



SASA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date

March 11, 2019

Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jack Matthews, President	Yes	No	
Chuck Equez - NV Member		Yes	No
CJ Lowder, Board Member	Yes	No	
Clint Paul, Treasurer		Yes	No
Mike Slater, Registrar....	Yes	No	
Jason Pochynok, Board Member	Yes	No	
Todd Dejaynes, Board Member	Yes	No	
Pete Christofilakos Board Member		Yes	No
Drew Lenhardt /DOC non-voting	Yes	No	
Jen Hammer, Secretary	Yes	No	

Agenda Items Discussed

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Matthews called the meeting to order
- II. Members Open Discussion
 - i. **ROSTERS:** Distribution of rosters was discussed. In support of board transparency, the board agreed that rosters would be emailed to coaches and parents once an email response was received from the full roster for that specific team. This does not require payment in full and will vary in time due to delayed acceptance etc. Blue teams will be approached with offers initially and Slater/Lenhardt will then approach white and red. The goal is to have rosters emailed before the parent meeting on June 8th but there may be some teams that have not yet confirmed. Coaches will be encouraged to schedule sperate team meetings after June 8th.
 - ii. **PLAYING UP:** Discussion regarding playing up policy. There are two birth years with 3 or more children “playing up” from lower years. The policy remains that the “playing up” players need to have requested in writing to play up prior to tryouts AND that player needs to be “top tier” in the younger birth year to play up. The Board discussed several options including requiring everyone to play in their birth year but wants to thoroughly consider how to best develop player skills and strong overall SASA teams. The Board will evaluate a more formal/detailed policy regarding same that will be implemented for the 2020 tryout season. The goal of

the board is to ensure that all birth years have strong teams. Players should not be allowed to “play up” to the detriment of other teams.

- iii. **COACHES:** Coach vacancies and transitions were discussed. Lenhardt will make decisions to be distributed with rosters. There are two teams wherein parent behavior may necessitate coach transitions. The goal of the board remains that teams should be coached by the coach with the best technical skills to continue to develop good athletes. Due to coach fatigue and overcommitment (due to lack of adequate number of coaches), the Board may consider a coach substitute list that will allow coaches to substitute in other trainers for practices wherein they would otherwise not be available. This may be a good option for younger coaches that could benefit from a year or two ramp-up period before taking on a full team. This would have a budget impact and would need to be considered in a comprehensive discussion about the budget.
- iv. **PLAYER PLACEMENT MEETINGS:** Player placement meeting. Slater and Lenhardt will conduct the Player Placement Meetings on June 8th. They will discuss the dues increase, tournament selection process, uniform order procedure, and announce coaches (if in attendance). Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.
- v. **TOURNAMENTS:**
 - 1. Egeuz reported that the Memorial Day tournament was a success. It was confirmed that most of the birth years played SASA only as competition and that this needed discussed. There was discussion regarding keeping the tournaments at the Classic level and removing the SASA Blue teams from competition. The Board recognizes the need for better tournaments (branding, dates, competition, vending etc.) and is dedicated to establishing a Tournament Committee that will assist with a revamp of the tournaments for the 2020-2021 playing year. The goal of the Tournament Committee will be to thoroughly discuss and plan a revamp to be recommended to the Board.
 - 2. 2019-2020 SASA Tournament Weekends are temporarily penciled in at
 - a. 9/7 and 9/8 AND
 - b. 3/28 and 3/29 AND
 - c. Memorial Day

III. Meeting Adjourned (Motion and Second)