

NOASA GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 21ST 2017

1. Sign-in

- Meeting started at 7:10pm with sign-in

2. Call for additions to the meeting

- No additions to the agenda were presented

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting

- Minutes were approved with no changes

4. Approval of treasurer's report

- Current balance is \$92866.30
- Report available on sign-in table
- Approved

5. Officer's reports:

President Report

- Registration
 - Current registration method to be utilized for Spring 2017
 - A new registration and organization management method is being developed by our webmaster
 - Need to decide if we want to invest in our own system or pay for an outside service ... Affinity is best outside option, but still not responding to inquiries
- Copley Road fields information
 - More information coming
- Meeting locations
 - 6-8pm registration, location information to be sent out
- Futsal open nights
 - Friday nights, more information on website
- Bylaws update is in process and on going

VP Executive Report

- Nothing to report

VP Open Men

- Nothing to report

VP Men

- Playoff AND/OR tournament at season end – Copley Road complex is available to host tourney at end of June. Playoff awards of shirts/medals.
- Divisional restructuring
 - 2 divisions for SM30

VP Women

- Ask the women's league if they want to have summer pick up again to help bring on new players
- Age grouping of women's divisions. The spread of 18-35-40 is leaving an important group of women in a quandary. That is the >30 age group. As you know, the >30 has been the mainstay of the women's division. At one time there were skill based divisions within the >30 Saturday morning division. And that was BEFORE the >25s, the 21s, and now 18s were permitted to join in any number. The new Saturday division is called "18 and up" on our NOASA website - yet it is mis-stated in FAQs and other areas. Anyone unfamiliar with the actual teams who is perusing our website is going to be put off by the age groupings if she is >30, but not yet 35. Actually, there are likely some 20-somethings that are not willing to play soccer with 18 year olds. Especially players new to soccer. A few years ago the managers were presented with the >35 Thursday division and a promise that this would give some of the "older" >30 Saturday division players a place to play while NOASA recruited and built an open women's division to share our Saturday 9:30am spot. The proponents said that we needed experienced teams to get the younger players in the program if we expected to see any growth. That the younger players simply would not create or manage their own teams. The promise was that after a while the younger teams would grow and create a need for 2 divisions based upon skill. In essence, it would be temporary and the Saturday morning ladies soccer league would have a Div for the more skilled teams and a regular Div for the rest of us - just like it was before.

Secretary

- Nothing to report

6. Special Reports

- Spring Registration is Tuesday March 14, 2017 from 6:00-8pm, location TBD

SPRING 2017 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Insurance fees - due for brand new players or returning players that did not get registered in Fall 2016.
2. Player passes do **NOT** need to be turned in, stickers are not changing.
3. Last day for **MAILING** in registration forms is Friday, March 10, 2017.
4. Last day for **DROP OFF** registration forms in bin is Sunday, March 12, 2017.

FORMS NEEDED

1. Fall 2016 Original roster
2. NOASA field availability & team waiver form
3. NOASA Fee sheet (2017 on top and one for each team)

7. Old Business

- Referee fee increases for all divisions (table-no referee fee increase)
- SM30 D1 three man system “Test Run” for Spring 2017
 - Increase of referee fee to be split \$300 for team and \$325 for NOASA per each team in the division

MOTION: Adopt a 3 man referee system for SM30 DI for spring 2017 season with a cost increase from \$225 to \$300 for each team and \$325 for NOASA for each team

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- Referee Scholarship Program
 - Mentioned to focus on 3-man referee system and will continue to research other referee incentives or scholarship type programs

8. New Business

- Wooster team (FC Viagra) would like the league to consider allowing them to use their local fields as home fields
 - Discussion: add another field will benefit

MOTION: The league will utilize the Wooster fields for SM 40 and SM 50

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- NOASA paying the entrance fee for tournaments
 - Discussion: the number of players on a team and half or full price of fee

MOTION: NOASA will pay the entry fee for one tournament per calendar year per age division if the team has 8 NOASA registered players

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9. Adjournment

- Women issues first next meeting
- Motion to adjourn: adjourned at 8:09pm