

NOASA GENERAL MEETING

February 19, 2020 6:00pm

1. sign in
 - a. 6:09PM at ACME on West Market Street Akron, Ohio
2. Call to additions to the agenda
 - a. Need to confirm registration start date w/ Michele
3. Approval of last meeting minutes
 - a. Approved
4. Approval of the treasurer's report
 - a. Current Balance: \$62,249.93
 - i. Motion to approve made by Alex, 2nd by Warner & John
5. Officer's report
 - a. President
 - i. Referee issues
 1. Payment system
 - a. Need to get paid through online systems and not in cash
 2. Stacking games – **VOTE**
 - a. Arguments made for/against stacking games:
 - i. Teams not wanting to change their play times
 - ii. Youth leagues arriving and taking over fields by 11
 - iii. "Going to lose players"
 - iv. Not an option for weekday games, only may work on weekends
 - v. Starting games at 9 (or earlier) to allow for better stacking times
 - vi. Allows for refs to come from farther if multiple games promised on same field
 - vii. Stacking games on only select fields
 - viii. Will some teams have more home or away games to compensate for stacking games?
 - ix. Women's league on Saturdays does not have an issue getting referees, so why stack those games?
 - x. Issues present for men's leagues on Sundays w/ 3-men systems
 - b. Leave it up to each individual league to make decision
 - c. Warner making motion to give authority to stack games with consensus with the 30 and over teams on Sunday mornings – 2nd by Alex & Beau

- i. Division commissioner (one manager from each league) to help decide if games should be stacked, playoffs (how, when, \$, etc.), and playoff prize
 - ii. Need the input from 30+ men's teams on Sunday mornings before decision to stack can be official
 - ii. **Field issues**
 - 1. **Divisions at Akron Indoor**
 - a. Warner to meet with Vito this week to discuss field issues
 - b. Differing payments paid to Akron Indoor by NOASA – needs to be discussed
 - 2. **Fields at Copley Complex**
 - iii. **GAASA and OPEN league division**
 - 1. **Possible return of OPEN division**
 - 2. **Reconnect with GAASA**
 - a. Mike and Nick to be contacted about reconnecting
 - iv. **Internet presence**
 - 1. SCO packages to boost appearance of league to community
 - v. **Grants**
 - 1. US Soccer has grants available for development of the league
 - 2. Uses for grant money – buy property, league development, etc.
 - vi. **Player behavior**
 - 1. Bylaws (articles 34-38) allow for suspension of players based on behavior, no carding needed
 - a. Revision of bylaws to close loopholes regarding player behavior and penalties to be performed by Board
 - b. Request to streamline/expedite suspension and appeal request process
 - i. Conflict arises in situations where no referees are present to officiate/do not submit a game report.
 - 2. Becoming more strict with player behavior
 - 3. Utilizing sites like gameofficials.net for card reporting and instituting a points system as motivation/punishment for playoffs?
 - 4. Player statement to be added to registration process – most likely next fall it will begin
- b. **Treasurer**
 - i. **Changes to insurance from \$5,000 to \$25,000 - VOTE**
 - ii. **Fees**
 - 1. Increasing insurance fees minimally each year (by approx \$5 – specifics to be researched and determined) to increase player coverage from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
 - 2. Deductable to remain around \$400

3. How many people have used our insurance in the past – is there a need to increase?
4. Players become eligible for insurance coverage the same season it is submitted
5. No refs = not an official game covered by insurance
6. Warner to make motion for minor increase of player insurance fees by X amount* – 2nd John
 - a. *Amount to be determined
7. Add link to insurance policy to website
8. **Approve treasurer's report**
 - a. Motion to approve made by Alex, 2nd by Warner & John
- c. **VP report:** No report
- d. **VP men:** No report
- e. **VP women:** No report
- f. **Secretary:** No report
6. **Old business** - None
7. **New business**
 - a. Addition of women's info to website (names, phone numbers, schedules, etc.)
 - b. Refs paid \$65/45 currently – are we able to increase payment to refs and are we willing to pay more to attract them?
 - i. 3-man vs single man systems for games. 3-man system allows for advancement of referees
 - ii. Discuss within teams if they are willing to increase team fees to better pay referees
 - c. Referee scholarship to assist with training new referees
 - i. Recruitment process is through word of mouth and online
 1. Add link to NOASA website
 - d. Meeting with division commissioners before Spring season starts to discuss season setup and fees
 - e. Scheduling to avoid playing in Wooster – possibly meet half way and play in Wadsworth or Lodi
 - i. Utilizing high school fields and delaying game times to compensate both teams?
 - ii. If Wooster team gives up home games, can their games be subsidized/compensated?
8. **Motion to adjourn**
 - a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Warner – 2nd John and Beau
 - b. 7:30pm