

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on February 20, 2019, at the ASA's offices on 5210 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205.

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Colleen Cresanti, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Katie Koppelman, Rhodri Morgan, Ali Protik, and Michael Rupert. ASA Staff: German Peri and Melissa Riemer. Guest: Paul Bobeczko.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously circulated from the January 16, 2019 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes were approved.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

None.

III. Director of Coaching Report

DOC Peri reported that ASA has been awarded three new Girls DA age groups: U15, U16, and U17/18. That gives ASA a full slate of teams for DA on the girls side. ASA was still waiting to hear from US Soccer with respect to possibly adding U17 for the boys side.

IV. Other Issues

a. Budget Update

The TC considered various budget items.

DOC Peri noted that the latest iteration of the 2020 budget includes 91 teams but that the player count is comparable to the current year. The middle age groups have a few more teams than in the past, but the teams are considered very competitive and with good, dedicated soccer players.

Discussion was held regarding the tiered fee model for Travel and whether the various tiers were paying the proper fee. ASA staff was asked to develop a fee proposal that increases Tier I fees differentially compared to other tiers. Technical Staff was also requested to examine the allocation of the Age Group Director's time across the various teams to see if that is properly reflected in how the AGD's time/costs are allocated across tiers.

Board Member Bobeczko presented a history of the tiered fee model and the reasons behind its initial implementation. He commented that the Tiered Fee model may be due for some refinement, including possibly the AGD allocation issue as identified by the TC.

Chair Garufi addressed the Giveback Program and the need to increase the total available outlay to \$10,000 (*i.e.*, an increase of \$4,000). The TC agreed that DA teams should be eligible for the Giveback program but asked the Technical Staff to identify how the concepts of “success beyond state cup” (*e.g.*, Regionals and Nationals) is applied in the DA construct. Because ASA does not provide resources for teams to go to State Cup, the TC agreed that funding should not be provided for DA to compete in comparable events.

The TC reviewed the 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.

b. Board Nomination Committee

TC representation is required for the ASA Board Nomination Committee. Greg Flatt volunteered to serve in 2019.

V. Issues for Next Meeting

a. Matching Grant

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2019.