

Anne Arundel County Youth Soccer Association (AAYSA)  
Monthly Meeting Held at the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP)  
November 15, 2006 Minutes

President Hait opened the meeting at 7:00. Attending were 20 organizational representatives and 8 AAYSA officers/directors (President Hait, Vice President Brickwedde, Treasurer Neiswonger, Secretary Lang, Past President Gauthier, Past President Simmerman, Director Zabrocki and Director Hoffman-Cantrell).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tony Neiswonger reported that we had about \$42,000 in the bank and the only unpaid expense was \$7,000 for trophies. We received \$1,000 from the Snack Shack at the Annapolis Middle School magnet field. Tony expressed concern that our balance was too high and that our percentage increase in the checking account balance was too high and that we could have problems with the IRS. He recommended that we spend the balance down.

A possible use of the extra funds discussed was liability insurance for the officers. Robert Gauthier stated he would seek possible insurance options for approval.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

No one had any question about the October minutes. No formal motion was made to accept the October minutes.

### **Old Business**

#### Arundel Cup – Tom Brickwedde

Tom reported that the Sunday championship games went well. Blast players attended. There are still 100 Tournament shirts left if anyone wishes to purchase them. Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arundel Cup and Tom would like to do something to make it special.

Tom reported that Steve Hendrie will continue to chair the Scholarship Award Committee. Those seeking the scholarship should apply by April 15, 2007. Applicants should have a 2.5 GPA or higher, have played at least one season in the AAYSL/AAYSA, answer one of the two essay questions and prepare the application. Tom would like to hold the Scholarship presentation ceremony at the June AAYSA meeting.

The current scholarship amount is \$1500 and four are awarded. A question arose as to whether we had the money to increase the amount and/or the number of scholarships offered. After a discussion as to how much of our total checking balance of \$42,000 were funds generated by the Tournament, a motion was made concerning the number and amount of the scholarships.

#### Motion

Greg Geiger of Severna Park moved that we offer up to six scholarships of \$2,000 each. Denise Hoffman-Cantrell seconded the motion. The rationale was that the "up to" phrase would allow us to offer fewer if we did not get six qualified candidates or if the revenue from the tournament did not allow us to offer that many in any particular year. The motion passed with only Jesse Simmerman of Annapolis voting against the motion.

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Arundel Cup Format Change Possibility

We also discussed possible changes to the tournament to increase participation. One suggestion would be to hold the tournament on the Columbus Day weekend and not hold regular season games that weekend. To keep the same number of games, we would have to add another Sunday game to the regular season schedule. The County also is considering adding more Sunday games for those Divisions with odd number of teams to offset the byes so that all teams have 10 games scheduled. It was suggested that this issue be reintroduced at the May meeting and there were no stated objections.

**New Business**

Fall Season Trophies – Andy Hait

Andy announced that he had sent emails to all the first place coaches asking for roster size confirmations. For those that did not respond, they will receive as many trophies as the roster maximum. The trophies will be available for pick-up at Bell Branch Park on Saturday, December 9 from 10-noon. Each organization should send only one rep to pick up all the trophies for that organization.

Fall League Issues – Andy Hait

Andy noticed quite a few teams with large goals scored versus goals allowed differentials while determining the first place teams. To him, this meant that we still have issues with teams running up scores and placing teams lower or higher than their talent level. Andy stated he would like to address this issue at the May meeting. No one had any objections about that decision.

**Miscellaneous Issues**

Communications – Andy Hait

Andy Hait stated that he prefers to communicate AAYSA business by email rather than phone. A list of all the organizations and their Commissioners was sent out for amendment or correction. We were all asked to make sure our emails and phone numbers are correct and to annotate the phone numbers with H, W or C (Home, Work or Cell).

There are only seven AAYSA meetings per year. The “regular” meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of January, March, June, October and November. The team placement meetings will take place in February and August. Each organization needs to send a representative to 75 percent of these meetings or risk losing membership and having to pay the membership fee to rejoin.

(Note: An organization must send a representative to at least six meetings to achieve an attendance rate that exceeds 75 percent. Attending 5 meetings results in a 71 percent attendance rate.)

It was stated that Deale does not play Spring Soccer and did not see a need to attend the AAYSA meetings in the spring. This led to a question as to whether the AAYSA would allow another organization’s rep to be given proxy rights for another organization. Currently, the bylaws do not allow voting by proxy.

Officer Meeting – Andy Hait

Prior to the general meeting, an officer’s meeting was held. It was attended by President Hait, Vice President Brickwedde, Treasurer Neiswonger, Secretary Lang, Past President Gauthier, Past President Simmerman, Director Zabrocki and Director Hoffman-Cantrell. The officers discussed some game protests, the suspension of a coach, the upcoming elections in January and when the CY 2007 meetings would be held.

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Budget Committee Formation – Andy Hait

Andy announced that he would like to form a Budget Committee and that he would send out an email seeking interested members to meet with him and the Treasurer to establish a more formal budget.

Motion

Greg Geiger of Severna Park made a motion that the bylaws be changed to allow proxy voting if the organization not attending sends a written (e-mail or letter) communication to the AAYSA President prior to the meeting that organization X will be represented by organization Y. Brett Blacker of Shady Side seconded the motion. Since this motion requires a change in bylaws, the actual vote must be taken place at the next meeting (January) and requires at least two-thirds of those present (assuming we meet quorum requirements) to vote for the motion for it to take affect.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30. The next meeting will probably be Friday, January 19 at the Yellow Fin Restaurant at 7:00. Denise Hoffman-Cantrell volunteered to organize the dinner meeting and contact the organizational representatives about the time and place. Spouses and significant others are invited.