

GAASA LEAGUE MEETING

May 3, 2011

Board members present: Jim Bauschlinger, Pres.; Scott Kelley, Exec. VP; Tom Pickett, Exec. Dir.; Scott McGillis, Boys VP; Paula Moore, Girls VP; Barb Knabe, Dir. Commiss.; Deb Kimble, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report for April 3 to May 3, 2011 was presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board would like to express its gratitude to the clubs regarding reschedules due to field closures and weather. We had about 230 games before this week that were canceled, and all but 5 or 6 of them were handled so that teams did not show up at fields without notice of cancellation. We appreciate your continued efforts in this regard.

The Board received and addressed a letter at the meeting from a coach to move the Girls' Internationals from the boys' division to an age-up division in the girls division. It is the Board's opinion that in terms of referee calls, that while the girls may occasionally get the benefit of the call on a 50/50 ball, often the smaller player (often the boy) will receive the call as well. The Internationals were playing in an age-up division on the girls' side a few years ago and completely dominated that division. We cannot play them up 2 years due to roster ages. The Board did not take any action on this letter.

Another concern was voiced at the meeting regarding Team Challenger – Tom reported that this group is likely to move to the State Cup next year.

EXECUTIVE VP

Scott reminded clubs to have coaches, parents and players review the code of conduct. We've had one red card and five yellows this season.

GIRLS VP

Paula reminded coaches to check field availability prior to scheduling a new game day/time. We've had several reschedules that were rejected because there was already a game scheduled on the field at the same day/time.

BOYS VP

Tom is currently handling rescheduling in the boys' division. Scott will take on this responsibility as of playoffs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reschedules

Tom sent out an email April 29 to clarify the reschedule policy due to field closure:

- All games should be in the reschedule system and verified by May 10. Games not in and verified will be subject to the possibility of the league setting the day/time/place for the game
- Be creative in the rescheduling—use Saturday for Sunday divisions and Sundays for Saturday divisions. Use Memorial weekend if both teams are agreeable.
- Games will be processed as quickly as they show up. Keep in mind that if you enter a game on Monday night to be played on Tuesday, it will be difficult to secure a referee. So, please give as much notice as possible.
- To provide a few more opportunities so games are played, teams can reschedule the canceled games through June 7 (Tuesday) through U14. Normally, all games are to be completed by the official end of the season, which in this case is June 5.

Please note: If an “away” team is not notified of a game cancellation and shows up at the field, it will have the benefit of becoming the “home” team for the rescheduled game.

Playoffs

High school divisions will play Tuesday and Thursday for playoffs. There will likely be one Sunday division moved to Saturday for playoffs (either U13 or U14). This has been done in previous years to even out traffic.

Goal Safety

We’ve had two goals blow over during play due to soft ground and high wind. Please secure your goals. If stakes and corkscrews are not enough, use sandbags. This is a child safety and liability issue.

Other

Tom also announced the Akron City Cup and a free home opener for the Akron Summit Assault.

The scholarship applicants for this year were outstanding. The Board will notify the two recipients soon.

DIR. OF COMMISSIONERS

Barb reported that for reschedules, the division commissioners aren’t always aware if a game has been played or not. However, please be sure to report scores for any games played and refer to game numbers.

Also, coaches who email scores to commissioners must also include a scan of the actual game reports or mail the game reports to the league. An email without game reports cannot be recorded as official.

REGISTRAR

Player registration will have an added service fee this fall for teams that turn in registration paperwork without a representative. In addition, the Board requested that clubs bring a check to registration, rather than relying on invoicing after the fact.

The club will immediately begin to charge a 10 percent late fee on invoices past due 30 days or more. We have a significant amount of balances overdue.

Next meeting – June 7, 8:00 p.m.