



FWSA Board Meeting

October 23, 2017

- Time the meeting was called to order:

7:05 p.m.

- Names of the meeting participants: 14 attended/9 voting members

Thank you to those in attendance:

V: Head Commissioner - Kateri Pineda

V: Secretary - Teresa (Terry) Buchholz

Division Commissioners:

V: Freyja Bergthorson

V: Shallen Gorman

V: Lucinda Audey

V: Jen Merkel

V: Jen Giannini

V: Melanie Sasser

V: Fields- Suzanne Samuels

Scheduler- Kate Simpson

Webmistress- Lynn Thompson

Recruitment:

Ruth Walton

Andrea Wessel

Special Events:

Lee Ann Green

- Corrections and amendments to previous meeting minutes

August 15, 2017 Board Minutes (with correction to Andrea Wessel's name)

Suzanne Samuels: Motion to Approve Minutes

Freyja Bergthorson: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 9/9

- AGENDA and Additions to the current agenda

1. Division Updates - Any issues or concerns

Melanie: gates locked to grass field – Suzanne to follow up

Lucinda: Police Officer noticed at Pine Ridge – just monitoring as there might have been altercations at the field, also trying to reduce loitering

2. Forfeits (DCs should have per team count); solutions? Who we need to make sure to notify - esp. If last game at a Woodson field.

Team Rep must notify DC within 48 hours of forfeit and provide:

- **Game time and field**
- **Opponent Team Name**

DC will notify/confirm with:

- **Team Rep of Opponent to forfeiting team**
- **Head Commissioner, Scheduler, Appointed Referee cancel person and Treasurer (For Fall 2017: Kateri Pineda, Kate Simpson, Andrea Wessel and Cathy Beck)**
- **Very important for previous game to forfeited game to shut down field if last game of the day/evening**

Note: DC's reach out to Team Reps – they should remind their team members that all schedules are posted online.

Hard to get subs for scheduled off-night games. Perhaps increase amount of subs allowed. Cannot do anything for Fall 2017 – will consider in Spring 2018. Cannot increase sub pool numbers – keep at 3 for remainder of season.

3. Revisit Past Discussions (Transgenders, Problem players, etc) - Progress? New info?

Problem Players: it was noted that a “problem player” has rescinded her membership with FWSA. Terry asked that FWSA remain diligent and professional in protecting the players, their families and the league.

Transgender Discussion: Andrea suggested we follow Collegiate rules.
https://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Transgender_Handbook_2011_Final.pdf

As a Board we want to embrace transgender players; however, at the same time we want players to feel safe on the field. The Board will research

Collegiate rules, and decided to postpone discussion until Spring 2018 given any changes would need to be made and voted into our By Laws.

4. **Wheels on Goals - Lynn T**

Stadium and Grass – Woodson: Andrea stated these are not our goals...Suzanne to follow up with Mark to see if they have the wheels. If/not, Andrea to check on pricing and coordinate with Suzanne.

Lucinda Audey: Motion to purchase wheels for goals if needed with cost up to \$500 per goal set. (edited per Jan 22 Board Meeting to include per set)

Terry Buchholz: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 9/9

Freyja offered to donate wagon to storage shed at Woodson Aux to carry bags onto field 😊

5. **Referees - Melanie S (Teams complaining of remarks made by referees)**

Uniforms – Refs have made comments regarding field apparel.

Jen Giannini: Motion to change Uniform rule

Jen Merkel: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 9/9

FWSA Rule 4 - Uniforms. Chrissy asked to notify refs.

d. FWSA Players on the field are required to wear appropriate athletic clothing (Activewear), which could include shorts, skorts, any type of leggings, sports pants. These must be free from any dangerous details (e.g. protruding buttons, bling, etc.)

Dangerous Play

DC's to send out reminders to their Team Reps.

6. **Dogs at the fields - Recent problems, are they allowed? What's County policy?, Does FWSA have a policy?**

Friendly reminder - FWSA and its players must abide by the rules set forth by the owners of the fields we play on - i.e. Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Public Schools. The rules for dogs at the field differ by field location - if you want to bring your pet with you to a game, be sure to familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations for that particular field.

Animals are allowed on Park property, but not on the turf fields (Pine Ridge/Wakefield/Ossian) - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/athletics/fcpareg.htm>

All animals are prohibited on School property (Woodson/Annandale) - <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto...>

The obvious exception to these rules is for service animals. If you want to bring your service animal to the field, please be sure that you have the appropriate license with you.

7. Adding subpool sign up to Demosphere – Sarah

Adding subpool to Demosphere when registering would make this process so much easier. Discussed for Spring registration, possibly add: Are you interested in signing up for FWSA Subpool. If so, what division, and how may we contact you?

8. Summer Soccer - Revamp?

LeeAnn mentioned that this needs to be restructured as we will have too many or not enough at games. Will discuss further during Spring session.

Winter Session: Suzanne will request Woodson Aux field Tues & Sat 7:30 – 11 and 8-1, also ask men's league if they could switch Wed to Thurs for Spring Session. FWSA players have too many conflicts with scheduled Wed evening games.

9. Social Media Committee - Terry (We have? Need?)

Terry brought up that it would be nice to have a Communications Committee – not just social media – to help spread the FWSA word. Perhaps “connect people to the league”...

Sarah said she would be interested in heading the committee and Sheri Dunlop expressed interest as well.

Lee Ann and Terry will continue with FWSA FB page – touching so many more now that we have asked folks to LIKE the page. The activity is crazy fun right now!

Much greater reach than FB, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat – not just for recruiting, but also pro bono and/or community involvement.

Terry received message from FWSA Player very ready to contribute – shared with Sarah for further consideration:

Kelly Barrett, VP of Corporate Development - Partnership Integration and Management at comScore

Message from Kelly:

Hi! First i play with fury and with midlife crisis, so this is not spam! Second, i'm in the ad tech space working with the likes of Facebook, Google and ad servers. At the DC United game I started thinking about how we could use targeted advertising on events and internet/offline behaviors to invite people to play, broaden awareness of the league, etc.
Happy to talk more with whomever is the right key decision makers on it.
Best Regards,

- Was a quorum present? **YES 14 Board Members/9 Voting Members**

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a minimum of one-half of the sitting members who are eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. Each member of the Board present at any meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and the requisite vote necessary to take any action shall be a majority of the votes cast.

- Items to be held over:

10. Team Rep packets: distribution of sub cards, score sheet, coupons? Gift?

- New business

It was noted that Queen Bees had an ineligible/underage player during the Fall 2017 Season.

Terry Buchholz: Motion for Forfeiture/Suspension per letter below from Head Commission to Crystal Courtner, Team Rep Queen Bees.

Lucinda Audey: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: 8 Yes/1 Abstain

October 23, 2017

RE: Forfeiture and Suspension Notification

Dear Crystal – please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this notice.

The FWSA Board has been notified that a non-registered and underage player has been playing on the Queen Bees during the Fall 2017 season.

Per FWSA Rules cited below, Queen Bees will forfeit all games in which this non-registered player participated. Please advise as to how many games she participated.

Also, as Team Representative, you will be suspended from all FWSA soccer play (including sub activity) for 2 weeks or 2 games, whichever is longer - effective immediately.

10. FORFEITURE

- a. Immediate forfeiture will be declared when a team fails to field seven (7) players within fifteen (15) minutes after scheduled game time or field availability or fails to maintain seven (7) players throughout the game.

- b. Immediate forfeiture will be declared if a team leaves the playing field and fails to complete a game in progress.
- c. Forfeiture may also be declared under the following conditions:
 - 1. Participation of a non-registered or ineligible player in a game. (Rule 2a)
 - 2. Failure to have fields set up with goals & flags (when necessary) within fifteen (15) minutes after scheduled game time or field availability. (Rule 9k)
 - 3. Failure to comply with uniform requirements. (Rule 4a.5)
 - 4. Failure to play regularly scheduled games. (Rule 8d)
 - 5. Failure to produce player roster and photo IDs by the end of the game when requested by the opposing team captain or a Board member. (Rule 2c)
 - 6. Failure to report red and yellow cards. (Rule 9d)
 - 7. Failure to return/lock goals and flags to the appropriate storage location after the scheduled game. (Rule 9l)
 - 8. Failure to report all game scores and cards to appropriate Division Commissioner as soon as possible after the game, but prior to the next scheduled game. (Rule 9d and Appendix C8)
- d. Forfeit Procedure — These forfeitures (c1-8) will be declared only by the Board. All teams facing a game with any of the above forfeit condition(s) shall "play-on". Teams involved in games having forfeit conditions should notify their Division Commissioner in writing within 48 hours of the game in question. The Division Commissioner must notify the team facing a forfeit condition immediately when a complaint is filed, and that team must be allowed, if they wish, to file a written response within 72 hours of being notified of the complaint. Following that, a Board decision must be made as promptly as possible based upon all available information. No further appeals shall then be allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact your Division Commissioner.

- Next meeting date and time: **January 2018 TBD**
- Time of adjournment: **8:45 p.m.**