

MINUTES
SPRING 2008 BOARD OF CAPTAINS MEETING
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Summer Soccer: 16 teams indicated they are registering for summer soccer: Arsenal-Amok, Rangers, Austin Powers/Valks/Pylons, PPD, WMD, Blue Horizon, Nemesis, Posse, Quick Defeat, Tartans, Galaxy, Howlers, Shakti/GD, Mother Egans/RnR, PYHOOYA, Austin Celtic Wildcats. There will be one large division; game pairings will be made based on regular season division and rank within that division. Team registration is \$400; one referee per game at \$20.00.

If your team is not registering, please direct players interested in playing over the summer to Lorie Williams, league registrar (her contact information is on the AWSL web site.)

Games will be scheduled in the morning where possible. No games will be played over July 4th weekend.

Field Situation: Discussion of field space with the City has stalled for now (by the City). A second possible site has been identified but nothing is set for either location at this time. There was discussion on current funds available and fundraising plans, including corporate sponsors. City rules do not allow for corporate signage to be displayed on City land.

The master schedule for County fields (NEMP, EMP, SEMP) is completed through the Fall 2008 season. Field space in general is at a premium; there are several new leagues in search of field space.

Leadership is working to straighten out the GASC account before payments for past field usage are made. The AWSL budget will reflect moneys due for field space usage – 3 or 4 seasons are still due. From now forward, AWSL will pay the County directly instead of paying through GASC.

State Cup Update: Claudella Wright, AWSL Senior Commissioner reported AWSL has a very good showing at both the Over 30 and Open State Cup competitions this year. There were no penalty cards issued this year to any AWSL team!

Three teams participated in O30: Austin Blues (2nd Place), Vibes (2nd Place) and Valkyries

Seven teams participated in Open: Rangers (2nd in 1A), WMD (3rd in 1B), Second Wind (4th in 1B), Posse, Tartans, Howlers and Baby Blues.

Thanks to all who helped in putting on the tournaments. Your time and energy is very much appreciated and very important to the league.

AWSL Tournament Update: Mark your calendar for June 14th and 15th to participate in the first summer version of the popular AWSL Tournament at NEMP. Nine guest players are allowed on your roster. Individuals looking for a team are encouraged to contact Ronda Blacksher or Lorie Williams, who will help match them up with a team in need.

Ronda Blacksher, AWSL vice president, reports that plans are well under way for a successful tournament. Volunteers are needed for concessions, t-shirt sales, game commissioners, etc. Captains will receive a sign-up sheet with open slots via email. Please indicate where you/ your team can work and submit the names to Ronda.

The annual tournament is the biggest AWSL fundraiser each year. Show your support and participate!! All teams are encouraged to register and support our fundraiser.

Other Business: The Over 40 Allies team will be participating in the Veterans Cup in Bellingham, WA over the summer. Their attendance represents AWSL and the Texas State Soccer Association – South. The team participated in 2007 and gave a great effort against highly ranked teams from across the nation. The Allies requested and the Board of Captains approved a \$1,000. league contribution to the team to help cover their travel expenses.

Leadership Needed: Marla Broaddus and Ronda Blacksher will be stepping down from the President and Vice President positions. Everyone in the league is encouraged to participate in finding our next leaders. Marla will help ensure a smooth transition as new people become involved on the AWSL board.

As president, Marla's time included many hours of communication with entities outside the league; County personnel responsible for field oversight, leadership of other Austin soccer leagues; in addition to time spent involved with league issues.

Anyone who is a member of an AWSL team can serve as AWSL president; you do not have to be your team captain, or have served on the AWSL board in another capacity.

As vice president Ronda's primary responsibilities include managing all details of the annual AWSL Tournament. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for the league, so every effort is made to minimize expenses while offering a great tournament to all participants. The vice president calls on all members of the association for volunteer time in preparing for and during the tournament. Everyone in the league is eligible for vice president; you do not have to be your team captain, or have served on the AWSL board in another capacity.

AWSL is *your* league. Please consider running for an office to support the continued efforts of the league, to reach our goal of fields dedicated to AWSL play.

Election of league vice president: The Board of Captains voted to postpone selection of the league vice president until August. The election previously was held during the Spring meeting to ensure the vice president had sufficient time to organize the AWSL Tournament held in the Fall. With the shift of the tournament to the Summer, election of the vice president is better suited for the Fall Board of Captains meeting.

Spring Division Standings: Following are the standings at the conclusion of the Spring 2008 season. These standings will be used to determine the divisions in the Fall.

SPRING 2008 DIVISION STANDINGS

Division One: No Report Yet.

Division Two:

Brew Dawgs	8-0-2
Austin Powers	5-1-4
WMD	5-4-1
Yetobe	3-3-4
Hazard	1-7-2
PPD Lasers	1-8-1

Division Three:

Standing Points	Team Name	Games Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals	Shut outs
19	Tartans	8+1xover	6	1	1	27	1
13	Baby Blues	8+1xover	4	3	1	11	5
11	Posse	7+1xover	3	2	2	11	3
11	Nemesis	8+1xover	2	3	3	10	1
9	Austinuts	8+1xover	2	3	3	13	1
6	Quick DeFeet	7+2xover	1	3	3	6	1
5	Blue Horizon	8 no xover	1	2	5	11	0

Division Four

1st	Fire
2nd	Shakti
3rd	Howlers
4th	Soccer Chicks
5th	Rock n Roll