

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on January 17th in the ASA office in Arlington, Virginia.

TC members in attendance (alphabetical): Mark Churchill, Colleen Cresanti, Greg Flatt, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Justin Hibey, Margaret Liu, Craig Montgomery, Ali Protik, and Sybil Robinson. Staff members in attendance: German Peri. Guests in attendance: ASA Board President Allie Signorelli.

I. Call to Order

a. Introduction of ASA Board President

Allie Signorelli, ASA Board President, attended the TC Meeting and was introduced as new ASA Board President.

b. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes will be circulated again and approved via email vote.

II. Director of Coach Report

Director of Coaching Peri reported on the coaches' visit to Holland, which was productive.

Director Peri also updated on ASA Travel applications for boys and girls that remained pending with the US Development Academy (DA). ASA had not yet received word but remained hopeful that some or all of the requested years would be offered to ASA.

III. Voting Issues

None.

IV. Other Issues

a. League/Program Updates

The League representatives reported on recent league meetings.

ASA fees have been paid for ODSL. There was discussion at the recent ODSL meeting of referee shortages in Northern Virginia and of teams having parents certified as referees.

ASA fees have been paid for NCSL as well. Five new Arlington teams have been added to NCSL.

In CCL developments, ASA is no longer fielding teams in CCL II for U9 and U10 ages.

ADP has on the table a suggestion to add the U12 (2007) age group.

b. Budget

The goal for financial aid has been providing sixty percent of fees to ten percent of the players. The 2017 budget was able to provide that aid to approximately eight percent of the players. The 2018 budget has been set at nine percent. The ASIST tournament will continue to be the funding source for nearly all financial aid revenue.

The TC discussed fee increase options for 2018. After consideration and discussion, the TC passed a consistent percentage increase across age groups and tiers, as well as the financial aid totals.

V. Issues for Next Meeting

- a. Refund Policy/Charter Changes
- b. First Payment Policy
- c. Tryouts
- d. Newsletter

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2018.