

ASA Travel Program Committee Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018

The Travel Committee (TC) of the Arlington Soccer Association (ASA) held its monthly meeting on July 18, 2018, in the ASA office in Arlington, Virginia.

TC members in attendance (listed alphabetically): Mark Churchill, Colleen Cresanti, Alex Deegan, Marc Garufi, Jon Gowdy, Sean Hamilton, and Ali Protik. Staff members in attendance: German Peri and Lizzy Stell.

I. Call to Order and Opening Comments

a. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously circulated from the June 12, 2018 TC Meeting and comments were fielded. The minutes were approved.

II. Report on ASA Board Meeting

None

III. Director of Coaching Report

Director of Coaching Peri reported on the status of team formation. The club has seen a few Travel coaches leave but is bringing in talented replacements. Due to updates to the coaching agreements, signed contracts were pending as of the meeting date, but it was expected that all coaches would be signed shortly.

Regarding team activity:

- It has been a banner year for success at the State, Regional and National level. Two Arlington Travel teams were going to Nationals: the 2004 girls and the 2002 boys. Six teams went to regionals, with three making the finals (2000 boys – winner; 2004 boys – runner-up; 2006 girls – runner-up).
- The Super Y program has gone well.
- Camps and clinics were also going well. The residential camp had a few open slots.

IV. Voting Issues

a. Give Back Program

The TC considered a Give Back Program submission from 2002B Red. The TC voted to provide as much as \$1,500 in aid, depending on the availability of funds. The team will receive at least \$575 (the remaining Give Back Program funds). TC Finance Chair Ali Protik will write the request.

b. Refund Requests

The TC considered two refund requests. Both requests presented exceptional circumstances. As a result, the TC voted to grant complete refunds (other than the non-refundable season deposits in each instance).

V. Other Issues

a. League/Program Updates (reps and status contributors noted)

- ADP – (Alex Deegan): almost 900 kids tried out this year. Additional resources are planned for ADP to match the demand.
- CCL & CCL II – (Sybil Robinson, Lizzy Stell & German Peri): Several new clubs are joining CCL, including Bethesda for U9 and U10, Herndon, and Alexandria. Among the new teams joining CCL II is Fauquier.
- NCSL – (Margaret Liu via email): Arlington has 29 teams registered with NCSL for fall 2018. Shenandoah Elite SC was admitted on a probationary basis to NCSL by vote of the NCSL Board.
- ODSL (Justin Hibey): All ASA teams have applied for the new season.
- DA (German Peri): The fall season will be Arlington's first with boys and girls DA sides. The boys will compete in four age groups; the girls in three.

b. ADP Voting Rep

The TC voted to approve the ADP representative position as a voting member of the ADP. The TC also discussed the possibility of adding a second ADP representative and splitting the duties by gender – i.e., ADP Boys representative and ADP Girls representative.

c. TC elections

The TC reviewed a draft write-up for the open TC positions. The Program Council vote is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, at 7 p.m.

d. Field Assignment/Selection Policy Changes

Lizzy Stell discussed the expected use of Demosphere for field selection for Travel, ADP, and Rec.

VI. Issues for Next Meeting

a. Refund Policy

b. Beginning of Season Newsletter

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2018.