**Great Basin Youth Soccer League**

**Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

**6/8/15**

Meeting was called to order by Randy Ritter at 6:00pm.

Current officers were introduced.

Motion was made to approve AGM minutes from 7/11/14 – Approved

President’s Report

* 5%+ Growth in the league
* Record number of competitive teams
* League is giving clubs more control:
  + Discipline – would like to see more discipline handled within the clubs. When complaints are made, Randy is contacting club presidents.
  + Play Up Requests – will not require Executive Board approval in most age groups as long as coach, DOC, club president and parents have approved.
* Increased registration fees – RYSA and NYSA both increased their rates
* GBYSL must spend a lot of money to keep the fields in a condition suitable for play.
* Coaching Education – 2 D and 2 E classes per year. Schedule should be available soon.

League Commissioner Report - Fields

* Park Lane will not be used for soccer fields – developer is planning retail.
* North Valleys – 4 more fields will be created after baseball fields are complete
* South Valleys – Washoe County Commission will be given $40,000 for the master plan at S. Valleys (this includes an Ice Rink)
* Mill Street – GBYSL is encouraging the creation of fields
* Moana Springs – GBYSL is working to expand Moana. Final fundraising efforts are now underway.
* UNR Women’s Soccer Stadium – Tentative plans are in the works. It will be built in phases.
* UNR Women’s Games at Moana – 8/21 vs. Gonzaga – Looking for record attendance – free admission

Treasurer’s Report

* General Account: $103,667.59
* Field Development Account: $22,050.92
* Petty Cash: $300.00
* P&L: $100,102.05
* Fall Registration is now coming in – associated expenses will be paid in October.

Elections:

Randy Ritter (President), Richard Jay (Commissioner) and Bridget Burckhard (Secretary) were elected by unanimous consent for the next two years.

Policy Changes:

Tryout policy – changed due to NYSA policy change. Copies of revised policies were handed out and will be available on the GBYSL website.

2015/2016 - Transfer Window 1/15-2/28 ONLY for U10-U14

Transferring players will serve a 2 game penalty

Questions:

* What happens if high school players register, but decide not to play? Fees will be refunded (except for State Card Fees)
* Can the board set a specific date when refunds will no longer be issued? Vicki suggested using the date that the registration is due for Spring. The Executive Board will review.
* Will the high school season still be 6 games: No, the feedback that GBYSL received was that the coaches wanted to go back to an 8 game schedule and start earlier (at Golden Eagle on turf).
* Why is registration fee being doubled and where will the money go: Money will go to scholarships, the reasoning is because the players need to be forced to make a choice before the high school season starts. Add to policy that the double registration fee is for U15+ players.
* Advertising 30 days prior – unsolicited (bulletin boards, Facebook, Social Media, website, etc.) Flyers cannot be handed to kids or put on cars. Flyers cannot be emailed to players (outside of club) until June 13th of this year.

Play Up Policy – New policy was handed out and will be available on GBYSL’s website.

What about a U14 player that is playing on a U16 team that is playing in a U18 division. That will be allowed, but hopefully the DOC will be aware of the bracketing before the player is approved to play up.

Club Day – This event will happen one week prior to tryouts. Clubs will set up booths, recreational kids will be invited and clubs can advertise their programs. This will be started next year (2016).

Recognitions:

Northern Coach of the Year: Garrett Moss

Referee of the Year: Dave Baumgartner and Paul Kaylor

Volunteer of the Year: Eric Ingbar

Discussion

Could the league create and ODP Scholarship? ODP is a state program, but the league can talk about setting some money aside to help players with the ODP registration fees.

Good of the Game

* International 911 team had 9 seniors, and all of them got some kind of college scholarship.
* Richard encouraged coaches to send in items that can be placed on the GBYSL Facebook page.
* Local teams are placing well in tournaments (Santa Clara, Medford).

Motion to adjourn at 7:08.