

ACSA Captains' Meeting
January 12, 2011
Space 12, 3121 East 12th Street, Austin, Texas

Called to order 7:05 p.m.

Announcement by Alissa Ziemanski, President about our new meeting facility, Space 12. Community space. Houses a lot of non-profits. They are trusting us. If you help yourself to nay of their drinks, please be honorable about it and leave a donation.

PIZZA ARRIVES

MOTION: by VP Heather Darby to approve previous meeting minutes, 2nd by Jenna Sinopoli Rules Cmte. Chair, motion carried

Officers Reports

Referee Coordinator – She will support the will of the board of captains in regard to the question of having line judges at games. We do not go to state cup any more so the matter of winning and losing is really just about bragging rights. Costs would increase by \$30/game, perhaps less. There are a lot of certified refs who want to work for our league, so that's a plus to the idea. Discussion followed. Alissa Z commented that to make the idea feasible, we'd need at least 3 divisions to agree to it. Also would require an increase in Paula's compensation from the league for the added work.

Comment from a captain that refs who play in divisions should not ref games in those divisions. Paula addressed it and said she was doing her best to make sure that did not happen.

Discussion of line judges issue continued. One captain commented "I know I've got a lot of jerks on my team."

Straw poll to ascertain amount of support in the room for the issue showed 2 captains in favor. Issue was tabled for the foreseeable future.

Division 1 – Adam Talianchich, Blue Sox came in 1st in the fall. Alissa Z. presented the first of 6 handmade trophies

Division 2 – (not present) Nuts and Bolts, again with the trophy

Division 3 – Mike Toth, Generics (trophy) edged out Austin Fighters. Mike encouraged captains to get registered for the spring season. You don't have to pay when you do, just click the register button.

Division 4 – April Bohannan, good season, Wasabi won the division (trophy) with 9 wins.

Division 5 – Daniel Santiago, asked everyone to make an effort to control their players. Sean's Business was the division winner (and a trophy).

Division 6 – Molly Quirk, great season, no fights. Lightning Awesome Bullet will be moving up (trophy).

Presidential Interjection – commissioners will be handling ref reports in future and will deal with all infractions that occur in their divisions. Reminded captains that the commissioners are their first point of contact in the league for any issues they may have. Please use them.

Treasurer – Sarah Zottarelli, our income level has been declining a bit recently. We are definitely not generating enough excess cash to run our own fields. She will be researching numbers and coming back to the board of captains with a formal financial report in May. Ateamo is currently not giving us accurate data dumps. Working on that problem

League Disciplinarian (Rules Committee Chair) – Jenna Sinopoli, D4 had the most infractions in the season. She listed some fascinating figures on the number of red and yellow cards in each division.

Outreach Committee – Rob Surrago and Jaime Escareno, team was presented to the board of captains for the first time since inception. Their focus is an increase in numbers of teams in the league through an increase in public awareness, Facebook, Twitter. The line judges discussion originated online. If you have suggestions to promote the league, please let them know.

Secretary – Marcus O, discussed impending game schedule creation. Encouraged captains to review the schedule when it comes out and please get back with the league if they see any issues or problems. Our focus is maximum soccer for everyone.

VP– Heather Darby. Tournament will be on 3/12 and 13, the first weekend of SXSW. Registration for it is open on ateamo. Discounts for early registration. There will be prizes. Teams are guaranteed 3 games. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

President – Follows up Heather’s discussion of tournament. The Soccer Brawl represents 16 years of a coed tournament in Austin. Please support it!

- USSSA approached us about hosting a nationwide coed tournament here in Austin. More on that as it develops
- Players must have a player card. Yes, you can use a state issued ID or current passport in emergencies. And if you have a card situation all you have to do is contact your commissioner and let them know. We want you to play. But, please make an effort to ensure all players, especially in the summer, have a valid card from the registrar.
- Roster need to be printed from the ateamo site. You can add jersey numbers in ateamo by going to manage roles and clicking on the jersey icon next to a player’s name. Captains must sign the rosters upon completion of the game. This is to avoid controversy later in case there is disagreement about posted scores or game outcomes.

MOTION: It was moved, and about 20 people seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.