

SSYL Meeting Agenda - Meeting Date May 11th, 2022

Video Call - 7:00 pm

1. Roll Call
  - a. Call to order: 7:00pm
  - b. In attendance- ER (Kristi, Valerie), Gig Harbor (Marty, Steve), Graham (Melanie, Jeremy), Hornets (Heather), Kitsap (Josh), N. Kitsap (John), N. Tapps (Nicole), Olympia (Jennifer), Orting (Chris G, Crystal), Puyallup (Wes), Rogers (Kris C., Matt), Sumner/Bonney Lake, (DeAnna, Sara), Tacoma (Drew N.), UP (Tripp), Vashon (Sarah)
  - c. Absent- Peninsula, Twin Cities
2. Review and approve minutes from the March Meeting
  - a. Motion to approve- Marty from Gig Harbor, Seconds Beth from NT
    - i. Yea- Unanimous, Nay- None, Abstain- None
3. Board Reports
  - a. President's report- Chris G.
    - i. We had a couple games in the Google document that were not updated and so game were played without referees and there were some games where a referee showed up that had been rescheduled. So the league ended up having to pay those referees. That happened 8 times which comes out to \$800 (\$50 per referee per game). This is an expense that the league did not need to spend this year.
      1. We may need a Google doc training next year to know how to edit or update for the referee scheduling. Nick sent an email to the entire league with the link the google document so you can go in there and verify that the time, location and team is correct.
    - ii. Tournament update- Kelley Farms in Bonney Lake. Great venue for weddings and events.
      1. Soccer club will be doing the parking at the venue as a club fundraiser. \$5 will be per vehicle per day and direct you to which field you will be playing at. This is prevent chaos.
      2. Hopefully we will have even numbers for each age group so we can create the pool and bracket.
        - a.  $\frac{3}{4}$  - will be split in half for the bracket play.
        - b.  $\frac{5}{6}$  – Division 1, bottom 3 will go to division 2. Division 2, top 3 will go up to division 1. This is based off of stats and not just standings.
        - c.  $\frac{7}{8}$ - Division 1, bottom 4 are moving down. Division 2, top 3 are moving up.
        - d. Joshua (Kitsap)- Is this something we need to do? The club is the one that placed them in the divisions. I disagree with moving a successful team from division 2 into a division 1 bracket to get smashed during the tournament. Is this something we can discuss?
        - e. Chris G. (President)- My team is in division 1, I want the team to play up as a reward.  $\frac{7}{8}$  Division 1 hornets coach didn't want to be in division 1 but the board decided that for him. He had an unsuccessful season and is looking forward to a better competitive match at this team's level.
        - f. Joshua (Kitsap)- I think we should keep up to the individual coaches in the future.
        - g. Chris G. (President)- I agree, coaches know their team better than anyone else. This is something we can discuss at the beginning of the season so that everybody's expectations are that you're in the bracket win or lose. I'm not able to change the brackets for this tournament but in following seasons it is probably something we discuss earlier in the season.
        - h. Honor the game teams are set. We will be sending out an email with more information.  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{5}{6}$  and  $\frac{7}{8}$  will be in attendance. Hopefully everyone saw the email for coaches who are interested and available to coach the All-Star game.
  - b. Vice President's report- Melanie C.

- i. Forfeited games vs rescheduled games vs. scrimmages
  - 1. Due to COVID guidelines, Spring break and kids being sick, some teams were not able to field a team for their scheduled game. This is causing a lot of confusion and upset teams.
  - 2. Forfeit: Don't have enough players for a scheduled game. Regardless of the reason.
  - 3. Scrimmage: No WALOA referee or if you do not have enough players show up for a game and decide to play 9v9 or borrow players from your opponent. An understanding from both coaches need to be made clear prior to the start of the scrimmage and a score will not be submitted for standings. If a player agrees to play for the other team and both coaches agree to play 10v10, it can still be played as a regular scheduled game.
    - a. If your club wants to play another club, outside of the scheduled games, without a WALOA referee, this is a non SSYL associated scrimmage. This means, SSYL is not responsible or will get involved if there's an injury, discrepancy or ill outcome.
  - 4. Reschedule: Please notify your opponent as soon as possible to reschedule, forfeit, or cancel. This is a courtesy to the home team who already paid for the field. Some teams are getting notice less than 24 hours for a rescheduled game. They have to notify their families and then the families need to make arrangements to make sure that they are able to make the game. Please try to give your opponent at least 72 hours' notice of a game change. This is a courtesy, not a rule, as of right now. You cannot reschedule a game because your star player(s) are out of town and you don't want to take a loss. A legitimate reason to reschedule is because your field bumped you due to a high school event.
  - 5. Make sure to notify Nick Lyon of schedule changes so he can update the referees. As a league, we are still paying the referees if they show up to a game that was rescheduled, canceled, or turned into a scrimmage.
  - 6. Tripp (UP)- I didn't see a date to submit the Honor the Game submissions. Is it too late to submit the nominations?
    - a. Melanie (VP)- The 3/4 and 7/8 teams are full. We can still accept more nominations for 5/6. Keep in mind, we have 2 goalies for each team already. So if you put in a nomination for 5/6, we do not need anymore goalies.
- c. Treasurer's report
  - i. Checking: \$15,026.61
  - ii. Paid some bills and paid the referees every week on Tuesday.
  - iii. No payment received from Peninsula for league payment. We have the payment for the referees.
    - 1. **Peninsula TO DO**- Check on league payment.
  - iv. Jerseys for the All-Star game will be \$1000.00.
  - v. Honor the game stickers will be used for the SSYL End of the Season Tournament
- d. Secretary's report- Melanie C.
  - i. N. Tapps emailed regarding their standings. They were concerned that their standings only showed 8 of the 9 games they played. When I looked into it, I noticed they played a game outside of their division. If you play a game outside of your division, it will not count towards or against your standings. It does list their Overall Games Played as 9 games.
    - a. Sarah (SBL)- I noticed that as well and it looked like our game against N. Tapps actually counted against our standings.
    - b. Melanie (VP)- If you look at the percentage of the standings, it shows you guys won 3 and loss 3 games with a 50% standing. Otherwise, it would have a 3 win and 4 loss making your standing less than 50%.
    - c. Sarah (SBL)- I noticed that we didn't play 2 of the teams in our division this year but played a division 1 team. Is this something that's going to happen again next year? Or will there be a resolution as to only playing teams in out division?

- d. Melanie (VP)- At the beginning of the season, we have a division 2 – 5/6 team drop after the schedule was made. This threw the schedule completely out of whack. Originally, you guys would have been playing within your division, but because we dropped a team, we had to cross the divisional lines to try to get everyone their 9-10 games.
- e. Sarah (SBL)- I did notice we only had 7 games for our 5/6 team. Whereas other teams had 9-10. Since we did not play two teams in our division, we could have had 9 games if we played them.
- f. Chris G. (President)- This year we offered clubs to submit a blackout date. In the past, when we didn't have any blackout dates, we were able to play the entire 10-11-week season. But when we allow the blackout dates, they end up overlapping because everyone's Spring break are during different weeks. It's hard to get everybody in the weeks that we have available to play against all of the teams limited to their division because of the blackout dates. So if you want to play everybody, then we cannot allow blackout dates next season. This is something we can discuss next year. But we go back and forth on this because we run into the issue of rescheduling games because teams are not able to field a team because of spring break vacations. This will create double headers the following week or other kinds of rescheduling and trying to make sure we have enough referees to make these accommodations.

ii. Critical dates

- ~~1. 1/17 team declaration-~~
- ~~2. 1/22 General meeting- Club Compliance Due- club dues~~
- ~~3. 2/9 MBO and Referee fees due~~
- ~~4. 3/5 first Game of the season (10 weeks of games 1 bye week)~~
- 5. 5/21-22 End of Season Tournament

4. New business

a. SSYL vs. SYL All-Star Game at High School State Championships 5/28- Melanie C.

i. All Star Game in Tukwila at the Starfire Way

- 1. Teams nominate a player or two to create a team to represent the SSYL and go against other combined league teams. The person nominated shouldn't be the best player or most experienced player. This person will be representing our league and should be someone who can represent our league well. They will be meeting new people and hopefully make new friends outside of our league.

ii. SSYL End of the Year Tournament

- 1. Typically, in the past, it has been an opportunity to fundraise for a club within our league. Due to different circumstances, we voted to have a third part host the event. Hopefully we will still have a fun/successful event. This is a two-day event that guarantees each team 3 games. This year it will be located in Enumclaw/Buckley area. We have a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle per day.

b. Clubs/teams who are not participating in the tournament

- i. N KITSAP- All age levels
- ii. S Kitsap – All age levels
- iii. Gig Harbor - 7/8 (other age levels will be in attendance)
- iv. Puyallup - 7/8 has not committed. Will know tomorrow (other age levels will be in attendance)
- v. SBL- 5/6 will know by tomorrow (other age levels will be in attendance)
- vi. Olympia- 7/8 will not be attending. (other age levels will be in attendance)
- vii. Tacoma- only 1 ¾ team will be in attendance (had 2 – ¾ teams this season) (other age levels will be in attendance)
- viii. Vashon – All age levels

- c. Matt (Rogers) – Was the \$5 per day per vehicle something that was decided by the tournament host? This was not disclosed when we voted on the location of the tournament. People are having troubles navigating the website. This seems like an additional step because we are going with an external host as opposed to one of our clubs hosting. We will want to know about the additional cost and paperwork when we are voting. Being more transparent will place us in a better conversation with parents.
  - i. Chris G (President). -The tournament host/venue require it. It is a cheaper option to have the soccer team fundraiser. If you are having troubles with the website, I'll help you through it.
  - ii. Heather (Hornets)- They have to hire someone to direct the parking traffic, there will be police officers there. They hire people there to help things more smoother and reduces the traffic.
  - iii. Chris G. (President) – We have clubs charging parents to watch their kids play. If you are going to charge gate fees, you will need to let opposing team know prior to the game.

5. Next Meeting –Wednesday, June 8th @ 7:00pm via video conference

- a. Motion to adjourn: 7:45pm