

Arlington Soccer Board Meeting

September 21, 2020

Minutes

Attendees:

- **In Person:** none
- **By Phone:** Brian Plessner, Margaret Core, Allie Signorelli, Shaara Roman, Adam Brick, Sabine Schlorke, Jason Mugg, Marc Garufi, Kristin Hanmer, Chris Pryor, David Tyahla, Ali Protik
- **Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by Allie at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. **Minutes:** The August 10, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Board Business

A. Return to Play Update (Adam Brick and Melissa Riemer)

- Melissa reviewed Arlington Soccer's Return to Play status with the Board.
 - The Club has continued its research and communication with leaders across the country in health and youth athletics. There has been frequent communication, training and education with staff and coaches as they continue to progress through the Return to Play phases.
 - The stepwise progression approach being implement by the Club is a critical component to returning to play and modeled after US Soccer guidelines. There are challenges, however, with varying guidelines (government, health and state), vague language and varying interpretations.
 - The guidelines in place currently for returning to play after exposure were reviewed, including the notification process, quarantine and play limitations. Melissa noted the specific guidelines are posted on the Arlington Soccer Association's "[Return to Play](#)" page.
 - Per Melissa, there continue to be challenges, including fatigue with the additional rules and the changing landscape. The Club ensures that there is frequent communication with families about the rules, including directing families with questions to the ReturnToPlay@arlingtonsoccer.com email box, which is closely monitored.
 - The Board acknowledged and recognized the hard work that Mellissa and the Staff have done with this effort.

B. Finance Update (Adam Brick & Ali Protik)

- Ali reviewed the known factors and unknown factors of the Pandemic's impact on the financials of the Club
 - Known factors include the impact of last season's refunded portion of fees to families, the cancellation of summer programs, and the lower player counts of fall programs.
 - Unknown factors include the uncertainty of whether the PPP Loan received will be forgiven, how much of a fall season will occur and

whether a spring season will occur (including tournaments). There is always a possibility that the fall and spring seasons could be impacted by a change in Virginia's phases if there are virus surges.

- Ali reported the current known net loss and some financial projections. He shared the Finance Committee and staff's financial scenarios with the Board. These scenarios consider the knowns and unknowns noted above and generally provide the best, worst and middle of the road scenarios.
- The Board discussed the importance of thinking about fundraising efforts to offset the impacts, especially to financial aid.

C. Rules and Discipline Process Update (Dave Tyahla and Adam Brick)

- David reported that the working group is finalizing the rules and disciplinary process and charter. He noted that although the process will cover both travel and rec programs, the focus will be on the rec side since travel leagues typically have their own processes. David commented that the working group and staff have been very engaged in the process.

D. Annual Meeting and Board Nomination (Chris Pryor and Allie Signorelli)

- Chris reported that a "meet and greet" with voting membership was held with the four At-Large Board Member candidates. The Annual Meeting, where voting on the candidates will occur, is on September 24th.
- Allie thanked Chris for all his work on the nomination process.

3. Program Reports.

● **Travel Program. (Marc Garufi)**

- Marc reviewed the proposed major and minor revisions to the Travel Committee Charter that he submitted to the Board via email.
- The next step is for the current Travel Committee and Board to vote on the proposed new Charter. The Membership will vote on a Bylaws change proposal for the name change for the Committee.

● **Rec Program. (Brian Plessner)**

- Brian reported that the Rec Committee did not meet in September due to other competing activities.
- Brian indicated that the Rec Program is planning to return to games on October 10th.

4. Committee Reports. (No reports)

The next Arlington Soccer Board meeting will be held on October 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM