



WOODRIDGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2024 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 7:15pm

Call to order: An Executive Council Meeting of the Woodridge Soccer Association (WSA) Executive Council (also referred to as Board of Directors) was held at the ARC on August 12, 2024. The meeting convened at 7:25pm, Erika Starkenburg presiding in Brian Mathews' absence. Roll was called to establish a Quorum.

In attendance: Octavio Morales, Dan Peboontom, Erika Starkenburg, Brianna Sopcak

Guest: Kristan Martin

Apologies: Brian Mathews, Juan Carlos

Old Business:

- Approval of May and July 2024 Minutes. Mr. Morales motions, Mrs. Sopcak seconds.

New Business:

1. Fall Season Update

- Mr. Peboontom noted that there were a few players dropping from the program when coaches sent their initial emails out and that is consistent with previous seasons. Empty roster spots were being filled by players from the waitlist.
- Mr. Peboontom noted that no coaches have relinquished their roles so far this season.
- Mr. Peboontom noted that we should bring ideas for any necessary or desired updates to the program to the September Board meeting so that adjustments could be made for the upcoming spring soccer season.

2. Review of Senior Draft

- Mr. Morales noted that he led a successful snake draft for the Senior teams with the assistance of another coach.
- Mr. Morales noted that there are many new players that moved up to the Senior division this Fall, so getting accurate player ratings is essential.
- The Board discussed that perhaps a snake draft is a better way of organizing teams.

3. Field Changes & Conditions

- Mr. Peboontom asked that the Board communicate to him any concerns regarding the condition of the fields.
 - o Lines
 - o Holes
 - o Safety Concerns

- Mr. Peboontom noted that the nets at ARC 2 were moved to allow the goal area to rest, and that Micro 1 games were moved to ARC 1 because the smaller field size for that division allows the regular goal area to rest. Hopefully, this will improve the condition of the fields for the Spring season.

4. Schedules on TeamSideline

- Mr. Peboontom noted that having the schedule for WSA games available digitally on TeamSideline should make things easier.
- Many teams use the GameChanger app to communicate with parents, as well.

5. Issues/Concerns

- Updated rosters are being sent out with any necessary changes
- Weather-related cancellations will be communicated via the Rainout Line
- Ms. Martin noted a concern regarding a coach's behavior last season
 - o Are there steps for removing coaches, if necessary?
 - o Should Board members monitor games?
 - o Mr. Peboontom provided examples of how similar issues have been dealt with in the past.

6. New Business

- Planning for the Spring season will begin in the November Board meeting
- Indoor registration is open now through September 25th.

7. Committee Reports

- Soccer Banquet/Awards
 - o No longer done
 - o Trophy presentations & food
 - o Divisions went at different times
 - o Do we want to/can we bring it back?
- Roadrunners travel soccer update
 - o Over 1,000 kids tried out, 40+ teams, no cuts → broke a record for the program

Mrs. Sopcak moved for the adjournment of the meeting; the Board having completed its discussion of all agenda items; Mr. Morales seconded. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brianna Sopcak
September 3, 2024