

NOASA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday July 21, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Board Members: Warner, Alex, Michele, Lorisa, Bailey, Vohn

1. Sign in
 - a. Goodrich Field and gymnasium; July 21, 2021 @ 6:40pm
2. Call to additions to the agenda
 - a. None
3. Approval of last meeting Minutes
 - a. Seconded: Alex
4. Approval of the Treasurer's report
 - a. Current balance:
 - i. \$61,437.41
 - ii. Still owe approx. \$2,000 in spring expenses
 - iii. Motion to approve made by
 1. Vohn
5. Officer's Reports
 - a. President (Warner)
 - b. Treasurer (Lorisa)
 - i. Updated balance
 - c. VP report (Alex)
 - i. Discipline reports
 1. Increase in red cards and disciplinary actions, especially in men's leagues
 2. Game reports required from managers if a red card is given to a player on either team
 - a. Go to the Coaches corner on NOASA website → "Coach's game report" → fill out and submit the form
 - ii. Need to have team rosters printed at the beginning of the season and when players are added to the team
 1. Suspended players will not show up on the online roster report

d. VP Men (Vohn)

i. Division Realignments

1. There is a possibility for the top 4 men's teams to have their own division created

- a. Vohn will reach out to these individual teams to coordinate appropriate moves

e. VP Women (Tina) – absent from meeting, but Michele provided the following information

i. Referees

1. There is a shortage of referees across the state

- a. How do teams know if they have a ref assigned to their game?

- i. Go to Gameofficials.net (No account needed)
- ii. On left hand side there is a menu
- iii. Select "Schedules"
- iv. Select "OHN State Assignments [OH]" from the drop down menu
- v. Select league "NOASA"
- vi. Choose the Male or Female schedules
- vii. Choose your team from the list
- viii. If a green figure appears in the "Officials" column, one has been assigned at that time. This does not guarantee the official will actually show up, just that one has been assigned at that time
 1. All games without a referee need to be reported so the team isn't charged a referee fee
 2. If no ref shows up: on NOASA website...
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ii. Scholarship program

1. NOASA has a program that funds and provides an equipment package to new referees

2. Please help get word out to recruit people for referees

f. Secretary (Bailey)

6. Old Business

a. Fall season

- i. Games start the 3rd week in August (8-20)
- ii. Registration for only the managers opens August 1st
 1. Managers need to provide their field availability forms (NOASA fields are exempt)
 2. Team needs to be registered by August 10th
 - a. This allows for schedules to be reviewed prior to the season start
 - b. **NOASA website will have calendar updated with all above dates**
- iii. Registration cut off
 1. There was a brief discussion about keeping registration open throughout the season, or having it be cut off by the third game
 - a. Member thoughts on keeping registration open:
 - i. Allows for players to be added throughout season
 - ii. Numbers dwindle towards end of season, this allows for a boost
 - iii. Players cannot transfer between teams
 - iv. Fears of adding “ringers”
 - b. Member thoughts on having a registration cut off:
 - i. Roster cuts off at 25 players per team per bylaws
 - ii. May have limited numbers towards end of season
 - c. Will leave registration OPEN for Fall 2021 season – Board and membership will revisit this topic for the Spring season
 - iv. Fall season ends Oct 31st

b. Insurance (USI; PAI Policy?)

- i. Holes discovered in the coverage provided by old league insurance
 1. Policy and deductions list needs to be obtained by the Board to review coverage
 2. Board will further investigate options for amending this situation

3. Other teams have not had similar issues with using supplemental insurance provided

7. New Business

- a. Field naming rights raffle to be presented to Board during next meeting (Bailey)
- b. Realigning women's divisions to be presented to Board during next meeting (Lorisa)
- c. Field purchase(s)
 - i. Main area
 1. 290'L x 265'W
 - a. Slightly short for a traditional field, and this measurement goes out to the fence
 - b. Area needs to be levelled and baseball field deconstructed to make room for field
 2. Can the main area be broken down into 2 smaller fields –NO
 - a. Fields are already short, creating 2 will make them too narrow
 3. Coventry road will eventually be removed and changed to a bike path. A fire hydrant on the field-side of the road will also limit expansion
 4. Field renovations will cost approx. \$35,00-\$50,000
 - a. Membership to reach out to friends/family for other estimates and price reductions
 - ii. Auxiliary field (can be utilized for warm ups, kids games, etc)
 - iii. Price \$30,000
 1. 2 fields, field house, use of gym for meetings and possibly futsal, and parking lot usage
 2. Field upkeep will be done by NOASA
 - a. Estimated yearly costs for upkeep -- \$21,000 (for a commercial company)
 - b. Mowing, painting, aerating, fertilizer, safety upkeep
 - c. Volunteer effort to maintain field will significantly reduce cost by approx. \$12,000 a year
 - d. Approx. 1 year turn around to make fields play-ready
 - e. Environmental assessments should be completed prior to purchase – requested by members

f. Rain impact and field drainage

iv. Membership wants to see all data collected on field before decision to purchase

1. Can we apply for a grant now that Covid is lightening?

2. Put together a complete proposal to present to membership

d. There is talk of the Copley Road complex expanding its fields – can we get involved?

e. Creating a men's over-60 league

i. Poll members for interest in creating a men's 7v7 over-60 league – Email?

ii. There are 10+ over-50 leagues currently

8. Motion to adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Warner

i. Seconded by Walid

b. **8:01pm**