

GSA Board Meeting Notes
August 13, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Hughes. Board Members present: Stan Allen, Brian Bandy, Larry Green, Jennifer Hughes, Chris Wagnon, Debbie Williams, Jim Falle, and Salli Bougas. Board Members not present: Brian Green, Celeste Stevens, and Sandy Dupee.

*Election of Chairman: ***Larry nominates Jennifer Hughes to be Board Chairman for another term. Stan seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Larry moved to closed nominations and elect Jennifer by acclimation. Stan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*** Jennifer Hughes is elected Chairman by acclimation.

*Approval of Minutes: Two sets of minutes were submitted but they did not make it into the agenda handout so they were not approved. They will be reviewed at next board meeting.

*Treasurer's Report: Sandy Dupee, Treasurer was not present. No budget was submitted.

*President's Report:

~Super Cup Tournament:

- Total revenue generated from tournament was \$78,300 with a total of 183 participating teams
- There is only one team (AFC Lighting 96 Premier Boys) who remains unpaid.
- Chris Wagnon did a great job as tournament director.
- A check for payment needs to be given to the 93 boys Red team for their participation in the concession stand during the Super Cup Tournament.

~Field Lighting Project:

- The negotiations are complete with the four vendors who submitted bids.
- A vendor has been chosen in order to meet our timeframe and work is underway.
- Agreement is needed from Board to approve agreement.

~Working with Gwinnett County to reduce Property Tax:

- The offer was received that we would generate a \$3500 refund for 2007 and it would then be lowered to \$2300 annually from this point on.
- We do not have this in-hand yet but GSA is working through Steve Pruitt at Gwinnett County to finalize.

~Atlanta Cup:

- There will be 4 age groups at GSA this year
- The fields that will be in use are Spencer, Miller, Holman, Wieland, Griffith11v11, Schrader, Bender, and Crossroads.

~Select Registration and team placement through Georgia Soccer is completed. There is a follow up going on with late registrations and unpaid registrations.

- There are still a number of kids within the select program that have not registered. An estimated 755 kids that should be registered and as of date only 728 are registered.

~Recreational registration continues with all registrations considered "late" after the date of July 27. A review of the registration numbers has been submitted. To date there are 668 recreational players registered. It is speculated that 100 more players will have signed up, totaling an estimated 768 players for the new season. This is higher than last year.

~Calendar was submitted for review: In reviewing calendar it was noted that the officer's list had been updated as well and two new commissioners had been added. U-8 Boys Commissioner is Susan Fisher and John Marquis will be Recreation Registrar.

*Unfinished Business:

~Spring Elections: Debbie Williams reported the election process was complete. Carol MacGowan has been notified of the selection process.

*Certify Selection Reports for Elections: ***Larry Green makes a motion that the Board certifies the election process for this last election and that the ballots be destroyed. Chris Wagon seconded. Motion passes unanimously.***

***New Business:**

~Review/Approve Field Lighting Agreement: After reviewing all GSA field lighting project bids, Larry has suggested to the Board that they consider Over and Under Contractors to complete the lighting project. In the end, the decision was between Over and Under Contractors and Taylor and Jordan Lighting Sales. Chip Pavalon is affiliated with Over and Under Contractors and he is a parent of a GSA soccer player. This company's bid will also include replacing light bulbs that are currently burnt out on existing poles

- The Field Lighting Project has been a 6 week project with a target date for completion before Labor Day, 2008.
- Cross Roads will have some lights to illuminate half the field for practice purposes.
- Larry has been contacted by two families who would like to make financial donations towards the Lighting Project

***Motion is made by Jennifer Hughes to accept Over and Under Contractors to complete the GSA Field Lighting Project. Chris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

~Review/Approve Wachovia Refinance Agreement: GSA has a 15 year loan with Wachovia Bank in the amount of \$221, 265.26. Payments on loan are \$2553.00 per month, with an interest rate of 6.79%.

***Motion is made by Jennifer Hughes to approve refinancing of this loan. Brian Bandy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

~Background Checks through backgroundchecks.com: Background checks have been done on all GSA select coaches. Wants background checks are completed it shows up on the player pass and team registration.

~The GSA College Scholarship applications have been reviewed by Jana Falle. Six applications were submitted. Two applications from the boy's side and 4 applications from the girl's side.

***Larry Green makes a motion for Zach Spicher and Natalie Douglas to receive \$1000 each in college scholarship money. Chris Wagnon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

~Financial aid applications were up to approximately 80 kids this year.

- Parents who are applying have to fill out GSA financial aid form and submit tax returns.

- This money is only for registration.
- Only two applications came from the recreational side. All other application came from the select side.
- This money is not budgeted so the money that is applied is based on a year to year basis.
- A budget needs to be put in place here with a committee overseeing the selection process. Larry has done it up to now because of the privacy issue.

~As stated in new bylaws, paid coaches cannot sit on the GSA Board. Celeste Stevens has been grandfathered in, since she was already a board member so that she can continue her board position. She has agreed not to get paid as a coach in order to complete her board term. The money that is collected for her coaching fees will be put back into her team.

~Referee recertification: GSA is considering paying the \$60 recertification fee for referees who agree to referee only at GSA.

~GSA has always been able to sell parking spots to Parkview High school students. We now charge \$60 per semester for a parking spot. Because Parkview has so many parking spots now, GSA has not sold many parking spots this year.

*For the Good of the Game:

~GSA had 4 teams to become Georgia State Cup winners. On the boy's side, U-15's and U-16's and on the girls side, U-13's and U-15's.

~On November 1st (or the first frost) GSA will allow only turf shoes when practicing on the fields.

Next meeting date: September 24 @ 7:30pm

***Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.**