



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
George Mason Regional Library, Annandale, VA

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Arlington Coed Kicks
Capital Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer Association
Commonwealth Soccer League
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association
Northern Virginia Soccer League
Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association
Washington Area Women's Soccer League

Cara Troup(by proxy)
Lou Chinchilla
Justin Reagan (by phone)
Tom Leiss
Jason Yakencheck
John Eskandary
Michelle Martinez
Jessie Kratz

Officers

James Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Lou Chinchilla
Cara Troup
Jessie Kratz

President
Vice President
Registrar
Treasurer
Secretary

Delegates

Anita Hood
Steve Long
Dave Randolph
Tom Leiss

MDCVSA Admin Staff

MaryBeth Falk
Diane Larkin

Administrative Assistant
State & National Cups Administrator

Guests

Maria Romero
Janice Akridge
Joan Dombroski
Sara McAndrew

2. Credentials Report

There were 78 of 129 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

John Eskandary noted an error in the 9/20/12 meeting—he stated he was not present at the 9/20/12 conference call.

- Motion to adopt the minutes from the 8/25/2012 meeting and the 9/20/12 meeting as corrected was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

Jim reported the USA v. Germany men's US National team match is tentatively scheduled for 2pm at RFK Stadium on June 2, 2013. He added MDCVSA is looking to host a tailgate with detail forthcoming. On the USASA end Jim mentioned the Women's National Tournament this summer in Kansas. Jim also reminded the council the PAI is now capped at \$15,000 rather than the previous amount of \$25,000 to keep insurance costs down. Finally, Jim congratulated John Eskandary and his league NVSL on their new turf fields which could be used for cup matches; moving forward leagues should look to turf their own fields.

b. Vice-President's Report

Marti reported she had been working on the Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the new online registration vendor that Lou would discuss further. She also reported that she had been dealing with a number of adjudication hearings.

c. Registrar's Report

- i. Online Registration: Lou reported the RFQ for the online registration system went out Thursday and he's already received some replies. He noted he was looking for a system that is less expensive and easier to customize than the current system. He said he would like the system in place by July 1, 2013. For player cards, Lou stated only three leagues were using cards and new cards are issued on an annual basis. Michelle asked how a new online registration provider would affect the teams using the current website. Lou said just two leagues were using the active.com website and those leagues would have to move to the new website provider but leagues would be able to keep their current URL.
- ii. SB 993: Justin brought up the portable goal issue that was in front of the Virginia General Assembly. SB 993, which has been postponed, has a portable goal safety policy requirement for all—even adult—leagues that use portable soccer goals. Justin said he is representing adult soccer in Virginia and is working to get the requirements limited to youth leagues. Justin asked that leagues please contact him to present their views on the bill's requirements. Justin's email is: justin@cvasoccer.org

d. Treasurer's Report

- i. Refund Policy: Cara reported she is streamlining the refund policy by limiting refunds to twice a year. Cara explained that the refunds are just for SEVWSA players that have registered with MDCVSA and did not play. Cara read the new refund policy and said it will be posted on MDCSVA's website.
- ii. Budget: Cara explained that she wanted to go over the draft budget now because most leagues start registering before the August meeting where the actual budget is approved. She said she would like the council to just vote on the final budget in August and all discussion be held today. She noted she moved to QuickBooks online so the budget looks differently from last time. Cara then reported the budget looks good and she will go over the big issues that drive the budget and highlight any unknown costs. Cara indicated insurance and online registration were the biggest costs and the active.com system is too expensive so she was hoping the registration cost would come down. Cara pointed to another unknown which is whether the state will continue to receive the USASA registration refund for submitting registration data electronically. Cara went on to discuss other budgetary unknowns including: USASA registration—which she expects to remain the same; the next

USASA Mid-Year Meeting and USSF Annual General Meeting (AGM)—where she doesn't know the locations; supplies; and online registration. A discussion followed about collecting and sending personal information to USASA and USSF; Jim assured the council the personal information was secure and is not sold to outside parties. Another discussion followed about the high cost of active.com—John praised the benefits of the system he uses; Lou requested information about John's system. Michelle said that if MDCVSA develops its system then all leagues should be required to use it; she said the online registration has been a blessing for Neptune Soccer Classic's guest registrations. Jim closed the discussion by saying he would follow up with Massachusetts Soccer Association to see how they developed their system. Cara asked if there were any other issues with the draft budget and there were none.

e. Secretary's Report

Jessie reminded members to "like" MDCVSA on Facebook and for contributions for the next MDCVSA quarterly newsletter.

6. Referee Matters

In the SRA's absence Jim briefly discussed national referees and asked leagues to come to the USSF AGM in Washington DC to question US Soccer's efforts to improve referees for our leagues' games.

7. Administrator's Report (MaryBeth Falk)

MaryBeth wanted to remind all leagues to get their registration data in on time—especially during the summer when teams want to play in tournaments.

8. State and National Cups Administrator's Report (Diane Larkin)

Diane reported on MDCVSA teams that participated in the National and State Cups. She stated that she will discuss the State Cups further under new business.

9. Old Business—Appointment of Committees to explore fields and sponsorships

Jim asked leagues to contact MaryBeth if you want to volunteer for either of these committees.

10. New Business

- a. Direct affiliation requests: Representatives from Almost Free (Women's O-40), Midlife Crisis (Women's O-50) and NOVA FC (Women's O-55) discussed their direct affiliation request—the teams lost their affiliated winter league (NVWSL) and without affiliation they are unable to attend the USASA Veterans cup. They said the teams have represented MDCVSA well in that tournament in previous years and wanted to continue this year. Jim requested the team representatives bring up the issue of affiliation at the next Fairfax Women's Soccer Association meeting. The guests said they would bring up the issue and they expressed the hope NVWSL would be revived this winter. John asked if the teams were required to provide player information; Jim said that wasn't a requirement but the motion could be amended to require that information.
 - A motion to approve direct affiliation for Almost Free (Women's O-40), Midlife Crisis (Women's O-50) and NOVA FC (Women's O-55) was approved.
- b. Veterans Cup (Virginia Beach 2014 and 2015)—Jessie stated that the USASA Veterans Cup Committee was interested in holding the tournament in Virginia Beach in 2014 and 2015. She said she wanted to get input from the leagues before the state acted on the proposal. John asked the impact on Neptune because he knows his teams would want to play in Veterans Cup and might skip Neptune. Marti said in the short term holding the tournament might harm Neptune's attendance but in the long term it would expose more teams to the tournament. Jim said the last time a national tournament was held in the area was the Coed Cup in 2002 and 2003 and it was a great opportunity for our teams to attend a national event without having to incur the costs of traveling out of state. Jim asked if anyone opposed the bid; no one opposed the bid but the general consensus was that teams might prefer to go to Veterans Cup if held in Virginia Beach and might forgo Neptune for those two years.

- c. MDCVSA State Cups at Morven Park, VA—Diane proposed rather than leagues sponsor State Cups MDCVSA will select the dates and sponsor the cups; she asked for feedback and permission to proceed with this proposal.
 - After some discussion on dates and location a motion to allow MDCVSA to host the state cups was approved.
- d. Commonwealth Classic Sponsorship request (Tom Leiss)—Tom asked the council for a \$1500 sponsorship for the 2013 Commonwealth Classic—the same as last year. He reported that some of the funds went to trainers which was as big help because the high temperatures at last year’s tournament.
 - A motion to approve a \$1500 sponsorship for the Commonwealth Classic was approved
- e. Neptune Soccer Classic Sponsorship request (Dave Randolph)—Dave reported that the Neptune Soccer Classic is capping the number of teams at 78; about 60 are usually from MDCVSA. Dave said that costs are going up therefore he is requesting an increased subsidy of \$6000. He said the money goes to putting on the best tournament possible and leftover money goes to improving the fields. Cara said the state has the money to support the increased request. A discussion followed to whether MDCVSA teams get priority since more teams apply than are accepted. Marti and Dave said that MDCVSA teams do not get priority and some MDCVSA coed teams do not get to play because the tournament organizers try to hold spots for men’s and women’s teams. John noted that he didn’t see any MDCVSA sponsorship at the last tournament and suggested the state association have more presence next year. Marti confirmed the MCVSA banner is front and center each year. Cara suggested that perhaps we have our staff walk around during games on Saturdays and Sundays to let teams know about MDCVSA membership and benefits.
 - A motion to approve a \$6000 sponsorship for the Neptune Soccer Classic was approved.

11. Open issues from the floor

- a. It was generally agreed the acoustics in the room were poor and for the next meeting the tables/chairs should be reconfigured or there should be a microphone. Also, the spider phone needs to be set up for the next meeting.
- b. Cara announced that she was resigning as Treasurer effective August 31, 2013. Everyone thanked Cara for all of her hard work for the association through the years. Members were asked to refer any potential replacements to the board prior to the August meeting.

12. For the good of the game

- a. Jim noted upcoming US National Team matches will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.
- b. Jim invited everyone to a tailgate before the USA-Germany match at RFK on June 2, 2013.
- c. Next meeting—August 10, 2013 in Richmond.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Kratz
Secretary