Colorado Springs Adult Soccer League

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm at Embassy Suites Hotel near Woodman.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting** from 7/10/22: Amy Dowling motions to approve the minutes; Erich Wark seconds the motion; all vote in favor.
3. **Introduction of Current Board Members: Nathan Evans, President; Brian Slivka, Vice President; Julian Drummond, Treasurer; Ann Briggs, Secretary; Greg Dingrando, Director; Amy Dowling, Director; Jason Hann, Director, all in attendance. Jim Gilbert, Referee Liaison, & Matt Couch, Free Agent Coordinator (not on COSASL Board), not at this meeting.**
4. **Correspondence: The Board has been in communication with the Hispanic League, just to keep in touch. Hispanic manager named Ivan is investigating COSASL Over 35 Division.**
5. **Treasurer’s Report : COSASL Income Jan-July 2022 : $30,772.13 ; less expenses $22,734.53 ; Net Income : $8037.60. Some field and referee fees will still account against this balance for Spring 2022. Major expenses every season are Ref Fees ($15,000) and Fields ($5700). Field’s Account remains at $44,000.**
6. **Fall 2022 Season Schedule: Annual General Meeting Monday, July 19, 6:30pm at Embassy Suites, Woodman Road.**
   1. **Season Schedule:** League play begins 11Sept; no games Labor Day Weekend; schedule expected to continue with Playoffs and Finals before Thanksgiving. Byes ONLY for leagues with odd number of teams. Leagues with an even number of teams should expect games every Sunday.
   2. **Registration Dates: Originally set July 20-August 22. Registration MUST BEGIN after August 1, as CASA year-end is July 31, annually.**

**Revised Dates are August 2 through AUG 22.**

* 1. **Team Fees Fall 2022**—All Teams $1500 to COSASL ($100 credit for teams attending AGM, with sign-in rep). Registration Fee for CASA: Manager’s payment to CASA Registration Fee still $75, Registration available starting August 2 over and above COSASL Team Fees. Player Cards $30, per player (in addition to player’s portion of COSASL Team Fees paid to their manager).
  2. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**: **August 22, 2022**. A $200 deposit is required for each team to be put on the Schedule with balance to be paid BEFORE the SECOND GAME (actually the Wed after that team’s 1st Sunday game).
  3. **Points vs Playoffs**: Winners will be determined for Fall 2022 on which standard is requested by a majority of teams in each league. Women have requested points, as of Spring 2022. Erik suggested points with top two teams have a playoff. Perhaps for future. Men and Over 35 vote playoffs.Women want FUN KICK AROUND. Set up at beg of season.

1. **Fields update: Vice President- Brian Slivka**

Fields expected: Cheyenne Mountain stadium, Vanguard and James Irwin are the Fall 2022 main fields. The Club may also have usage of 2 Fountain-Fort Carson High School fields. This may help bring Pueblo refs to theses fields. Harrison HS may be a consideration. USAFA has not been used as background checks must be made on every player.

1. **Referees:** The COSASL Board had voted to increase Referee fees from $80 1 Ref to $95; 2person game from $65+$65 to $75+$75; and 3 person system from $55+$45+$45 to $65+$55+$55. This takes 3 ref games from $145/game to $175/game and increase of $240/team per season(max). Bonuses are still in play, and immediate payment, to keep our league competitive with attracting referees. Our Referee Liaison, Jim Gilbert has also recommended multiple ideas to increase referee availability, including weeknights, but too many conflicts negate these suggestions. The idea was brought up that only 1 person on a team may talk to a referee. Comments regarding referees should be made to Amy Dowling. Amy will communicate to Jim Gilbert. Center circle check-in is a positive beginning to each game. All managers should encourage all their team members to the circle to establish game day respect for referees.
2. **League Growth and New Teams**: Free Agent Coordinator is Matt Couch. He is beginning kick arounds at Memorial Park beginning July 24 11AM- 12:30pm, every other Sunday. He is building teams from the free agent list. Managers are also invited to peruse the Free Agent list, and get players connected to your team as soon as possible. Please refer interested players to Matt Couch.
3. **Board Positions**:
   1. President: Nominations will be taken. Duties: Liaison with Managers and coordination of Leadership.
   2. Vice President: Brian Slivka: Field Contracts and payment; insurance submitted to fields
   3. Secretary: Ann Briggs: communicate to league; Manager Roster; Board Meeting communication; communicate with scheduler.
   4. Treasurer: Julian Drummond: partnering with CPA and bookkeeper; coordinate team payment adjustments so teams can pay online (get process from J. Fugate); streamlining reports so payments for refs and fields are timely and partnering with Amy Dowling so red card money is paid and players can be released from suspension.
   5. Director Greg Dingrando- Disciplinary Committee; all Social Media; Year End Championship Gifts (shirts/recognition on Trophy M1)
   6. Director Amy Dowling- Disciplinary Committee and Ref Feedback Process, and integration of penalty costs and suspensions
   7. Jason Hann- partnering with free agents to build new teams; optimizing website; optimizing ideas for social media.

* Vice President and Treasurer voted on odd years. President and Secretary on even years.
* Nominations for President: Greg Dingrando nominates Jason Hann.

Julian nominates Greg Dingrando. Voting outcome, Jason Hann is elected President. Nathan Evans commits to integrating with Jason for the Fall 2022 season to be of service during transition.

1. **Old Business**: Matt Couch is the coordinator to build new teams with the inquiries from the Free Agent list on the website and referrals from teams and other leagues. Free agent list PW: FreeAgentList2021.
2. **New Business: Culture of COSASL: The League will endeavor under deadlines listed to put out a full schedule after the deadline. Teams will only get a bye if their league has an uneven number of teams, forcing a bye in the schedule (no manager request for changes). All teams will be expected to play on the first date of the season, Sept 11, 2022. The league will design the season with NO RESCHEDULES EXCEPT FOR WEATHER PROBLEMS. A hard deadline for Registration (August 22) will be enforced so a full schedule can be published directly after Aug 20.**
3. **Adjournment:\_8:15\_Julian Drummond motions the meeting adjourn; Nick B seconds. All vote in favor.**