported on hiring of AF Director of Coaching.
- Fundraising Committee – J. Wilt recommended finding a chairperson for the committee now that Mathias is gone.
 - Leach recommended good ideas for fundraising activities, like a 5K race and golf tournament. Note: leave 1 and 3 woods away from S. Anthony’s bag.

9:11 p.m. – Recreational Coach Education?

- K. Bass provided background for the idea of mandatory licensing for Rec coaches in ASA, using McLean Soccer program as an example. Bass and Bigney recommend Mr. B. Maynes speak to ASA Board about this, briefly, at a future meeting.
- Questions arose: E and F license? Or something home-grown? Who would pay for costs of this – ASA or coaches?
- Molteni asked if McLean lost volunteers because of this: Bigney said no, they got more!
- Bass – for travel program: propose the senior travel coaches get national youth license and build into salary structure – more pay for higher levels of licenses, and ASA pays for part of fee for classes, etc.

9:29 p.m. – Review of ASA Strategic Plan and goals for each program and committee

- Bass – let's get buy-in.
- ASA Board reviewed the list of hopes and goals as set by the board in Spring 2011: thorough job done by former board member J. Hall!
- Bass recommends we devote a board meeting or separate meeting to narrow down which goals and what actions plans are needed to reach the goals.
- Bass will put out request for date in November 2011 for this meeting

9:46 p.m. – Bass adjourned the meeting

- Respectfully submitted by S. Anthony to ASA Board on October 21, 2011, awaiting editing and approval
- Approved by ASA Board on October 24, 2011