

## North Ridgeville Amateur Soccer League

### Board Meeting Minutes

July 18,2011

Present: Grau, Jedlicka, Vanover, Hassler,Graham,Leigh,Albers,Smith, Milner, Schnell,Murra,Coach Panagiotou,Dan and Terri Blagojevich, Mrs. Hrush, parents of girls travel players

Meeting called to order at 8:40pm

**President:Jeff Grau-** Opened floor to visitors present with concerns.

Dan Blagojevich- concerned/questioned as to why he was told he would not be coaching the Girls U12,13,14 team this season. Doesn't feel that he was given a reason, just told he was not going to be coaching. Feels there is book of rules and bylaws were not followed as they should have been being that no vote by the board had taken place. Feels he was not presented with an option to coach the 8v8 team, nor the info regarding the girls not willing to play for him. Questioned why he was not given the contact information to see if all 16 wanted to play 11 v 11. Says he was told that he was not coaching the team because he was too hard on the girls and that the team was "too competitive" for new girls to join the team and that there was a miscommunication from President, Travel Director, and Coaching Director.

Terri Blagojevich- upset that 5 talented girls will not be playing due to the situation and that you cannot pick your coach just as you cannot pick your teacher, boss etc and that she was told " the 5 girls that play club soccer should just go play club soccer." Upset no reason given as to why Dan would not be coaching.

Jeff Grau responded by stating that he was sorry for the way things were handled and that there was a meeting of a few Board members after the June meeting to discuss this age of girls. The group reviewed the possible options and did not find an 11v11 option for Dan to coach. The decision was that Coach Hassler would then take over the team.

*\*Please note\** There was many discussions going on back and forth, the statements above are just a portion of what was being explained and discussed. Everett Palache and Genie Murra were not available to comment on their recollection of what had taken place and the decisions made at the June meeting.

A separate meeting on Thursday July 21st was set to further discuss this issue and hopefully resolve with some answers for all.

Stephanie Skinner present to support Coach Dan and voice concern for her Daughter that played for Dan and that her Daughter will not be playing. Doesn't feel that 8v8 would be best for her Daughter since she has already been playing the 11v11.

U10 Girls parents- Upset that Coach Asp would not be coaching their Daughters. Also wondering how the teams would be made and when they would be receiving the info. Matt Albers addressed the parents as the interim Girls Travel Director. That he is working on finishing the registration process and that they will be being contacted. Jeff Grau advised them that he too would like Bruce to return , but that Everett Palache would be taking over that age group. Advised he was sorry for the way things had been handled.

Brian Asp is looking for a young lady that has played soccer and out of college interested in being part of the coaching staff at the High School to mentor the girls.

U5/U6 Academy will need a director. Scott Pangrac will be moving up.

**Vice President:** Brett Milner- no report.

**Treasurer:** Current balance given. Currently includes all travel monies that have not been paid yet . Check to Holly for pop, water and Gatorade.

Secretary : Judy Vanover-minutes from last month are on the NRASL site. Thanks Jeff.

**Field Manager:** Pat Graham- Without us being aware, the city paved the handicapped spots with the leftover asphalt. He will be calling to have this removed as they covered up the drains that are needed.

Corner flags will be in shed for teams practicing/games onsite. Coaches will have access. Offsite Coaches will be given a set to be signed out with their equipment .

**Sponsorship/PR:** Jim Leigh- has arranged to have a 10x20 booth at the cornfest August 12,13,14. Will need the ins info. Will be a sign up sheet. Holly to get pop and water to sell.

**Boys Travel Director:** Greg Fry-not present.

Travel training nights are set for Tuesdays 6-7:30 at Victory Park. August 9th will be the first.

Boys travel preliminary schedule are out online. Need to confirm there are no conflicts.

Will there be a "league" fall tournament? There is the Brunswick Tournament and one at Kalahari in Sandusky.

**Web Master:** Jeff Hassler- Permission given to post pictures of teams etc from Jeff Grau. Calendar updated.

**Commissioner:** Matt Albers-Will be a meeting August 20th for the referees. Guidelines being worked on such as age, travel experience, knowledge. Also will be continuing the evaluations and those that have lower scores will have the opportunity to improve and work with other refs, then reevaluated.

**Registrar:** Cindy Jackson- Not present. Next registration will be July 30th 11-3 at the Library.

**Fundraising:** Holly Schnell- Received check for pop , water and Gatorade.

Also expressed concern over not being aware of the situations that have taken place recently and feeling not informed enough to give answers when approached by parents. Feels that we the Board need to be a united front and aware of what is going on.

**Director of Coaching:** Everett Palache- Not present

August 1st and 5th and 21st from 6-8pm. Coaches clinic for travel Coaches. B. Smith and J. Hassler will have their teams there on the 5th to be used for these coaches.

**Girls Travel Director:** Matt Albers- Genie Murra has resigned and he will be taking over in the interim. He is scanning and making digital cards for the girls travel players and still working on getting everyone registered by the 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45pm