GVSA Board Meeting Minutes — June 7, 2010

Board Members Present: John Hall, Ken Lovell, Mark Van Slooten, Bjorn Hansen, Erwin Van Elst, Josh Sheldon, & Jack Wolfe via phone.

Club Administrator Dave Whitehouse was present

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

The previous meeting minutes of May 3rd were approved

III. Officers reports

President: John brought up the concern with field safety and the need to have better inspection from officials and coaches. If any concerns are found the referee will decide if the field is playable. We should make sure that any concern questions are written on the game report and looked into further if required.

A question had been raised concerning coaches and clubs having input on referee choices. We said it was not a board rule or decision but that the Assigner had final say. Clubs had the option to inform or request this of the Assigner but the Assigner had the right to fill that game with who he felt was best.

The GVSA Weather Policy should be sent out to all clubs to put in their manager packets and we should have it posted on the GVSA web site.

Premier team concern. There are several issues dealing with Premier teams. One being the fee changes and the other with Try Out dates. This past year the state premier board has been making decisions without member input. Any club or team must make sure all their paperwork is done correctly and processed in the correct manor.

New Club: People from Greenville have expressed an interest in forming a new club. Information was shared with them and they can determine and handle things as they see fit.

Vice President: Ken reviewed the last month's problems concerning coach's & players penalty cards. The number of them seem to be growing and the reasons for them are for more serious fouls.

Treasurer's Report: Dave presented the balance sheet of GVSA. (See June 7th Administrator's Report.

Referee Director: Jack reported that GVSO had about 90 members and was still adding to the membership. They would like to give all referee's a manual when they upgrade from level 9 to level 8. Its call "Advise to Referees on the laws of the game" He will look into the best pricing of it and bring that information to the GVSA board.

They are setting up a mid August Referee Kick Off and would like the same participation and support from GVSA.

Issue with the Alliance club using (2) officials seems to be handled. They are now using (3).

Issue with getting Referee classes set up. This is Mike Windt's responsibility to set up and schedule. GVSOA will follow up on it.

Concern with checking nets. This needs o be done each game. There are many bad nets out there now. All bad nets need to be reported and all clubs must be notified to get them fixed.

Concern with net and field size.

Administrator Report: Dave reported that MSYSA is now requiring all player information electronically.

Reported that information was sent out to all clubs with fewer then (4) teams.

Brought forth the request from SCOR requesting Premier Club status. He handed out a letter from SCOR president Kevin Butler sent to GVSA making the request. Aaron Daane was at this meeting and discussed their reasoning. The outcome was that at this time GVSA approved the U-17 team premier status with Aaron being aware of the required paperwork, fines, and future option of other Premier opportunities. It was stated that there may be a problem if they get placed in the color division and then drop out.

As for Premier Club status. . . . it was not approved at this time. It was discussed that GVSA needs to present set rules and regulation for member clubs to apply for Premier status. (History, reasoning, forms, etc.)

Player transfers was discussed and the Board approved the proposed changes provided by Dave. (See administrator's report)

Other Business:

It was approved that GVSA would allow the advertising of the USA Beasley night along with other club sponsored events.

The issue with Tom Ross personal concern with having a minimum age requirement was discussed and the board felt our rules were prudent.

The problems with spectator poor behavior was discussed. Mainly concerning with game 968-9.