

DOC Meeting Minutes
 January 18, 2016
 Kimberly Civic Center – Aspen/Birch room
 7:00 PM

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
Appleton	Shant Mesdjian	Kimberly	Kerry Lang
DePere	Derek Rhodes	Kimberly	Mike Huss
Electric City	Ryan Raatz	Neenah	Tip Brown
Electric City	Modeste Rouamba	New Holstein	Steve Conrad
FC Menasha	Kurt Schodorf	Niagara	Jeff Gordon
FC Menasha	Justin Oshefsky	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
Goalgetters	Jim Welnetz	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Green Bay Lightning	Erik Lofdahl	United Hurricanes	Bruce Pecore
Heart of Valley	Lisa Perkofski	Water Cities	Jeff Williams
EC President	Doris Schommer	EC Scheduling	Wayne Stoflet
EC Vice President	Marti Coan	EC Recreational Com	Mike Buman
EC Games Com	Chris Billstrom	EC Operations	Sue Ann Evers
EC Treasurer	Tod Maki		

Introductions made by all attending.

Doris reminded that the new directives came down from USSF soccer and that East Central would comply with them. How we present this to our membership can make all of the difference in the world. As a district we need to move forward and embrace it. We are having the planning meeting to share ideas and make some decisions for the district. Clubs will determine the make-up of each team as long as they follow East Central guidelines on teams.

Futsal

East Central was able to schedule a division of 8 teams.

Doris asked for suggestions on how to grow the futsal league and ways to improve it

- Timing of communications to give teams enough time to plan
 - East Central will need to have an earlier deadline so if there are not enough teams the teams being turned down can find another place to play.
- Cost was high for playing on a wood floor.
 - Teams would rather play on artificial turf.
- Off season, parents usually coach the team. East Central was requesting the coach/parent on the bench to have completed the risk management program. This

would give the parent a “coach pass card” but no level of license would be on the card. East Central was requiring the Futsal Coach to completed the risk management program, not to get a coaching certificate.

- A coach participating in the East Central Futsal League said: “My team was initially nervous about doing the futsal league, however the team was not able to get enough players to play on a turf field. They decided to give the East Central Futsal League a try. Now that the players and parents have experienced futsal, they love the fast play and are enjoying the program.”
- Rather than having teams register individually, it was suggested that we do a club approach where the teams registers through the club. Coaches are more familiar with this method.
- Having a few dates with open play might generate some interest. Players could experience what futsal is all about. Doris said there are courts available to do this, but we need someone to take this task on and organize it. Nobody at the meeting volunteered to take an open gym concept on. If someone decides to help organize an open gym program, we would be happy to move forward with this idea.
 - Another suggestion was to have an open gym and make teams as the players walk in.

Try-outs

There is tryout information on the East Central website.

<http://www.ecdsoccer.org/page/show/167570-policies>

There is a paragraph about what needs to be in an offer. To avoid any issues, it is best to make sure club offers have this wording added. It is also a good idea to hand out information to the players trying out about when you will send the offer and how they will review it.

Making offers to players that are currently in their club is also listed on the WYSA tryout policy. Please review.

The new birth year will apply for tryouts for the 2016-2017 season.

We need to communicate to membership how this new birth year is going to work.

- We want parents to understand that their player will have someplace to play.
- How we react to it is either going to hurt us or help us. A positive attitude is very important.
- Issues for parents to understand:
 - Kids that used to be the oldest on the team are now going to be the youngest player on the team.
 - Players will not necessarily be with classmates

- Topics that will be covered to help parents understand
 - The playing up two-year rule will stay as is for U14 and down.
 - Build out line is important for parents to understand for U9/U10/U11/U12
 - East Central would adapt the same structure as the state league for U14/U15.
For Fall for girls and spring for boys

The initiatives that goals should be a different size will be put on hold. When clubs need to purchase new goals this is the time to make size changes.

East Central League – Team placement for Spring

Problem: Teams are being forced into divisions they are not comfortable playing in. The team has a bad season because the games are not at the correct competitive level.

How do we solve the problem when we do not have enough teams to create a proper division?

- It would be better if East Central would provide a cleaner copy of the divisional teams and what divisions they would like to play in. This would mean that once all of the teams are collected DOC's will need to look over the list of teams for each division and decide where that team should play.
 - By using this method clubs may need to look at the list of teams 2 or 3 times as clubs make decisions as to team placement.
 - By the time we get to the pre-scheduling meeting on March 9 all clubs should have a good understanding as to where the teams will be playing and any problem leagues that may be on the list. DOC's will need to come up with a solution as to how the division should be scheduled.
 - We need to take our time and have some thoughtful discussion as to where teams should be placed.
 - Clubs will be making the final decision as to where a team plays

East Central Soccer Symposium April 9, 2016

We need DOC's to support and encourage coaches to attend the coaching symposium. This will be a great way for coaches to get some contact with outstanding national coaches.

- Key Note speaker - Sam Snow
- Location - UW Fox

A suggestion was made to present coaches that attend the East Central Soccer Symposium a certificate for attending the lectures.

New WYSA Policies

Clubs should review the policies and have members sign off stating that they have read the policy. You can find the policies on the front page of East Central website. East Central has adopted these policies.

- WYSA Sideline Behavior
- Zero Tolerance

For the Good of Soccer

- There is a Futsal Coaching Certificate
- Marti said the NSCAA Conference was wonderful.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Notes respectfully submitted

Sue Ann Evers
Director of Operations