



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Conference Call

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer Association
Commonwealth Soccer League
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association
Washington Area Women’s Soccer League

Elaine Freedman
Jamie Williams
Jeff Campbell
Natalie Parcell
Kathryn Griffis

Officers

James Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Jessie Kratz
Chris Tierney

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Delegates

Anita Hood
Steve Long
Jamie Williams
John Davis

MDCVSA Admin Staff

MaryBeth Falk

Administrator

Guests

Dave Randolph

2. Credentials Report

There were 44 of 101 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the 8/27/2016 meeting was approved.

5. Officers’ Reports

a. President’s Report

- i. Waiver—Jim reminded everyone that USASA has a new waiver that all leagues should have started using this fall. He said that he got some more information after our meeting in

August when we went to Florida for the USASA meeting—a league with loose requirements had a spinal injury in which the player was paralyzed and in the course of reviewing the incident they couldn't find a waiver—a lawsuit was filed and fortunately former USASA President Richard Groff found evidence about waiver compliance that got USASA covered but Jim reiterated we really need those forms or have your players sign them online. The lawsuit could have bankrupted USASA. Also, Jim reminded leagues to send MaryBeth the league affiliation forms.

- ii. Registrar—Jim reported that Lou has resigned from the position of registrar which had nothing to do with a proposed amendment to eliminate the position. Jim said the position is currently vacant—the board will leave vacant and probably redefine as a social media/marketing position which is what we'll probably recommend next meeting.
- iii. Player passes—Jim said that he really wanted them and now zero league are using them and they really don't make sense with today's technology. He said he would like to use funds to get a virtual player pass available on the phone.
- iv. US Soccer AGM—We have a meeting in Hawaii in March and will follow up with some of the action items from last year like having USASA develop an online registration system, offer benefits that players can actually feel, etc.

b. Vice President's Report

- i. Marti said one of her jobs is to manage player adjudication process for referee abuse/assaults which has really went down and thanked the leagues for their help with that.
- ii. Waiver—Marti followed up that leagues need to have a process to manage forms and MB is reaching out to all the leagues to make sure it's being signed. She reiterated that we really need validation that everyone has incorporated forms into their registration system.

c. Treasurer's Report

Jessie said everyone should have received the email with attachments of the bank statements and treasurer's report. She reported we are nearly five months into our 16-month year and balances look good right now. She reminded leagues that any player who registered after September 1, 2016, is good through December 31, 2017, and asked if anyone had any questions.

d. Secretary's Report—Chris had nothing to report.

6. Referee Matters—Jim reported the new state referee criteria for upgrading to 7—referees must be 18 years old and need an assessment. His understanding is there will be no impact on those who are already 7s, no crackdown on assigners, and he's hoping it won't have a negative impact on anyone. He said that the policy can be found on the state referee website—just search for metro-dc state referee program.

7. Administrators Report—MaryBeth reported that she really needs the league affiliation forms b/c we are starting Mail Chimp February 1, 2017, and need the most up-to-date information. She said next year the form will be online as well as the affiliation fee online. Jamie asked about the D&O insurance and MaryBeth replied that USASA requires information for that but it's free—she needs to hand that in January b/c USASA is on the calendar year. She said that will also make that form available online as well.

8. Old Business—Jessie explained grant program—we gave 5 of the 6 grant requests out last year, this year's deadline for proposals is June, and we'll push out more information to the list to remind leagues to apply. Jamie asked for a synopsis of the grants. Jim said MB will email anyone who asks for them. Leagues who received the grants then explained what they used them for—Natalie reported that NVASA had an all-star game and used money for shirts, photographers, videographers, awards, and got a lot of positive feedback from event; Jessie reported that WAWSL used their grant to give a long overdue pay raise to referees; Elaine reported CCSL hired a coach from Scotland to do an adult clinic; John Davis reported NVSL used their money for better refs for

competitive part of the league; and Jim reported SOCA used it for field rental. Jim reported that CCL Pro didn't get the grant b/c they haven't been a member for 3 years which is a requirement. MB will send around a summary.

9. New Business

- a. Hoy Cup subsidy request (\$1500)—Jessie asked for \$1500 for the Hoy Cup—same as last year. She reported in 2016 the Hoy Cup came back after a several-year hiatus and had 12 teams which were all affiliated with MDCVSA and the grant was a huge help. She further reported this year we hope to have 18 teams which would be the maximum unless we can secure an additional field. She said the grant money will help offset the field rental costs. She said WAWSL will advertise MDCVSA on all advertising and if possible get MDCVSA signage and tents.

- b. Neptune Soccer Classic subsidy request (\$6000)—Dave Randolph reported it's the 21st annual tournament—they have lost numbers in 2014 and 2015 b/c Vets Cup and had 56 teams in 2016 which was still down. He said they expect more this year and last year came away with \$1,100 balance. This year they are asking for \$6000.

Motion to approve grants without objection.

10. Open issues raised from the floor—none

11. For the good of the game

- a. Next USA women's game is at RFK on March 7, 2017 (She Believes). Jim said it would be helpful if we can fill the stadium. Men's friendlies are vs. Serbia on January 29 in San Diego, February 3 vs. Jamaica in Chattanooga, and under-20 vs. Panama on February 18 in Costa Rica.
- b. Next meeting—August 26, 2017, 7pm DCU game. Meeting at 4pm.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Tierney
Secretary