

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on December 19, 2018, 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, Rhodri Morgan, and Sybil Robinson. Staff members in attendance: German Peri & Melissa Riemer.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously circulated from the November 14, 2018 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes were approved.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

Chair Garufi reported on the most recent ASA Board meeting.

a. Field Utilization – Sports Commission

Jane Rudolph, Head of Parks & Recreation for Arlington, was in attendance and discussed the County's consideration of the updated Public Spaces Master Plan (a process otherwise known as a Plan for Our Places and Spaces, or "POPS"). ASA favors the current updated Plan.

b. Grade Cut-Off for Recreational Soccer

ASA Recreational Soccer head John Mingus addressed the implementation of a 4th grade (as last year) cut off for travel players participating in Recreational soccer. The new cut-off will start with the 2019-20 season.

III. Director of Coaching Report

DOC Peri reported on communication from ASA to families participating and interested in participating in DA. US Soccer will no longer sponsor DA at the U12 age level (currently the initial DA team level for ASA boys and girls). ASA and other current DA clubs will still participate in a DA league with the same standards but absent US Soccer's formal involvement.

Arlington has submitted its DA application for the coming year for boys and girls and is hopeful of adding age groups.

DOC Peri has assumed coaching responsibilities for the 2003G Blue team.

IV. Voting Issues

a. Refund Policy

The revised Amended Travel Player Fee Refund Policy was voted on and approved. The proposed amended policy will be put before the ASA Board.

b. New Voting Reps (ADP/DA)

The TC considered whether the DA program should have a separate representative on the TC and whether that person should be a voting member. It was agreed that there would be no voting member. DA-related developments and issues will continue to be presented to the TC by the coaching staff. Age Group Commissioners will continue to serve as resources for DA parents, as with other player families within the Travel Program.

The TC considered whether the ADP program should have a separate representative on the TC and whether that person(s) should be a voting member. ADP Rep Alex Deegan presented ADP's perspective and preference for having two ADP representatives – one for the boys and one for the girls – with 1 united vote exercised between them as they take turns serving on the TC. The term would be for two years. The TC voted on that proposed additional voting member and the measure passed. The TC also agreed that in the event of a tie of the TC on a vote, the acting Chair will serve as tie breaker. The by-laws will require amending to reflect all of the foregoing changes, which will take effect in August 2019.

c. Refund Request

The TC considered a refund request for Fall 2018 and denied it.

V. Other Issues

a. Joint Program Committee Update

Chair Garufi discussed the Joint Program Committee meeting. The Joint Program Committee is a new initiative involving the various programs within ASA.

b. League/Program Updates

ADP: Alex Deegan reported on the close of the ADP season. There was some perception that weather impacted more games this year for ADP than it did for the Recreational program.

CCL: Sybil Robinson reported on the close of the CCL and CCL II Fall seasons.

NCSL: Margaret Liu reported that some NCSL teams for ASA were overseeded this Fall..

ODSL: No report.

DA: No report beyond DOC Peri's prior report on DA.

c. Budget Update

ASA Staff have a deadline of the end of December to submit budgets. Chair Garufi reported that he asked for a baseline for the TC's consideration (focusing on fee level and on team numbers).

VI. Issues for Next Meeting

- a. Budget Update**
- b. Team Fee Policy**

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2019.