

Clarke County Youth Soccer Association  
Minutes from January 31, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors

Call to Order: The meeting, held at Clarke County Park and Recreation, was called to order by Commissioner Doug Lawrence at 6:10 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Doug Lawrence, Dave Ravenscroft, Dave McGuigan, Pam Dors and Stacy Sefton. Board Members Lorie O'Donnell, Pika Hurtado and Julie Dodson arrived after the meeting was called to order. Board Member Kim Stutzman was absent. Also present at the meeting were CCYSA Registrar Kelly Murphy, Rick Dors and Dennis S. Heflin Sr.

Reading of Minutes: the minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

Officers' Reports:

- a) Treasurer: Treasurer Julie Dodson had a home emergency, though Commissioner Lawrence said the finances had not changed since the last meeting.
- b) Commissioner: None
- c) Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: None of the committees reported anything except the Coaches' Committee, chaired by Dave McGuigan.

Dave proposed changes in the Policies and Procedures regarding the Roster Procedures:

- 1 Take the formation of the teams out of the hands of the coaches and give it to a Draft Committee, comprised of Board members and hold a blind draft (see proposal submitted by Dave McGuigan).
- 2 There was some discussion about the process of changing the Policies and Procedures. Board Members looked through the By-laws and found nothing preventing the changes.
- 3 Dave McGuigan moved to adopt the proposed changes to the Roster Procedures. It was seconded by Pam Dors. The motion passed.

Dave also asked that we change the Policies and Procedures to reflect our current size playing fields, and reconcile those with guidelines and recommendations from USYSA and VYSA. Commissioner Lawrence said we would have to look at the research from Dave and come up with recommendations for the Board to consider at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that we adopt the contract with Clarke County Parks and Recreation. It was seconded by Pam Dors. The motion passed.

Special Orders: Commissioner Lawrence reported that he made a phone call regarding the taxes, but they are still not finished.

### Old Business:

a) Committee Assignments: Dave Ravenscroft agreed to chair the Photography Committee; Lorie O'Donnell agreed to chair the Picnic Committee; Commissioner Lawrence assigned Board Member Kim Stutzman the Uniform Committee.

b) Patch Concept: Commissioner Lawrence said the patch concept is still on hold. We will make sure the logo is placed on new balls ordered for the Fall. The designers will be named in the next newsletter.

### Guest:

Parent Dennis S. Heflin Sr. approached the Board about an encounter he had with a coach last year. He did not want to discuss any specifics but wanted the Board to: think about how it would deal with similar situations in the future; offer additional screening of potential coaches; provide an avenue for the Board to oversee the coaches; and state specific ramifications and repercussions for offenses committed by coaches. Commissioner Lawrence said that much of that is already being done: coaches are put through a criminal background check, they are screened by a coaches' committee, training is offered at the beginning of the season, and the Board entertains complaints throughout the season if they should arise. Commissioner Lawrence also said parents can request their child not be placed with a specific coach. Commissioner Lawrence also responded that the coaches have improved dramatically over the last many years.

### New Business:

Commissioner Lawrence announced that he'd send out the schedule for the Spring season and the plan of action. Dates at this point include:

February 7, 6:30 p.m.: Board work session to look at the By-Laws and policies and procedures as they relate to field sizes  
March 3, 6:30 p.m., CCPR: Draft Committee to meet  
March 7, 7 p.m., CCPR, next Board meeting  
March 8 and 9: Coaches' meeting  
March 14: Spring soccer practice begins

Commissioner Lawrence also passed out the Newsletter and said it would be mailed to families immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Discussion items/unfinished business for the next meeting:

- 1 Tax
- 2 Patch
- 3 Work session regarding the fields
- 4 Team lists
- 5 Open/closure policy for Board meetings
- 6 Complaint policy regarding coaches

Respectfully submitted February 13, 2005, Stacy Sefton, secretary CCYSA.