

Arlington Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

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

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Dave Greene, Rhodri Morgan, and Stacy Zee. Staff members in attendance: Melissa Riemer.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Introduction of New Members

New TC Members Dave Green (Finance Subcommittee Chair) and Stacy Zee (ADP Representative) were introduced.

b. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the prior TC Meeting were previously circulated via email. Also circulated were Program Council minutes. TC members were to review and approve over email.

II. Report on Board Meeting

TC Chair Garufi reported on the most recent meeting of the Arlington Soccer Board in September. The Board recognizes a need for external communications assistance. A limited period contract has been signed with a consultant to assess what Arlington Soccer needs and to identify whether a full-time communications person is needed.

Arlington Soccer also has hired a fundraising consultant with an eye toward the 50th anniversary of the Club and how it should be addressing fundraising and sponsorships. Arlington Soccer had previously hired a sponsorship lead.

The Club is developing new electronic communications policy governing contact between Arlington Staff and minors. The TC discussed that policy as well as the coach/player ride policy.

In conjunction with Arlington Soccer's 50th anniversary, the Club is discussing two events: a family-based event for May 2020; and a more formal fundraiser event.

III. Director of Coaching Report

Operations Director Melissa Riemer provided Director of Coaching German Peri's report to the TC:

- US Soccer visit to the Club went well and included an evaluation of the current state of the Club and a plan for future.
- Referee crisis – finding and keeping referees an issue league wide and nationwide. Tenure/longevity becoming shorter and shorter. We have hosted a grass roots session. Working with Terry Houston (assignor) on week-to-week issues.
- Travel Coach evaluations by parents. To be distributed in November.
- Travel coaches to upward evaluation Technical Staff and ASA Staff.
- Player evaluations slightly changing.

IV. Voting Issues

None.

V. Other Issues

a. Competition Issues

TC Member Rhodri Morgan raised competition issues with CCL Championship League games (i.e., CCL II). Operations Director Melissa Riemer reported that Staff has been taking a look at the issue and will continue to do so.

b. Charter Revisions

The TC discussed proposed Charter revisions pending before the TC. Jon Gowdy and Mark Churchill would continue to work on the revisions and re-circulate prior to the next TC meeting.

c. “Workflow” – TC Role

Mike Rupert discussed the TC workflow draft, titled “Response Protocol.”

VI. Issues for Next Meeting

a. End of Season Letter/TC Intro

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m. The next TC meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2019.