

# Board Meeting Agenda (1/25)

1. Approval of Minutes from November 23 Board Meeting
2. Executive Director Report. (15-20 minutes; 5-10 minutes of Q & A)
3. Board Business
4. Program and Committee Reports
  - Rec. Chair: Michal Simek
  - Travel Chair: Marc Garufi
  - Finance Committee (soon to be named Internal Advisory Committee): Protik Ali
  - External Advisory Committee: Chris Pryor
  - Other Committee Reports: TBD; if applicable.
5. Additional Agenda Items
6. Set Date for next meeting > February 22, 2021
7. Executive Session.

Bullets from Rec., C & D, and External Advisory Committee from January 2021:

**Rec. Committee (January 2021 Meeting):**

Here are the bullets the last item is clearly on peoples mind:

- Registration was at 1500 kids which is faster than fall - not unusual but there is a 25% increase in the number of "new" kids not registered in the fall so that is positive
- Club alignment - we will set up a small working group to address the boundary and new elementary school changes - Reed coming on line - balancing the club distributions
- Masks - based on CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html> Masks are STRONGLY recommended that masks are worn outdoors when in closer than 6 ft. contact with non-family members. While US Soccer states that masks are not required outdoors that is from July 8th things have changed since then. I think the board needs to consider looking at masks for ASA - McLean requires masks/Maryland requires masks. This is something that we spent 25 minutes talking about and also suggested waiting another week or so since there will be a new president so the CDC guidelines may be updated.
- ASA note on Jan 8 below...
- ----- Forwarded Message -----

<b>Subject:</b>	Arlington Soccer - Covid-19 Update - 01/08/2021
<b>Date:</b>	Fri, 08 Jan 2021 21:02:03 -0500
<b>From:</b>	Arlington Soccer Association < <a href="mailto:mailer@demosphere.com">mailer@demosphere.com</a> >
<b>Reply-To:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@arlingtonsoccer.com">info@arlingtonsoccer.com</a>
<b>To:</b>	

Dear Arlington Soccer Families:

We would like to provide you some updates on the Arlington Soccer Return to Play Protocol based on the recent Executive Order 72 and Phase 3 guidelines from the Virginia Governor.

Please note the following guidelines from the [Virginia Department of Health](#).

For outdoor venues there may be up to two spectators per player.

During times of substantial COVID-19 activity VDH strongly advises athletes to wear masks at all times during group training, competition, and on the sidelines.

Standard Arlington Soccer protocol will continue to be in effect, including:

Masks are required by all coaches and spectators at all times.

Masks are required by all players when not actively playing.

Physical distance must be maintained at all times except when players are actively playing.

No participant or spectator should attend any in-person event if they have a fever, symptoms or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19.

Good hand hygiene practices will be continued. Families should continue to communicate any issues, questions, concerns, illness or exposure to their coach and [ReturnToPlay@arlingtonsoccer.com](mailto:ReturnToPlay@arlingtonsoccer.com)

Additional restrictions or requirements may be put in place for specific events.

Please refer to the any additional club communications.

Thank you for your continued support.

We will continue to monitor information from the government and health officials, and provide updates as needed. - Arlington Soccer

- One more item - I brought up during the budget discussion about not offering the coach discount in fall to contribute to the budget. No decision made since fall reg is a while away.

## **Competitive and Developmental Program (Meeting - January 2021):**

December and January are among the slowest months of the year for our program. There are still some games and most teams have some practices.

Two important “winter programs” to mention: college showcase happening right now and training with “college coaches”.

Our Committee met in January with a focus on Budget issues (see below).

Two important issues that I would like to raise to the Board (live): Academy league for next season and Budget.



## **External Relations Committee Meeting Draft Minutes – January 19, 2021**

### **Committee Membership Attendance**

On Call: Adam Brick, Brian Plessner, David Tyahla, Chris Pryor, Candace Bryan Abbey, Jason Mugg

Missed Call: Allie Signorelli

### **2021 Meeting School**

- It was determined that a monthly meeting would be beneficial to ensure progress was made on ERC priorities. We identified Wednesday at 7 pm or 8 pm.
- This meeting will occur prior to the Board Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.
- Chris will look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and send out a monthly calendar invite.

## **2021 Topics**

- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be a major focus this year. Adam shared that Allie is interested in helping lead this effort. (Thank you, Allie!)
- Sponsorship and Fundraising will be another key focus. Adam suggested inviting Graham Dunn to attend the next meeting to discuss sponsorship and recent pitches to the County.
- There was agreement that we should adopt a fundraising calendar and develop messaging for each ask.
- Chris mentioned a recent call with John Mingus around the Arlington County Public Space Master Plan. One of the issues being discussed is around “casual use space.” John also shared information about neighbors near VA Highlands seeking to minimize field space. Chris plans to attend the County meeting to hear their discussions.
- Candace mentioned needing to create additional supports to assist Rec families with registration, especially those with limited access to internet / computers. Adam will look at possible options to support this important constituent group.
- Candace also shared feedback around Association communications and having a clear understanding about who is leading which programs / who the main point of contact is at Arlington Soccer.

## **Additional Members**

- Members of the Board recommended five names for potential inclusion in the External Relations Committee on a recent survey.
- Chris asked about the names. Some were known, others not.
- Jason shared that we should define the Committee’s charge and goals first prior to considering membership expansion.
- Brian shared that there are a lot of sensitive topics discussed at our meetings and that we’d want to make sure it was the right addition.
- Adding new members will be tabled until we have a better sense of needs and next steps.

