

Soccer Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2011

1. Constitution: Signing & Reading

The team captain or representative must notify the game scheduler, referee scheduler, division commissioner, and opposing team captain of the cancellation by 14 days before the scheduled AWSL game... A \$30 fee will be imposed on the team requesting cancellation regardless of whether the opposing team agrees to try to reschedule. If the team cancels a game 14 days or more in advance and the cancellation is due to the team's participation in a sanctioned tournament the cancelling team will not pay a \$30 fine. Any game cancellation after 14 days in advance but before the Monday will result in a \$30 fine, even if the cancelling team does so to participate in a tournament... After the time frame the fine is \$50 and must pay the total referee fees for the forfeited game.

Reviewed with captains that on the registration form you are signing that you've read the constitution. President and Treasurer stuck in the position of policing the league for fines, not fair to them because they are volunteering time to league and getting stuck being placed in charge. Anyone want to make a change to the policy, raise your hand. Reservation fee plus hourly fee (\$30 + ?)... feel like it's at least \$50 dollars. For This year was particularly horrible about cancellations. Is there anything we can do differently? Discussion of a week vs 14 days in advance. Referee scheduler finds people at the beginning of the season and letting them know what's in store for the upcoming season.

\$5 reservation per hour

\$5 usage fee per hour

\$30 each weekend for lining

\$5 for general usage per hour

\$15 an hour * 8 hours a weekend

2. Cancellation policy and fee

a. Reviewed, asked for ideas

b. Reviewed cost of field renting

3. Summer Soccer: registration & 1st game date (6/5 or 6/12)

a. 10 Teams

i. Blue Horizon

ii. Howlers

iii. Nemesis-n-PYHOOYA

iv. Rock-n-Tartans

v. Moxie

vi. Posse

vii. Quick Defeat

viii. Austin Wildcats

ix. WMD/Finalists

x. Molotov

b. Date: 6/5 – 8/14

i. 8:30 & 10:25

1. Discussion of start time. Moved from 8:00 to 8:30

2. We only play in the mornings in the summer

3. Time change can be discussed in the fall

ii. No games 4th of July

iii. Last game played on 8/14

c. Discussion of photocopying player cards instead of handing them out to players.

i. New players \$15 for multiple player card (if they play coed)

ii. New players \$25

4. AWSL Tournament

a. Currently only have 5 teams

b. Is it worth it?

c. RR and San Antonio websites have nothing listed on it

d. It will be decided soon that if there aren't enough teams the tournament will be cancelled

5. State Cup Tournament Recap

a. 9 teams participated (many AWSL teams placed in the tournament)

- b. Pictures of team not on the web
 - c. Thanked those teams who provided volunteers
 - d. Reminder that all teams should be providing a volunteer
 - e. Hopeful that next 2 years will be in Houston (new fields with Houston Dynamo practice fields)
 - f. 1 team going to Veteran's Cup
6. Player Card Renewals – when, when, etc.
- a. Renewals due by August 15th
 - b. Registrar will send batch registration information to captains, basically same as last year (team batch form, individual player registration form and fee) and Registrar will return validation sticker to captain.
7. AWSL survey & financial update
- a. Survey – ask captains to forward the questionnaire to their teammates (noted shrinkage of league)
 - b. Financial planning (Edward Jones) – accounts doing nothing, executive committee took survey
 - i. Roughly 150,000 in Edward Jones – invested in various types of funds
 - ii. 100,000 put into staggered CDs
 - iii. Impact Austin – Marla Broaddus shared about grant opportunities – planting seed to apply for these types of grants – league would have to be ready to invest into the fields – potential 100,000 – 110,000
 - 1. City wants to have private partnerships with groups like ours
 - 2. Application process won't start for a while (2012 recipient announced in June)
8. Fall elections
- a. Talk to your teammates if they are interested
9. June 4th – 2nd Annual Mark Elbom Soccer Appreciation Picnic
- a. 12:00 – 2:00
 - b. Co-rec & AWSL
 - c. Bench is going to be installed soon – the bench is ordered, paid for, and will be put in the EMP park area

D3

- Blue Horizon X
- Hazard
- Howlers X
- Nemesis X
- Prickly Pears
- Rock-n-Roll with Tartans X
- Tartans

D2

- Austin Wildcats Sky
- Baby Blues
- Brew Dawgs
- Madrigal Dragons
- Moxie X
- Posse X
- Quick DeFeet X

D1

- Allies
- Arsenal
- Austin Wildcats X
- Caroma
- Rangers
- WMD X

Over 30

- Clique X Molotov
- Finalists merge with WMD
- Goal Diggers
- Molotov

- PYHOOYA with Nemesis
- Pylons

General discussion about adding a coed division to our league. President and Marla Broaddus shared opinion of keeping AWSL a women's league, but others in the audience is interested in the idea. We also discussed merging with the coed division on fields.

Discussed fist fight between Caroma and Wildcats. Player from Wildcats pressed charges on player from Caroma. Game was recorded. President shared that AWSL has been placed on noticed by parks and recreation. Reminded captains that the fighting is not the answer within the league.

On new teams, need to make sure when we are getting new teams we are looking at who is coming into the league. Need to look at recruiting younger players to come in. Create an under 23 or under 25 league. We've all played against the younger teams that have come on, but if we created a division for those younger players that could be something we advertised. Leadership is always an issue with these younger players. Need a captain or a manager to help these younger teams get organized. Volunteering to help with the league is a necessity. Creating a link, marketing blurb on how to get groups who are already almost a team to become a part of our league.

Ideas:

- New teams have to initiate joining league 30 days in advance to new season
- Mini-summer session or scrimmage for the youth players (16 and up)