

2011 SOASA AGM Minutes

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Holiday Inn

Centerville, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 1:04PM by SOASA President, Ken Conselyea (KC)

Moment of silence for those members of the soccer community who passed away in 2010

Roll Call by Secretary Brian Apwisch (BA)

Proof of Notification by KC

President's Award given to Andy Baxter (in absentia) for his time spent with the Website & Bookmark contribution

Acknowledgement of Service Awards given to Bob Berning (BB) Lifetime Achievement recognition and Don Frye (DF) Founders Cup efforts

Officers Reports

President's Report –KC reported the Presidents information sent with package to everyone ahead of the SOASA AGM. Ken noted that there was no Founders Cup in 2010 and there are 2 affiliated Co-Ed leagues in play

VP Dayton – BB had nothing to report

VP Columbus – Mark Conselyea (MC) deferred his report for Columbus old business report

VP Cincinnati – Dave Bavis (DB) was not in attendance

Secretary – **BA asked for motion 2010 minutes be accepted. BB motioned, Ed Griffiths (EG) seconded – motion carried.** BA mentioned two cases of referee assault / abuse in 2010 with one in Columbus and one in Dayton.

Treasurer – Gary Swords (GS) was not in attendance. He had filed his financial report in the pre-meeting AGM package.

Registrar – Bob Wright (BW) fall 2010 went well and national registry system is in trial basis beginning April 2011

Old Business

KC asked for ratification of Exec Board decisions and actions from 2010. DF motioned, Ken Baldeosingh (KB) seconded – motion carried

Ohio Soccer Hall of Fame – Tom Kondas (TK) said his report came out with the pre-meeting package. Date for 2011 HOF inductions will likely be either 10Sep11 or 24Sep11 based on Columbus Crew home schedule (Sec. Note: Date has since been set as Aug 20.)

Sports Accident Insurance Options – USASA insurance covers \$2Mil cap with \$10k base limit. D&O Insurance is available to leagues.

Document Update & Distribution – written copies of League bylaws should be submitted to each team each season.

New Business

Mikael Lundqvist (ML) is nomination chairman

Contested Seat for BB's vacated Dayton Vice President between DF and Kevin Forbes (KF). Don Frye wins election. **Motion to close nomination by KB, seconded by EG – motion carried. Motion to destroy ballots by KB, seconded by MC – motion carried**

Motion to elect by acclamation the Pres, Cincinnati VP, Columbus VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar made by KB, seconded by BB – motion carried as all incumbents retain their positions for another 2-year term

Midwest Regional Grant Committee – seeks to assist in increasing number of players in Region II. UFC / SOASA granted \$1500. The grant must be used for new player fees only.

Reports of committees & delegates

State Referee Administrator – KB sent report out with package prior to meeting. Roughly 3,000 officials and assignors state wide at all levels. Ohio will host USSF Pro Clinic in April 2011. Amateur Regional's are in Kansas this year. Tournament of Champions is in Ft. Wayne, IN. Mike Goenner will be recognized as Referee of the Year on 8June11 at Referee Day at the Crew

Cup Commissioner – Nina Vasiliu (NV) report sent in packet ahead of time. Bond for SOASA Cup is now \$500 while entry fee is now \$150. Men's Amateur champion will come from in-state competition. Entries in all other divisions automatically qualify to attend the Region Cups. 2011 Regional Cup is in Kansas City, MO while National Cup is in Bowling Green, KY.

Dayton League – DF reports that player numbers are on the rise in 2011

Columbus league – Jeff Berman (JB) noted that 2010 was a financial struggle but they should be back on track. There are 18 men's teams currently in two divisions. They are working for sponsorships with local establishments for teams. Wes Hatfield took the referee assignors course and JB felt it paid off.

Cincinnati League – EG says there were only 8 or 9 teams in the fall of 2010.

Senior League – Steve Curtis (SC) said there are currently 9 teams but 10 are wanted to create level schedules. They have approached the Adidas Warrior Classic about a separate senior division.

Women’s Leagues – Sarah Wallis (SW) questioned the long term viability of the Dayton Women’s league due to lack of interest.

By-laws & Rules Changes Proposal

KC and NV propose Change to Founders Cup Rule to allow for up to five guest players:

Proposal:

To change I, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, 7 Each team is allowed up to five (5) guest players.

Rule as proposed:

I **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
7. Each team is allowed up to five (5) guest players.

Rationale: *To give teams more latitude to replace regular players who are unable to participate on the Founder’s Cup weekend. The change will provide opportunity for more teams to enter the tournament.*

Motion to accept SC, seconded EG – motion passed

KC and NV propose change to Founder’s Cup rule to allow teams be in good standing and be participants in SOASA affiliated leagues:

Rule as proposed:

I **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
2. The tournament will be open to only teams participating in leagues affiliated with SOASA, in good standing with their respective leagues and with the state association. (2-07)

Rationale:

To clarify that the Founder’s Cup is a competition for teams that play within SOASA leagues

Motion to accept SC, seconded MC – motion passed

KC and BW propose registration fees changes for players

How it would Read:

Rule 1 Registration and Fees for Players

a. State associations shall have full powers in the matter of registration or release of all amateur players within their respective jurisdictions in the manner and under the conditions set forth in the USASA rules.

b. Players will be registered with their own affiliated league registrar or the State association registrar electronically or on a form approved by the Association.

c. The timestamp on the electronic registration will be accepted as the date of registration of the player or players).

d. Players must be registered, the appropriate fees paid to the league or State association, and the player pass stamped with the stamp of the State association's registrar prior to taking part in any USASA sanctioned competition .

e. Players registration fee shall be set by the Executive Board, and such accumulated fees must be paid by each League to the State association prior to October 15 and May 15.

f. No team shall be allowed to have more than eighteen (18) active registered players on their official team roster at any given time. (See Rule 2c, d, e)

h. Each player must have a player pass issued by the State Association or the registrar of each league in which they wish to play. The player pass must bear the current year, a current photograph of the player, the team name, and the stamp of the State Association registrar prior to taking part in any competition sanctioned by USASA. Player passes shall be presented to the referee before each USASA sanctioned competition.

i. Multiple Registrations: (revised 2/03)

1). Amateur players may be registered with more than one team at the same time as long as the teams are in different leagues or in different age or gender based divisions within the same league. A separate USSF player registration form and player pass must be issued for each team. Player pass and registration fees apply for each separate registration. One (1) team must be designated as the primary team and league on the player registration form and on the appropriate player pass. If this procedure is not followed, the state registrar will recognize the player's earliest registration for determination of the player's primary team and division and/or league.

2). When a player who is playing in more than one division or league under the multiple registration policy is suspended by a league, he/she may continue to play in other

leagues. A player suspended by the state association is not permitted to play in any sanctioned matches during the period of suspension. (2/03)

IV. Rationale:

The change reflects the rule change to eliminate the charge of a Multiple Registration fee made by the SOASA Council at its February, 2010 Annual General Meeting

It updates the rule to reflect new registration technology

It reflects common practice of registering players less than 5 days prior taking part in matches

It reflects common practice of allowing a player registered on more than one team to choose which team he/she wishes to play for when there is a conflict in schedule

Motion to accept SC, seconded by DF – motion passes

KC and BW Proposal to change to Rules of Order

How It Will Read

Rule 2 Players

a. Each player for a team competing in a match sanctioned by the State Association must be duly qualified according to the rules of the USASA and must be properly registered electronically or on a form approved by the Association by their own affiliated league registrar or the State Association registrar

b. No new players may be registered for any competing team after its last intra-league game.

c. Leagues may allow teams to register up to eight (8) league guest players on League Guest Roster. These players may compete with that team in league play only. League Guest Players may only participate in games on a one for one basis when players on the official Team Roster do not show up for a game. All guest players must be properly registered with the USASA by their league registrar or by the State Association registrar.

d. Players on the League Guest Roster may be transferred to the official Team Roster and must follow procedures established by both the league and USASA.

e. Only players on the official Team Roster may compete in other than league play unless the tournament competition rules permit guest players.

g. A club is not permitted to have more than eighteen (18) registered players plus eight (8) league guest players if the club fields' one team, and no more than thirty-six (36) registered team members plus 16 league guest players, if the club has two teams playing in the same league. The eligibility of those players to play for either team of that club shall be determined by the leagues and competitions in which the club competes.

h. Player status - An amateur player is any person other than a professional player. An amateur player may not receive and retain any remuneration for playing except expenses, directly related to a game or games, which have actually been incurred by the player.

i. A professional player is a person who receives or has received payment for playing or who signs a professional form of the USSF

Rule 3 Disciplines of Players, Coaches, and Managers

a. Any player, coach or manager, who is ejected from a game during the game or after the game, as reflected in the referee's report, or otherwise, shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of one game. The league officials and/or State Association shall determine the proper action to be taken against a player, coach, or manager, subject to the following limitations:

1). the minimum suspension shall be one (1) game.

2). In the event no action is taken by the league or State Association after the player has completed the one game suspension, the player may resume playing unless the team receives notification to the contrary.

3). A player shall be subject only to suspension for a stated period or number of games, he may not be fined.

b. The leagues may adopt or modify suspensions which do not conflict with the Rules of the USSF or the Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association, Inc. The leagues must meet the minimum suspension, but may impose a suspension in excess of the minimum if the circumstances warrant. The minimums are as follows:

- 1). Ejection for any send off offense 1 game suspension
- 2). Fighting 3 game suspension

NOTE: Misconduct towards game officials shall be dealt with in accordance with the current USSF Official Policies.

c. A suspended player shall have the right to appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of the decision.

Rule 4 Playing Rules

a. The Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association, Inc., shall have jurisdiction over and regulate both indoor and outdoor games.

b. In all games sanctioned by and played under the jurisdiction of the State Association, the playing rules shall be the FIFA Laws of the Game or modifications approved by the State Association in effect at the time of the competition

c. The season shall consist of two (2) halves, with the first half starting in late summer or early fall and ending prior to the last day of the year, there shall be a winter break with the second half starting in the spring and ending in the summer.

d. The duration of the game shall be ninety (90) minutes divided into two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes each. For tournaments or playoffs, if at the end of regular time the score is tied; extra time of two equal sudden death halves of fifteen (15) minutes each shall be played. (The first team to score a goal in a sudden death overtime period shall be declared the winner and the match is ended.) If the score is still tied at the end of the overtime period, the winner shall be determined according to the FIFA method of obtaining a result in effect at the time of the entry deadline.

e. On all games played within this Association, substitutes shall be allowed as follows:

- 1). Substitutions shall be unlimited.
- 2). Substitution can be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
 - a) By both teams if the team in possession before a throw-in chooses to substitute
 - b) Prior to a goal kick by either team.

- c) After a goal, by either team.
- d) After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play. (2/06)
- e) Half time.

f. No substitute is allowed for a player sent off the field of play by the referee. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

g. Thirty (30) minutes grace period will be allowed the visiting team only. Any visiting team not ready to play after the grace period has expired must be reported in the referee's report. The offending team shall be dealt with by the competition authority. Games of fewer than ninety (90) minutes shall be replayed if neither team is at fault. Should one of the teams be determined to be at fault, the league shall determine whether the game should be replayed or declared a forfeit.

h. For State Association competitions three points are awarded for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss

i. A player shall be required to leave the field of play because of a bleeding injury or an excessive amount of blood on the uniform. The player may be substituted for. The player shall not return without first reporting to the referee, who shall satisfy himself that the condition has been corrected. Blood on the uniform shall be treated the same as an injury for substitution purposes.

Rule 5 Referees

a. Referees shall be assigned to matches by a registered USSF Referee Assignor

b. All referees shall be registered with the USSF.

c. before the game, both teams must give the referee a roster which shall include the name of each player in the starting line-up as well as the name of each eligible substitute.
(2/01)

d. The referee's authority begins when he arrives at the area of the field of play and continues until he has left the area of the field after the game has been completed.

e. The referee can stop the game for infringement of the rules and can suspend and terminate a game whenever he deems such

stoppage necessary: for example, severe weather, interference by spectators and/or coaches.

f. If a team fails to put in an appearance within 30 minutes after the scheduled kickoff or fails to notify the other team of the delay, the game is forfeited. The score of the forfeited game is 1_ 0 unless modified by the Rules of the Competition.

g. The referee may send off any player guilty of offenses which warrant the action as called for in the current FIFA Laws of the Game.

h. In the event a referee is not assigned by the USSF certified assignor or should for some reason fail to appear for the game, the coaches may mutually agree upon an official from available personnel. His decisions and call of the play will be binding upon both teams. Where neutral assistant referees have been appointed, that assistant referee designated to act as referee shall take charge. The same procedure will apply in the event of a referee becoming ill during the progress of the game.

i. The scale of charge for duly appointed referees for league matches shall be determined by the league. For state competitions, fees will be determined by the State Cup Commissioner with agreement by the State Referee Administrator. Where a game is postponed, the referee upon appearance shall be allowed his full fee if he is not properly notified. In case of forfeited games, the referee upon appearance shall be entitled to his full fee as provided above.

Rule 6 Uniforms

a. All players shall wear matching uniforms under normal playing conditions. Uniforms shall consist of shorts, shirt, and shin guards fully covered by socks. Undergarments such as cycling shorts are authorized provided they are the same color as the shorts of the player wearing them and may not extend below the knees. Players may be sent off the field of play to correct his/her attire. He/she will be allowed to reenter the field of play at the discretion of the referee. Where the uniforms of two competing teams are as similar as to create possible player identification problems on the field as determined by the referee, the home team must change its uniform. Goal-keepers must wear colors which distinguish them from other players and the game officials. Clearly visible

numerals at least 8 inches high must be worn on the back of all players' jerseys other than the goalkeeper.

Rule 7 Home Team Game Obligations

a. The home team must take every precaution to keep its grounds in playing condition and, if necessary, either team may request that the State Association require the referee or some other official to examine the grounds and decide whether it is fit for play. The home team must provide nets and balls and ensure that the field of play is properly marked. The referee assigned to each match sanctioned by the State Association is the sole judge of field conditions prior to or during the match. If the referee determines that the field of play will not be ready at the scheduled starting time, the referee may allow an additional fifteen (15) minutes for the Home team to meet the requirements. In the event they do not, the home team shall forfeit the game.

Rule 8 Matters Not Provided For

a. Any matters not provided for in these rules, or by the rules of the USSF, shall be determined by the officers of the State Association, whose decisions shall be final.

Rationale

These changes update to Rules to reflect new technology, current practice and reworked language to provide clarity.

Motion to accept changes KB, seconded SC – motion passed

Executive board's Proposal to change bylaw 16.1:

HOW THE CURRENT RULE WOULD BE CHANGED

BL #16.1. The President may call an Executive Board meeting if decisions have to be made and time does not allow for a special council meeting. In lieu of an Executive Board meeting, the President may ask for discussion and a vote telephonic or electronic communication

RATIONALE

The change will allow the Executive Board to deal with other than routine matters using technology not available when the original Bylaw was written.

Motion to accept by SC, seconded by EG – motion passed

Founders Cup

KC and NV proposal to give Co-Ed and Over 40 a one year exemption for entry to 2011 tournament

Motion to accept by SC, seconded by DF – motion passed

Indoor League

Proposal by KF and Andy Baxter to have a sanctioned indoor league with the top 'home' teams from eight facilities play head to head. This proposal was tabled until KF or Andy Baxter could get more detail and specifics on a plan to implement

2011 Budget

Motion to accept as proposed by SC, seconded by DF – motion passed

Miscellaneous / Best Interest of the Game & Door Prizes

Motion to adjourn by KB, seconded by DF – accepted.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Apwisch, 2011 SOASA Secretary