



WOODRIDGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2025 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 7:30pm

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 January 13, 2025. The meeting convened at 7:33pm, called to order by Brian Mathews. Roll was called to establish a quorum.

In attendance: Brian Mathews, Octavio Morales, Dan Peboontom, Erika Starkenburg, Brianna Sopcak, Kristan Martin

Apologies: None

Old Business:

1. Approval of December 2024 Minutes. Ms. Martin motions, Mrs. Sopcak seconds.
2. **End-of-the-Season Banquet**
 - We will explore adding this event in Fall 2025.
 - There would likely not be a photo slideshow, as we do not have that volunteer.
 - Held at Jefferson Junior High around 9, 10, and 11am.
 - This would extend the season another week.
3. **Playoffs**
 - For the Juniors, Intermediate, and Seniors divisions?
 - Held at Janes North and Orchard fields.
 - Shorter games so players would have the energy for multiple games in a day.
 - Possible concern: Coaches getting too competitive and not allowing for equal playing time for all team members.
4. **Draft**
 - We will once again hold a draft for the Seniors division this Spring.
5. **Ratings**
 - Many teams did not submit player ratings last fall.
 - We will need to again stress the importance of this for the upcoming season.

New Business:

1. **Expanding Seniors Division**
 - Discussed the possibility of merging the Seniors division with neighboring towns that have similar programs.
 - This would diversify the teams that WSA players would get to compete against.
 - No decision was reached.

2. Ratings

- The Fall player ratings need to be compiled and organized so that Spring teams can be assembled as fairly as possible.
- Mr. Mathews will work on gathering and recording this data.

3. Penalty Shots

- Discussed the possibility of breaking ties with penalty shots.
- Perhaps we could have a “best of 3” shoot out?

4. Roadrunners Clinics

- Mr. Mathews will discuss the possibility of having clinics for WSA players and coaches with the Roadrunners contact.

5. Spring Registration

- Registration closes in early March.
- As of 1/13/25, program enrollment is:
 - Micro 1 – 19 participants
 - Micro 2 – 32 participants
 - Juniors – 30 participants
 - Intermediate – 40 participants
 - Seniors – 11 participants
 - TOTAL – 132 participants**
- Mr. Peboontom noted that this was up from 99 for around this time last year, but the rise may be because the Board’s January meeting was a week later this year.
- We will check registration amounts again at the February meeting.

6. Girls League

- Several female WSA players moved to the girls-only league in Downers Grove last Fall.
- They had a very successful season.
- Mr. Peboontom was approached about replicating this program in Woodridge, but we don’t have the quantity of interested girls that would be required.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm. At this meeting, the Board hopes to make a calendar for 2025 meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted by Brianna Sopcak
February 4, 2025