

Minutes of the BA Soccer League AGM held Thursday February 21, 2008

Twenty three members were in attendance. Mike Murphy, outgoing President, and chair of the AGM opened the meeting at 9.25 pm. Paul Stanisci, Treasurer, reviewed the financial statements for the winter 2006-07 indoor season and the summer 2007 outdoor season. As there was a sufficient balance remaining in the summer season account to permit a **refund to the summer managers and league board members** of registration fees paid, refund cheques were distributed.

Election of Executive for 2007-2008:

Steve Cock nominated for President, no other nominations. The meeting endorsed the nomination with a positive vote.

Mike Murphy nominated for vice-president, no other nominations. The meeting endorsed the nomination with a positive vote.

Paul Stanisci nominated for treasurer, no other nominations. The meeting endorsed the nomination with a positive vote.

Somewhat later, Dave Knibbs nominated to head up **discipline procedures committee**: the meeting endorsed the nomination with a positive vote. Dave will take charge of keeping track of yellow and red card infractions, and for ensuring that (in accordance with EODSA guidelines) players are appropriately suspended depending on accumulations of cards.

Paul Stanisci presented a **budget for the upcoming outdoor season** which was accepted by the members. Fees were agreed set at \$150 for regular players and \$75 for goalkeepers. There was discussion about the possibility of increasing the fees to \$155 in order to ensure sufficient funds to **line the alternate fields** on days that the Potvin fields are not available to our league, but it was felt that there is a chance we could manage on \$150 so fees were left at this level. There was discussion on **recycling jerseys** to reuse them from season to season. The majority **voted against** this proposal.

Members voted in favour of the proposal that **ice packs will be purchased** and issued to managers to keep on behalf of the teams.

Members debated whether to cut the season shorter to end the weekend before Thanksgiving rather than the week after. The majority voted to **keep the season ending the weekend after Thanksgiving**.

The father-son clause was reviewed and the meeting voted to retain this as it appears to be working fine.

The proposal to amend the constitution to **forbid slide tackles** was debated at length. The majority **voted against** the motion. The referees will be expected to enforce FIFA laws of the game. The meeting cautioned that the executive should periodically work to rotate new referees into the system as if referees become too familiar with players there is a danger that foul play infractions may become more tolerated than may otherwise be the case. In other cases certain players may start to get "targeted". Dave Boeyen suggested that the discipline committee should consider post game investigations, independent of referees, if there are bad fouls that for some reason didn't get called, but there was no agreement on this issue.

The meeting discussed the resolution that the league management board should have the right to ask a goalkeeper to stand down and be replaced in certain circumstances.

Discussion agreed that this should be done only on an exceptional basis. The meeting urged the league executive to seek to attract new (but experienced) **goalkeepers** to the

league as a **shortage** has been an ongoing difficulty. The motion to amend the constitution was voted on and approved. The meeting also approved that the minimum age of keepers should be lowered to eighteen, consistent with the age of players permitted under the father son clause.

Dave Boeyen wondered **how the teams for the coming summer will be selected**. Mike Murphy suggested that random draw should be the main basis. No firm decision or vote on the issue was taken. Rebalancing of teams after the start of the season was also discussed. It was accepted that it is frustrating to a player to be moved from a winning team to a weaker team, but the meeting endorsed that the **league should be able to move players** as it is more fun for all when the outcome is not predetermined before the game even starts. It was agreed that as far as possible the executive should try to keep transfers early in a playing season. The meeting voted to delete the constitution clause 2.3.3.1. The constitution will be updated with the correction of spelling of guess to guest, under the guest players clause.

The meeting agreed to delete clauses 2.6.3 through 2.6.6 and replace it with new rules for the **Founders' Cup end of season tournament**.

The meeting then adjourned.