

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on January 16, 2019, at the ASA's offices on 5210 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205.

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Colleen Cresanti, Alex Deegan, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Justin Hibey, Katie Koppelman, Margaret Liu, Errin Matechak, Rhodri Morgan, Ali Protik, Sybil Robinson and Michael Rupert. Staff members in attendance: Melissa Riemer.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously circulated from the December 19, 2018 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes were approved.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

None.

III. Director of Coaching Report

None.

IV. Voting Issues

a. Refund/"Insurance"

The TC discussed the concept of player fee insurance, which some other youth leagues have used with apparent success.

b. New TC Structure

Chair Garufi reported on discussions occurring regarding the role of the Travel Committee and whether a new structure needs to be considered.

V. Other Issues

a. League/Program Updates

ADP: No update.

CCL: CCL High School league will be re-starting in the coming weekend. Schedules are pending for following weekend and the College Showcase being held in Richmond during the first weekend of February for 00s-03s.

CCL II: The CCL II season was also getting ready to start. Sybil Robinson discussed a data analysis she has been working on to compile results from prior seasons to provide input to the Travel coaching staff with respect to the level of competition and team placements.

NCSL: ASA is fully registered with NCSL and will have 29 teams. NCSL is in talks with EDP and US Youth Soccer to help bring up the competitive level of play in NCSL.

ODSL: First quarter meetings will be occurring in the next week.

DA: ID Sessions are ongoing.

b. Budget Update

TC reviewed tiered fees summary and FY 20 budget notes as a preview to the budgetary process. The ASA travel financial aid goal remains to provide 60% of the club fee for a qualifying financial aid player.

c. Uniform Update

Melissa Riemer presented updated selections for ASA uniforms for the next 2-year cycle.

d. Matching Grant Program

Errin Matechak reported on the Matching Grant Program. The program exists to assist certain ASA teams with team fees late in the season to offset unexpected costs in their team budget. To be eligible, the applying teams need to show that they have done some fundraising on their own. The fundraising does not have to be completed upon a team's application but the money is not paid until it is done. Over the years, the per team limit has varied with the award amount in 2018 varying from \$500-\$750. A reminder will be sent out on February 1. The application deadline is 3/1. The TC will review applications.

VI. Issues for Next Meeting

a. Budget

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2019.