

## Charlotte Area Youth Soccer League (CAYSL)

July 7, 2004

### Minutes of Organizational Meeting

Ed Eubanks, NCYSA Membership Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the 13 members was present.

Bill Thompson, the current CAYSL president, addressed the following issues:

- **NCYSA Acronym:** The current acronym of CAYSL is too close to others in the state. To avoid confusion, the acronym will be changed to CHYSL within NCYSA. The CHYSL acronym will be used in all future correspondence with the state. The corporate name of the scheduling league will remain the same, which avoids the paperwork and fees associated with legally changing the name. The name of the web site address will not be changed.
- **Registration Process:** Changes have been made to the entire registration process. Forms are now available at the web site in Word and Adobe. Electronic registration is coming soon. Team Applications can be emailed (using Word, as an attachment), mailed, or sent electronically (within a week). Also, changes to the individual team form will add a U9 age category, a gender category, and a place for bye dates. The CAYSL Player Information and Medical Release Form will be removed from the web site. The CAYSL president's signature line will be replaced with a CAYSL acknowledge receipt of the form. July 24, 2004 is the new date for Club applications and \$200 bond; July 31, 2004 is the new date for team applications and team checks.
- **Fees:** After a thorough discussion of the budget, it was decided by unanimous vote that the fee per team would be reduced to \$125 per season and a \$200 bond per association per year would be assessed. There will be no separate team bond. There will be no association membership fee. The association bond will be escrowed in a separate account and not be mingled with operating funds. The team fee will be revisited prior to the spring 2005 season in case any adjustments need to be made. If more funds are needed, all associated unanimously agreed that a special assessment for funds could be made to cover the expense. The bank account for CAYSL is at BB&T. Financial statements will be prepared each year and distributed to the members.
- **Season Structure:** The season will begin on 9/11/04 and end on 11/6/04 (unanimous vote). Each team will expect to play 9 total games in the fall season (unanimous vote for 9 games). For rainouts, the two teams need to agree on a make-up date and inform the scheduler. The scheduler will then schedule the make-up game. The scheduler will not automatically reschedule rained-out games. There will be some games scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. Bye dates may limit a team to 8 games.

For the older groups (U14 and up), age groups may be blended and neighboring leagues contacted. Players cannot play classic and challenge at the same time or challenge and recreation at the same time or recreation and classic at the same time-no dual level rostering.

- **U9 Teams:** The U9 teams this year will play a 6 v 6 format (unanimous vote). Each Club will be asked to identify specific U9 fields, if available, in their field information. U9 field size recommendations are smaller than U10 fields-the U9 maximum equals the U10 minimum. The U9 goals can be the same size as the U10-U11 goals. The club does have the option of playing a U9 team as a U10 team.
- **Posting Scores:** The procedure to post scores will be as follows: the winning coach submits the score electronically to the scheduler within 3 days of the game. If the game is a tie, the home team submits the score. The scheduler will post all the scores by Thursday morning. The scheduler will update the standings weekly. Forms will not be used to submit scores.
- **Scheduler:** The post of scheduler is open for applications until July 15. The scheduler can assume the duties of updating the web site in addition to the normal scheduling duties. There is currently one application in house for this position. All clubs are asked to search for other applicants. The scheduler will be paid \$40 per team per season. This price will include scheduling a fall and spring tournament. The scheduler will also have contact information for all teams in order to communicate field closings, game cancellations, and rescheduled games. Inclement weather cancellation procedures need to be discussed further.
- **Web Site:** The web site is owned by CAYSL. It will be used for the challenge league only. The recreation league will use another web site. CAYSL is tied into a server for a cost of @ \$500 per year.
- **Referee Assignor:** The post of assignor is open for applications until July 15. There is currently one application in house for this position. All clubs are asked to search for other applicants. The referee assignor will be paid up to \$65 per team per season. Discussion about using referee assignors of specific clubs for their home games was inconclusive. This will need further discussion, but most want to have one central contact for all referees.
- **Rules:** The current CAYSL rules need to be modified prior to the August AGM meeting. A Rules Revision Committee was picked - Bill Thompson (CAYSL), Debby Wallace (CUFC), and Bob Guadoso (CSC). All Clubs are asked to send in their comments and changes to Debby ([cjrsf@aol.com](mailto:cjrsf@aol.com)) by July 18<sup>th</sup>. These rules will be revised and sent to all members by 8/2/04. The new Rules will be presented at the AGM meeting for a vote.

- **By-Laws:** The NCYSA suggested by-laws are being “tweaked” and will be sent to NCYSA and all members by 8/2/04. The revised By-Laws will be voted on at the AGM meeting.
- **Officers:** A nominating committee composed of Wally McCaffety (Mara), Joe Pata (SCSA), and Phil Gilboy (USA) was formed to create a slate of 4 officers - President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The officers must be voting members of their respective Club Board of Directors. The current CAYSL officers are not eligible for office unless they become the official club representative of a member club. Bill Thompson will send a list of official club representatives to the CAYSL Board to the Nominating Committee. From this list, the committee will propose a slate of officers. Nominations may be sent to Joe Pata at [scsasoccer@aol.com](mailto:scsasoccer@aol.com). This slate will be sent to all club representatives by 8/2/04. The final slate will be presented for a vote at the AGM meeting.
- **AGM Meeting:** Date of Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Double Tree Inn. Debby Wallace agreed to make the reservations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.