



**Sturgis Soccer Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, 22 August 2016, 7 pm.**

(Submitted by Mark Rambow, Secretary, Approved Sept. 19, 2016.)

Board Members Attending: Bryce Richter, P. J. Conover, Mark Rambow, Brendan Matthew, Alicia Salazar, Brenda Cassen, Kristi Ortiz, Melissa Bennett and Lee Hosman.

The meeting was held at the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce and called to order by Vice President, Bryce R., at 7:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by P. J. Conover, seconded by Alicia S. The agenda was approved.

Motion to approve the Minutes was made by P. J. Conover, seconded by Alicia S. The minutes were approved.

Guests:

David Sparks was in attendance as a referee, who was interested in our upcoming discussion about the developmental changes to the various age groups.

Amy Conover, a mother of a HS player, is concerned about confusion that the transition of the HS program from Rec to the school district is causing. She would like to know what we can do to cut the ties between the two organizations and turn it over to the district exclusively. She feels there was confusion about the language used when describing the Scooper Camps as being used for “tryouts.” She is also concerned about confusion being fostered by the Rec program handling the communications between the players and parents, and the program. Bryce R. explained the current sanctioning agreement and explained that we will be requesting that the district step up the process and fully sanction the sport, but we cannot do so until after the current season. Mark R. also expressed that the board is desirous of doing the same as Amy requested, in order to reduce confusion, but we need to follow the process in place.

Christy Hedderman also gave her opinion along these same lines. She emphasized that the program will be better served when full-sanctioning occurs. She would also like to see the coaches more involved with reaching out to the youth program where it is allowed.

Jason Krcil echoed these comments. He also is concerned about the approach being taken by the coaches, particularly the girl’s coach. He feels that the coaches should have more girls plating and bring up more players. He also would like to see the coaches present a more professional attitude and appearance, dressing properly for games. Bryce explained the contracts with the

coaches and the items in them which call for coach's discipline. He also explained that we take all of these items into review when we are determining whether or not to extend a coaching contract to the next season. We will be doing another parents survey at the end of the season for further input.

Bryce proceeded to some proposed changes in the game for U-6, U-8, U-10 and U-12. Bryce introduced the changes with a handout and expressed that some of them are mandatory, but need our approval, while others are optional.

7v7 changes (U-10)

- Change number of players to 7
- Heading ball is banned and other concussion initiatives
- Size of fields is smaller and includes a built out line
- Adoption of modified "offside rule" for this age group

9v9 changes (U-12)

- Changing number of players to 9
- Changing the field size
- Adopting concussion initiatives

Motion to approve these Laws for 7v7 and 9v9 was made by Brendan, seconded by Alicia. The motion carried.

4v4 (U-6 & U-8)

U-6 – We will sub players onto the field as in U-8, rather than having two full games going at the same time.

U-8 – Officials will encourage all players to actively participate in the game

Discussion on these rules.

U-8 – All players must be in active play and cannot remain stationary in the box as they would a goal-keeper. Offense results in indirect kick. Brendan moved, Lee seconded, motion carried.

Brendan moved the following motion (Brenda seconded):

During a goal kick in U-8 games, the defensive team must remain across the mid-line until the ball is put into play by the opposing team. Offense results in a re-kick. Motion carried.

Brendan moved the following (Melissa seconded):

U-6 will conduct games as one team and substitute players and not be split into two teams. Motion carried.

Brendan moved the following (PJ seconded):

All fields will have technical areas requiring players and coaches to remain within certain areas, if room will allow. Motion carried.

President's Report: Don W. was absent. No report.

Vice Pres. Report: Bryce R. stated all items are later in agenda.

Treasurer's Report: About \$59,000 in total accounts.

Sec. Report: No report.

Board Reports:

Head Coach: Brendan said he will be holding skills nights on Mondays from 5:45 to 7.

Field Maintenance: Lee discussed the goals being put back in place after the HS practices. The coordinators will communicate with the HS coaches about their teams doing this. Lee has ordered nets.

HS Coordinator (Girls): Brenda submitted a receipt for the goalie jerseys. She will also get in the receipt for the hotel rooms for Sioux Falls trip. They have lined up ticket takers for most of the home games.

HS Coordinator (Boys): Kristi has also been lining up ticket takers for the front gates. Scooper cards will be coming next week. There are 31 players rostered on the Boys team. Of that 7 are Middle School.

Publicity: Melissa said that there is now a Facebook page for the girls HS team.

Registrar: Alicia has scheduled pictures for the rec teams on September 17th and 24th. All the sponsored teams need to have photos. She is ordering plaques again for the sponsors.

Standardized Business:

- Fall Harvest Tourney: Bryce asks that everyone start thinking about how they can volunteer. Many teams have expressed interest, including teams from Mitchell and Pierre.

Old Business:

- Team formation and late registration: There was a discussion about the habit of letting kids register late. Melissa moved: The deadline for registration is absolute and no late registrations should be accepted. PJ seconded the motion. After discussion, motion passed 6 to 2.
- Special Request for a player to be registered: There was a special request from the Jost family to register their child on the Sturgis roster as well as the Spearfish roster. It was decided that, due to current regulations, they cannot dual-register a child, but can guest play.
- Scheduling & Practice: Northern Hills scheduling meeting is coming up. Bryce R and Aaron G are going. The practice schedule is already out.
- Jerseys: Will arrive September 1.
- Scoreboard Update: It is ordered from Daktronics.

- Uniform Policy: The proposed policy was reviewed for third reading. Melissa asked to make the policy specific to Fall and Spring Seasons. This change was approved. Melissa moved to adopt policy. Mark seconded. Policy approved as amended.

Motion to adjourn. 1st: PJ. 2nd: Alicia. Meeting adjourned.