GVSA board meeting minutes – February 1, 2010

Present: John Hall, Steve Manett, Ken Lovell, Dennis Yunke, Mark VanSlooten, Bjorn Hansen, Erwin VanElst, Jack Wolfe via phone.

Dave Whitehouse-Administrator

Meeting called to order by John Hall at 7:08.

Previous meeting minutes approved.

<u>President's report:</u> John brought up a possible contribution to the USSF to support efforts to bring the World cup to the US in 2018 or 2022. This has come up before but John mentioned more efforts by MSYSA to get leagues to consider a contribution. The board felt that a contribution was not something we as a league should do but we could pass this on to clubs for their consideration.

The group that puts on the MILD cup now wants to put on a tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. Tournament would be called the Coastal Cup. They contacted John and he advised them that as we already sponsor a tournament in the area at the same time we would not sponsor them. They were invited to appear at our meeting to discuss but did not show up.

The MSYSA AGM is 2/20 in Battle Creek. John will attend.

<u>Treasurer's report</u> – Dave passed on balances of \$15,859 checking and \$45,009 saving. One main outstanding item is MSYSA spring fee. This is about \$7,700.

<u>VP report –</u> No report. <u>Registrar report –</u> No report.

Administrator's report - Dave reported all premier teams were registered without problem. Flying Kick paid their fine. Elite divisions for U12-U14 are finalized. Dave is waiting for input from WMYSA to do older divisions. The scheduling meeting is set for February 13. 52 new teams have been added for the spring season. Total teams and players have increased over last year. Dave is working on division alignments and U8-U12 are set. Older divisions should be done soon and will be published for review. Corrections should be made by Feb. 15. Preliminary schedules will be posted by Feb. 22. Rescheduling will be allowed through Mar. 14 after which schedules will be finalized

## Other business:

Jack Wolfe advised of a ref assignor recert class to be held 2/13. GVSA kickoff meeting will be 3/8. John mentioned a need to get more action going regarding referee assigning. Proper certification and possibly the need for a GVSA board member position to monitor and coordinate activities to better our corps of referees. The board agreed with this. We would need to bring up at our AGM a change to the bylaws to increase the size of the board.

Dave brought up a proposal to put an ad in Michigan Soccer on behalf of all GVSA teams. This would be to prevent any fined being levied by MSYSA for not having proper notice of tryouts. The board felt this was a good idea.

GVSA AGM date could be March 6 or March 20.

Bjorn mentioned an effort to bring The Rene Meulensteen Academy coaching clinic to Grand Rapids. Also a US National Technical Championship competition to be held this summer. Local clubs could host this event in our area.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 1. Submitted, Steve Manett, secretary