

**Minutes of Arlington Soccer Association Board meeting
Monday, November 22, 2010**

7:40 p.m. – President Bass called the meeting to order.

- The following were present along with President Bass: Vice President Whittington, Treasurer Oliver, Recording Secretary Anthony, Directors Mathias, Waffle, and Hall.
- Executive Director Wilt and Technical Director Bigney represented ASA staff.

7:41 – Approval of October minutes. *(2 minutes proposed)*

- Anthony asked for members to review draft minutes and reply by November 24th with any edits or additions.
- As of November 24, edits were submitted and added to this final draft.

7:42 - Staff reports. *(10 minutes proposed)* Wilt fielded questions and discussed the following issues: number of travel teams per league, VYSA, number of players from each school within the county.

7:51 – Financial reports. *(5 minutes proposed)* Oliver discussed change to new format for these reports in November. Fielded questions about ASA’s financial status, trends, and need to address the proper level for reserve balance at December meeting

7:59 - Program Committee Reports *(10 minutes proposed)*

- 8:00 p.m. - Recreation Program – Oliver reported about forthcoming meeting of Rec club managers in January 2011; tweaking of administrative rules will be in order. At October meeting the policy of forfeits/ineligible players was adopted. Oliver will step down as manager of Lightning and be replaced in June 2011. Discussion about Rec tournament in Spring and extensive discussion about club legacy funds and how they should be used/allocated. December meeting of ASA board should come to terms with legacy funds and their future.
- 8:23 p.m. - Teen Program – Anthony discussed success of past season in girls division; plans for outreach during the winter and spring using social media, school activities program, and civic association newsletters. Teen Program will reprimand and suspend two coaches in boys division for policy infractions.
- No travel report given at this meeting.

8:30 – Adopt-a-field. *(10 minutes proposed)* Before Craig Escherick arrived, ASA staff and board members candidly discussed the pros and cons of proposed plan by the County committee.

8:34 – Adopt-a-field presentation - Escherick arrived and provided 4 minute presentation, including handouts.

8:48 – Adopt-a-field discussion resumed, with strong concerns raised by staff and board members. ASA will agree to adopt 2 fields in South Arlington. We will monitor condition of the field at the beginning and end of the season, providing detailed description and recommendation to county for upgrade and repairs.

9:10 - Standing Committee Reports (*10 minutes proposed*)

- 9:11 Fundraising Committee – Waffle and Wilt reported on \$5K sponsorship by Arlington Optimists, possibly to sponsor coaching education? George Shirley efforts with Wells Fargo and donation to Soccer Plus in the works? Joe’s Pizza interested in \$4K sponsorship, possibly for Aces? Resolution discussed, centered around June 30, 2011 and the requirement for groups to pay for sponsorships else they will not be named for coming seasons. Also issue raised about phasing in of new uniforms or patches once a sponsor agrees to 2 year term.
- Resolution passed by the Board: *"By June 30, 2011 no Club may have in its official Club name the name of an outside entity such as a business or service club unless that entity has agreed with ASA to meet the sponsorship requirements for sponsoring a Club, including payment."*

9:21 p.m. Review of Player Safety – Wilt discussed importance of parents involved in participating in practices to free up coach “to coach.” Issue of injuries during practice, misbehaving players, and other incidents which could prove distracting. Also serious concerns of one adult with young players and risk of accusations and liability of ASA, parents, coaches, etc. can a coach or parent carpool players to practices or games without an signed approval waiver?

9:30 p.m. – recording secretary departed.

VYSA Annual Workshop in Arlington on January 22 – (*2 minutes proposed*) *Secretary not present*

Report on Field Fund and Outreach/Scholarship meeting with county and other sports groups – (*10 minutes proposed*) *Secretary not present*

ACTION ITEMS

- By November 24th – edit and add to October minutes
- For December 2010 or January 2011 ASA board meeting: three agenda items
 - Legacy accounts – what to do?
 - Adopt a field follow up
 - What is a good reserve balance for ASA?