

ATSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 17, 2004
Minutes

Board/Committee Members Present: Phil Keating, President; Ron Greenhalgh, Treasurer; Robin Tilsworth, Secretary; Lauren Hunt, Girls Player Rep; and Hilary Phillips, Uniforms Chair.

Staff Present: Grant Smith, Director of Coaching; Nancy Etkin, Executive Director.

DC United: Ryland Dennis, DC United, to discuss potential partnerships between ATSC and DC United. Ryland presented options built around having two DC United games being "ATSC Night" and club purchase of several season tickets. Board members were in agreement that ATSC needs to strongly support the remaining professional soccer team in the area and will work with Ryland on setting up a package.

President's Report:

Several board positions will need to be elected at the March Club Council meeting. Some have incumbents willing to serve another term and some do not. The positions up include treasurer, girls and boys commissioner, member at large, and boys coach representative. Phil will work with board members who have suggestions for some of these positions.

The North Track concept vote will be held on Saturday, February 21, at the Arlington County Board meeting. The plan which includes 4 playing fields is expected to pass but the next major hurdle will be passing bond measures and identifying other financing options to fund the project.

As part of the effort to more actively promote Arlington Travel Soccer, the resumes for the coaches, who are quite impressive and worth promoting, are being gathered and will be put on the web site and used in other promotional activities. Thanks to coaches for providing this information.

Phil and Nancy reported that fields are at even more of a premium this spring. The contractor for the conversion of the Wakefield Stadium synthetic turf field went bankrupt which will have the result of pushing the project completion date into June or July. That field had been counted on for league games this spring. Limited play on that field is available to ATSC, but we will also use Gunston to supplement.

Phil passed out copies of the Prince William Soccer Club's presentation to club parents. That club, although much larger than ATSC, is facing similar issues of recruitment, retention, and consistency in their teams and efforts. The ATSC board will be looking toward addressing some of these issues in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report: ATSC's net cash on hand was reported at \$9,801.40. Ron drew the board's attention to the fact that ATSC funds are being pulled down into a very

uncomfortable range. Without some serious changes, such as major fund raising or slashing the scholarship funds, ATSC will have insufficient funds for maintaining operations and keeping a comfortable cushion during the Fall 2004 season and beyond. Without additional cash, funding of desired services such as a new goalie coaching program, will simply not be possible. This issue will be raised at the Club Council meeting next month.

The board discussed the need to develop a policy towards teams sitting out a season and whether they pay ATSC dues/require practice field space/are eligible for scholarships. Due to a lack of a quorum, no decision was made. Phil will contact the specific team and work out an agreement for this spring

Similarly, we need to develop a consistent policy on reimbursement of fees for coach certification classes and coaching conventions. Meanwhile, as we receive more and more requests for reimbursement, we need to clarify that the present policy for reimbursement of 50% of the fee, up to \$500, will occur only after successful completion of the course . We have not been consistent in this reimbursement.

Commissioner and League Rep Reports: Nancy gave Celeste's Commissioner and WAGS report. There are more instances of ATSC coaches with more than one team and not able to meet the WAGS deadline of requesting consideration for dual coaching. When that occurs, WAGS will not make accommodations for game conflicts between the two teams. Also, WAGS has initiated several rule changes to improve player and fan conduct at games. All rules changes are on the WAGS website. No report from the Boy's Commissioner.

Director of Coaching Report: Grant reported that all but one team has settled on a coach for the spring season. Also, a top priority is to finalize the rising U-9 coaching staff as soon as possible. The contract for coaches should be finalized and ready for the March Club Council meeting. Formalizing a goalie training contract is important to the coaches. Two proposals are under consideration. Goalies are invited to participate in the field presentations on Feb. 21.

Tryouts: No report.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Uniforms: Hilary presented a revised new uniform policy. The proposed policy will be finalized and presented to the March Club Council meeting

New Business: Spring Club Council Date set for Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at Langston-Brown Community Center. At the Council meeting, policies on uniforms, player movement and coaching contract will be presented for a vote. Board member positions to be filled include fundraising and equipment. **After discussion on the three proposed policies, the Board decided that only the uniform policy would be brought to the Club Council for a vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.