

Area Meeting 1/28/09

Present

Mike Morrissey, John Hart, Jeff McClure, Steve Forbes, Brent Morrison, Mark von der Lieth, Hal Townsend, Debbie Snedeker, Cathy Corum, Tom Corum, John Maltester, JC Arajo

After introductions, Brent, Mark, and Hal left.

Expectations - Mike

PHMSA board meetings are fun, hope is that these meetings can be, also. Communications is the really big thing. If an email is sent out, a timely response is expected. Ninety-nine percent of communication will be via email. Mike typically will respond to an email within 24 hours.

Treasurer Report - Budget

Some money is available in the Area budget. It has been sent to Section director. The calendar is necessary to show what classes/activities are being done so funding can be allocated from National.

There is a concern that no receipts have come in for the VIP Soccerfest. Mike has been unable to get a hold of Gary Drevno. Thus far, the trophies have been paid for and the food was donated.

Steve Forbes asked about refunds for participates that went to Golden Gate Camp. It was a miscue on getting the checks sent. Debbie requested a re-submission and will handle the refund asap.

Delta, Richmond, and Stockton still have not paid their fall fees to Area or National. Delta and Stockton still owe for Select, also. It was suggested that regions who have not paid their fees, be cut from the schedule (fall and/or select). It was felt this would be unfair to the children. It was then discussed that any regions with outstanding fees would have to get current and pay ahead of time before they would be added to the interplay schedule. Stockton handles their fees/registrations differently than most other regions. They have registration and then each player pays the coach directly for their uniforms. As far as next fall, it is a National issue as to whether or not they can field teams.

Minutes from 10/22/08

Accepted and approved.

Select Update - Tom

It is beneficial that Area 2D has a new Select Coordinator this year. Information has been going back and forth more smoothly. The information about number of teams has gone directly to Jay, streamlining the operations.

Final roster updates are due no later than January 31.

Tom spoke with John M. prior to the board meeting regarding send off reports. It does not state in the Select Rules that send-off reports should go to the Select Coordinators, but it is being request that it happen. John agreed that he would send the reports to Tom.

There were issues with the various regions rain information last weekend. It has been suggested that each regions procedures for closing their fields be listed on the website. Mike will send out a bullet item list to the necessary information.

Referee Report - John M.

Send off reports are low, but then the number of games has been, also. Typically a report for a red card garnered from two yellows is not sent out, but will be in the future.

The question of high school player playing select came up. JC has been in contact with NCSA and has been told via phone and email that no one playing high school soccer is allowed to play select until the end of the high school season. Freshman teams are released sooner that JV/Varsity. It was suggested that the high school policy should be clearly listed on the website.

There will be a referee meeting March 1. Right now John is trying to find referees interested in helping during Spring Coed which begins March 1.

Area training dates have come in from Concord and PHMSA. An ongoing issue is that the only place to get training to become a National referee is at Golden Gate Camp. It is being discussed that Golden Gate Camp will be moved to Norte Dame in Belmont. This has the potential to eliminated a lot of people from attending. The move is due to problems securing the site at St. Mary's College. It appears the location change will be a definite for this year.

It is being suggested that regions include training for U8 referees. It would mean changing the order of the modules to have all of the U8 information covered in the first night. The rest of the classes would then cover the other age brackets. The information for what modules to move will be sent out. There is a need for class taught in Spanish.

Coach Report - John H.

There has only one red card thus far. The upper division schedule could be better. It was mentioned that National gives a lot of leeway with this age group in an attempt to give them opportunities to play soccer. It was suggested that they could play on Sundays or do round robins on Saturdays. There is a need for referees. Part of the schedule issue is all teams should play each other at least once before they play any team twice. No team should have a bye on the first day of play. It might mean scheduling two games on that day for one of the teams.

The rules of certification came up. The deadline to have the secondary play coaches certified is August 1, 2009. That means the coach has to be certified before they can coach tournaments or National game teams.

Spring Co-Ed

PHMSA website still has registration dates for 2008. A couple of players showed up. MDSA is hoping to have a girls team to play. Concord is also looking to field a team this year. Spring Co-Ed is open to all second year U14, U16, and U19 players. The deadline to give team information to Mike is February 15.

RAP is tabled for now.

Section Conference

It is thought that RCs will be paid for by National. Also the AD and area staff. This is something that needs to be researched. PHMSA is sending 24, Concord 12, and MDSA 5.

General Information

John Maltester suggested that Area needs to put together an ad for the Contra Costa Times that has registration information for the three local regions. It is something to be looked into.

Calendar

Each region was given a pad of sticky notes to put on the calendar pages. The idea was for each region to place their years information onto the master calendar. The information will then be transferred to an electronic version for posting.

PHMSA - pink

Concord - blue

MDSA - purple

Referees - green

Stockton - yellow

AYSO General - light blue

Once the sticky notes were put on the calendar pages, the meeting was adjourned.