

GCYS August General Meeting

August 10, 2009

Attending Board Members

President – Jay Sims

Vice-President – Matthew Hay

Treasurer-Max Doner

Registrar-Pam Mager

Scorekeeper-Ed Moninghoff

Secretary- Nikki Verberne

Fields – Glen Elliott

Scheduler- Alex Gonzalez

D&P-Philip Gentry

Non-Attending Members

Uniforms – Kathy Doner

Coach and Development- Jaime Palco

Others Present: Steve Rivas, Richard Stark, Shane Ayers, Michael Hughes, Mario Garcia, Anthony Garcia, Tiffany McKinney, Carl Huddleston, David Crump, Olga Martinez, Mike Cochran, Xavier Banda, Lisa Kessler

Meeting called to order by Jay @ 6:33pm

Minutes on Line - Matthew motioned for approval of July minutes. It was seconded by Alex. Vote was unanimous.

BAYSA Minutes: Reviewed. BAYSA looking at making each club have a referee for a certain number of teams. This is still being discussed and more information will come. All clubs must remember that when posting pictures of players to not have a name associated with each player. This is a kid safe issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **President Report:** BAYSA minutes reviewed. More details in the new business.
2. **Treasurer Report:** BAYSA still has not cashed our deposit check. 2 of the 3 uniform companies have cashed their checks.
3. **Registrar Report:** Pam is still busy assigning teams. We are desperately looking for more coaches, especially in Texas City. Some kids might not be able to play if enough coaches are not found soon. Next year there will be an end date for registration that will be firm.
4. **D&P Report:** No report.
5. **Referee Report:** There will be a referee class in Santa Fe hosted by GCYS. These will be held at Arcadia Christian Church. The address is 14201 Beriton Street in Santa Fe. The first class is a Grad 9 entry to be able to ref youth games. The date is August 22 8:00am to 5:00pm, there will be a break for lunch. The second class will be a Grade 8 entry level. This is 3 days, Friday August 28 6:00pm-10:00pm, Saturday August 29 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm -5:00pm. You can register on line or you can register the day of the class. All children who wish to register must bring a parent to register their child. You can contact Michael Hughes for more information at mghughes@utmb.edu.
6. **Scorekeeper Report:** There will be a Scorekeeper meeting on August 18 at BAYSA. For BAYSA the home team score card will be the official report. GCYS still requires that BOTH coaches turn in their cards to avoid a forfeit. There will be a Kid safe box on the scorecard for the referees to check that all adults on the sidelines have their kid safe card.
7. **Uniform Report:** U-8's and below uniforms should be at T's and More for numbering this week. Soccer 4 All should deliver the uniforms to T's and More this week as well.
8. **Coaching and Development:** We still need more coaches. There will be several training sessions for coaches. GCYA needs to host a License clinic. Other classes can be found on BAYSA's website. GCYS training is as follows:

Coaches	Date	Time	Age	Location
SF & DK	Aug 18	6pm	U5-U6	SF Soccer Fields
SF & DK	Aug 18	6:45pm	U7-U8	SF Soccer Fields
Texas City	Aug 20	6pm	U5-U6	First Baptist Church
Texas City	Aug 20	6:45pm	U7-U8	First Baptist Church
Galveston	Aug 21	6pm	U5-U6	Sandhill Crane
Galveston	Aug 21	6pm	U7-U8	Sandhill Crane

9. **Scheduler Report:** BAYSA will hold a meeting August 12th at 7:00pm. U-9 and above should receive their schedule the week before games start. U-6 and U-8 will be

scheduled in-house. TYSA schedules the competitive teams. No games in Dickinson. Galveston will only have U-8 and below games.

- 10. Fields:** All fields are in need of improvements. We need more volunteers to make this happen. All Goal Inspections are done except for Dickinson and that should be done this week.
 - a. Galveston:** Two controllers need to be installed in order for the sprinklers to work. Motion was made by Glen to approve \$1500.00 to purchase the equipment needed. Bear seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - b. Texas City:** Osborne is okay. Field 25 is in need of repair. Possible move 25's goals to field 24 and change 25 to an 8v8 field. Bay Street fields are not good for games, but okay for practice. There are still not lights on Bay Street.
 - c. Dickinson:** Still in need of repair. Work on Silbernagel is still waiting on arrival of new goal equipment. Still trying to negotiate parking arrangements to make this a better utilized field.
 - d. Santa Fe:** Glen placed 2 new goals post for 8v8 fields. There will be another field day in Santa Fe on August 15, 2009. Need more games on field 1.

Old Business

Dynamo Student of the Game: It looks like our date to be the Student of the Game at a Dynamo game will be October 4, 2009. We will get 500 tickets for players. The Dynamo will contact each coach individually. It will be up to the coaches to respond first as to who will get the tickets. The cost for companion tickets for coaches and parents will be \$20.00 per ticket.

Staihoil Donation: GCYS will receive a donation from Staihoil on Sandhill Crane fields on September 2, 2009. This money will help rebuild our Galveston fields.

Photography: The club has decided to use Ken Stanley with GPS. This is the same company that we used last year and everyone seemed very pleased with his professionalism especially with all the turmoil after Hurricane Ike. Nikki will be the contact with Ken to have the dates scheduled in each city. We are currently proposing 2 dates in Santa Fe, 2 dates in Texas City and 1 date in Galveston. This will be coordinated to be most beneficial to all. There will not be any dates scheduled on a Friday. Pictures will be scheduled for September.

Camp Updates: We had 3 camps this summer. The best turnout was the Galveston County Camp in August in Santa Fe. That was a very successful camp. Hopefully next year we will be able to have successful camps in each city. The Goalkeeper camp was very successful as well. The club is considering having goalie training for all competitive teams.

Fundraising: Teams need to remember that ALL fundraising must be approved by the Board. Even if you are doing a car wash, GCYS requires you to notify the board so that we have prior knowledge for safety reasons. Also, this will be a way to coordinate that multiple activities are not planned within the same city so that each team will be able to get the most benefit for their efforts. Please remember that GCYS does not allow ANY of our players to stand on the street and ask for money. You can contact Nikki Verberne at secretary@gcys.org to coordinate your events.

New Business

GCYS BOARD RETREAT: The board held its first retreat on July 25, 2009 at Texas A&M. We discussed the direction we want GCYS to be headed in. A big focus of our meeting was Registration and who to make this process easier. We also looked at several options to increase volunteers

1. Registration: The club needs to find a way to make Affinity more user friendly. That is a key problem as to why team development takes so long. We need to look at a more user friendly option that we could use that would then dump the information into Affinity. This would have teams formed faster. We also looked at setting an end date for registration. This also causes a lot of problems to form teams with a lot of players that register late. This is something that will have to be enforced in the future.
2. Volunteers: The board looked at a way to increase volunteers by possibly giving volunteer incentives to get involved. One thing discussed would be to possibly give coaches ½ off registration for their child. Also, give coaches a polo type shirt s. Schedule more training classes for coaches. The club would also like to have a Bi-lingual coordinator to help with the Spanish speaking volunteers who would like to help more but don't due to a language barrier. We currently are looking for a volunteer coordinator to help with this effort.
3. Equipment: The board has stated in the past that we would not be providing equipment for coaches. We have resended this to give new coaches equipment. We will also provide equipment when there is a ball size change for coaches who stay with their team. Other equipment will be provided on an as needed basis. All teams will be given a game ball.
4. Finance: Our wish list for GCYS would be to eventually have our own office and possibly a hired staff. A person who would be assigned to all field work to help maintain all of our fields. We would also love to one day have our own centralized field/complex that would be rated for Division I play. This would help with our referee problem with our fields currently being spread out. Jay is currently working on grants to be able to help make some of this a possibility.

5. Events: We would like next year's Tune Up Tournament to be more of a start of the season event. This would be the time when teams would get their uniforms, equipment; all other events would be planned. This would be set up as a fun day for all teams, not just those in the tournament. We would like to have a BBQ as a fundraiser. We could pre-sale plates. We could also possibly have some sort of recognition ceremony for volunteers, coaches, players, teams, etc.

Fundraising: Tiffany McKinney suggested that GCYS sale Bug Guard by Avon as a fundraiser. This is a product that everyone uses during the season and teams could make money off of this. The profit depends on the distributor, but Tiffany is willing to sale Avon again in order for the club/team to get the most profits available. If anyone is interested, please email Nikki and she will contact Tiffany.

Facebook: GCYS is now on Facebook! If you have a facebook account, please request to be a friend of Jay Alan Sims, President of GCYS. This will get you all updates sent to you via facebook! Join us as a friend today.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in September, 2009. All meetings for the remainder of the year will be held at Mall of the Mainland. It is on the West side of the food court across from the FYE music store. More information will be posted on the GCYS website.

It was moved by Nikki to adjourn and seconded by Alex at 8:22pm.