

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on November 14, 2018, at the ASA's offices on 5210 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205.

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Justin Hibey, Katie Koppelman, Errin Matechak, Rhodri Morgan, Sybil Robinson, Mike Rupert, and Ali Protik. Staff members in attendance: Lizzy Stell, Melissa Riemer & Dave Berver.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously circulated from the October 17, 2018 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. Approval would be solicited via e-mail.

b. New Staff Introduction

The TC was introduced to Melissa Riemer, ASA's new Director of Operations.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

a. Membership

ASA passed new voting membership rules. Travel will be permitted four votes rather than the one it currently possesses. ASA By-Laws will be changed as a result.

b. Field Utilization – Sports Commission

Chair Garufi reported on Arlington County field utilization issues. The County recently circulated the final draft of the updated Public Spaces Master Plan (a process otherwise known as a Plan for Our Places and Spaces, or "POPS"). ASA supports the current draft, which includes converting Kenmore field to artificial turf.

III. Director of Coaching Report

None.

IV. Voting Issues

a. Refund Policy

The amended refund policy requires an edit to reflect a Team Fee reference. Mark Churchill to circulate revised policy for voting.

b. New Voting Reps (ADP/DA)

This issue was tabled for a subsequent meeting.

V. Other Issues

a. Team Uniforms

Dave Berver presented options for the 2019-20 adidas kit. TC members in attendance noted color combination issues with the home kit and possibly with the away kit. The TC agreed to reconvene to consider color and line options.

b. League/Program Updates

ADP: No update.

CCL: The season is wrapping up. High school players will play a showcase in December and February.

NCSL: No update.

ODSL: The season has concluded with all games played. No major issues were noted. Managers need to be reminded not to contact the league directly.

DA: Boys 05 and 06 recently traveled to North Carolina.

c. Team Fee Policy

At present, there is no formal policy governing team fees or team fee refunds. The TC discussed possible policies, including a suggestion that staff include a reference to the obligation to pay team fees at the time of player acceptance (i.e., at team formation when player deposits are due).

d. Team Feedback

The TC discussed soliciting feedback from Travel families via Google form.

e. Travel Players on Recreational Teams

ASA is considering a change to recreational soccer that will preclude any and all Travel players from participating in Rec soccer after the 4th Grade. It was unclear whether ADP players would be similarly precluded from participating in the Rec program.

VI. Issues for Next Meeting

- a. Budget**
- b. Refund Policy Vote**
- c. Team Fee**

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2018.