

ACSA Board of Captains meeting
April 30, 2014
Space 12
Austin, TX

7:01pm called to order by president.

MOTION: Adoption of minutes of previous meeting, Seconded, passes unanimously.

Officer Reports

President/Acting Treasurer

- Fields, insurance, and retention of a CPA are the league's biggest expenses
 - Update on nonprofit status: awaiting IRS ruling
 - Contract work in recent financial statement is the gift to the former league president
 - Our money is not enough for fields and will likely never be

Vice President

- Tournament was cancelled at the last minute
 - Most teams in the league didn't sign up
 - Tournament coming in February 2015, the weekend before games start
 - Tournament will be held at OCSC if possible
 - Has been rebranded to COPA AUSTIN to make it more universal to the city and accessible
 - Angie from Waterloo Salty Dogs is helping with broader team recruiting
 - ANY volunteers would be welcomed
 - Historically, there was a tournament at Old Settler's Park during the off season, and we can investigate that possibility
 - There is interest in scheduling the tournament between seasons to allow maximum ACSA play

Commissioners

- D1 has a team that consistently causes injury to other teams, but otherwise it's been a great season
- D2 going well, only 1 red card, CLS winning
- Remaining commissioners have no reports or are not in attendance

It Starts With Soccer - Recap

- Gear drive finished Saturday before meeting
 - Good response and turnout seen from membership, collections will be sent to ISWS soon
 - Captains need to do a better job of disseminating info to their players; many were unaware of the drive
 - ISWS even on Sunday had good ACSA attendance
 - There are always more opportunities to help their cause with your time, gear, or money

Website Update

- Timing of change was out of financial necessity/contract end
- Player pool is now functional – filtering search coming soon
- Rules posted on site
- Schedule loads into website from ateamo
- Question about links to register – will be investigated by Marcus
- Use of virtual cards
 - Most refs choose not to look at virtual cards
 - Good percentage of captains using virtual cards
 - Marcus will investigate adding option for a player to create his own card vs current captain-only functionality

Summer Rules

- Any registered league player may guest
- No limit on number of guests
- Water breaks are standard
- Schedule will be front-loaded at 8am-10am-12pm
 - That may cause some multi-player conflict
- Discuss/agree to free subbing and any other heat accommodations with the captains and ref pre-game

2014-2015 Term Elections

- No executives have indicated intention to step down, current positions are on meeting agenda
- Heather Darby challenges current Division 4 Commissioner Position
 - Nominated by Rob Surrago, seconded by Elliott Pittman for position
 - Heather unanimously elected to position
- Remaining positions, mass nominated by Heather Darby and seconded by Elliott Pittman
- All positions reelected unanimously, none abstain
- Treasurer position currently filled by President
 - Would like to finish current project cleaning books and returning to non-profit status
 - Intends to find a qualified candidate
 - Position will not have significant burden moving forward, will be responsible for invoicing and coordination with bookkeeper and CPA Membership credits

New Business

- Summer schedule is listed in the meeting agenda
- Meeting attendance is declining
 - Partially due to summer attrition
 - Discussion about possibilities to increase attendance
 - Change bylaws to require attendance at a minimum number of meetings/year?

- Remove proxy option?
 - Set up a conference call?
- Captains are not all disseminating information to their teams
 - Commissioners can ID a few non-captains from each team in their division for backup communication
 - Meeting minutes can be broadcast to all members
 - Direct emailing should be possible through ateamo
 - Newsletter project discussed and volunteers organized
- A majority of games at OCSC is noted; this is to maintain our current rate at the fields
- Water/improvement possibility at OCSC is discussed, Marcus will investigate why AMSA dropped the project
- Entering scores for games is done by the first captain to log in; refs should keep reports as a backup
- Elliott Pittman initiates discussion about girl goal rule for higher divisions
 - D1/D2 had success last year
 - D3 could be a candidate
 - Below this level it is vehemently opposed

MOTION: Vote on making girl goals worth 1 point in D1/D2 games for Summer 2014. Seconded, passes unanimously. Girl goals will be 1 point in D1/D2. D3 will have the option to vote via email after closure of registration.

MOTION: close meeting, seconded by Elliott Pittman. Meeting adjourned 7:54pm.