



Holliston Youth Soccer Association Board Meeting

Date	Start	End	Next Meeting	Next Time	Prepared By
04/07/2016	7:30 pm	8:30 pm	05/05/2016	7:30pm	Marc Wolfgang

Purpose of Next Meeting	Location
Monthly Board Meeting	Holliston Fire Department

Role	Name	Email	Attending
Executive Board of Directors			
President	Garth Fondo	garthfndsw@yahoo.com	X
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Legal Counsel	TBD		
Board			
BAYS rep	Tony Capela	t2kcapela@gmail.com	X
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U10 Boys	Kevin Fitzgerald	kevinfitz00@gmail.com	X
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Clinic	Jason Dufault	dufaulthysa@gmail.com	X
Coaching Education	Marc Wolfgang	mwolfgang@ceruleanrx.com	X
Intramural Referees	Jeff Geoffroy/Sean Perera	jeffgeoffroy@gmail.com seanperera321@gmail.com	SP - X

Role	Name	Email	Attending
Travel Referees	John Potemri	Jpotemri@yahoo.com	
Field Scheduling	Dawn Neborsky	dawnmich3@yahoo.com	
Marshall St. Director	Chris Guccione	cguccione@ameresco.com	
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Equipment	Bill North	billnorth@me.com	X
Publicity Director	TBD		
Spookerfest	Gaynor Greenberg	gaynorg@aol.com	
Webmaster	Rob Sidloski	robert.sidloski@gmail.com	
Other			

Review of minutes from last meeting

- Minutes approved

Opening Remarks – President’s Report

- Fields have been a mess due to weather. Status will be updated regularly on the HYSA website.
- Coordinators should pre-schedule roster selection meetings with the select team coaches for the week following tryouts. Start scheduling the meetings as soon as coaches are selected and we have the tryout schedule set.

Treasurers Report

- Shamrock Ball went well

BAYS Report

- Tony was appointed to the BAYS board
- Tony covered the new “no heading rule” instituted by BAYS

Registrar Report

- Spring 16’ registrations are almost complete
- 754 players, most for Spring in that last 8 years
- Rosters have been submitted to BAYS
- All coaches have been CORIED
- Fall 16’ registration window opens in 2 weeks
- Registrations fees will not change for 2016/17

Girls Travel Report

- U14 parity team is facing practice commitment issues

Boys Travel Report

- All set, no major issues

U10 Girls Intramural Report

- None of the teams have been able to practice yet due to grass field closures

U10 Boys Intramural Report

- Teams are all set
- U10 guidelines were communicated to all of the coaches

U8 Girls Intramural Report

- U8 girls is all set. 14 coaches, 14 assistants. All kids with conflicts have been accommodated

U8 Boys Intramural Report

- All set, no major issues

Clinic Report

- All set, no major issues

Coaching Education Report

- Held 2 coach's orientation training session March 14th and 24th, attendance was OK ~ 20 total.
- Jay and Adam each attended one session in preparation for taking over duties next Fall
- Orientation training presentation and K (U6), 1/2 grade (U8), 3/4 grade (U10) coaches guidelines were updated, distributed and posted on the website.
- Coaches listing was provided to YouthSoccer101 and weekly training lessons are being distributed to all the coaches
- Good shape to transitioning coach's education duties over to Adam Beard and Jay Robie for Fall 2016

Referee Report – Travel

1. Referee Status.
 - 25 regular referees
 - 7 from out-of-town on call and another 16 adults on-call (mostly for weekday make-ups)
 - 3 intramural referees have been put on standby
2. BAYS Schedule Status
 - Issues. Field sharing wasn't respected by BAYS. Field values were not populated in BAYS. John sent a note to Dick Fishman and got NO response.
3. Opening Weeks
 - John will try to be at the fields for the first two weeks of games to make sure everyone is mentored correctly.
4. Managing Marshall St. Saturday Reschedules, please understand that communicating last minute changes and getting referees will prove challenging.
5. Reschedule Procedure. Someone should resurface the Reschedule Procedure. This should reference the BAYS policy on this. After a coach secures a field and has agreement with his opponent, he should contact the Travel Referee Assignor with details of the change (game id, opponent, original time, new time, new field). If the reschedule it outside of one week, no further action is required. If the reschedule occurs within the week, the Travel Referee Assignor needs a heads-up and will make best effort, but referees are not guaranteed.

6. BAYS Assignors Meeting

John attended this meeting a couple of weeks ago. The agenda included:

- new "**no heading rule**" for U12 and under (U13 and under when the age changes)
 - A team whose player in the U12 or lower divisions deliberately heads or attempts to head the ball will be sanctioned by an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the foul.
 - The exception to the spot of the foul location is, if the infraction occurs within a team's defensive goal area. The spot for the taking of the indirect free kick will be on the goal area line that is parallel to the goal line nearest to where the infraction occurred.
 - The advantage rule may be applied.
 - There will be no "Denial of Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity" (DOGSO) applied to a deliberately heading the ball offense.

This is essentially the same as a dangerous play, where an indirect is awarded. The only exception is the latter note, where a player cannot be sent off for this offense. So if someone intentionally heads a ball that is going in, you only call the infraction and award the indirect kick.

Note that they didn't have it all figured out (interpretations, enforcement and best practices) and it was out discussion at the meeting that squared it.

- "**green cards**" for referees to use for Zero Tolerance (optional)
 - All referees should be sure that they are applying a zero tolerance score on their game reports.
 - A Zero Tolerance Green Card may be shown by the referee to a coach or team official for ZT violations.
 - For violations by a team's supporters, the ZT Green Card if used should be shown to the appropriate coach who is responsible for his team supporters.
 - The ZT Green Card is a tool which may or may not be used by the referee. Failure to show the ZT Green Card does not preclude the referee from showing a ZT violation within his/her game report.

Zero Tolerance has not changed. We are reminded to record any cases of Zero Tolerance. I asked the referees to contact me if a report will include a Zero Tolerance violation so that I can assist HYSA and BAYS to remedy it.

Referee Report – Intramural

- 42 intramural refs, 14 of which are new
- There is a Massachusetts bill under consideration regarding child labor practices, and it would allow referees under 14 to get paid for their services. BAYS has asked HYSA to publicize and support the bill.
 - Board and attendees gave their general support.

Field Coordinator Report

- Grass closed all week and next due to weather
- Any travel team that has two turf practices will only have one next week so that we can get all the intramural teams one practice (on turf) next week. A temporary practice schedule will be available for next week by Saturday.

Marshall St. Report

- There are three OTHSL teams using Marshall St. Sunday mornings 8-10. Matt should have received their payments.
- Steering Committee did meet this past month and are working through different scenarios.

Equipment Report

- New intramural shirts are now available. There are still some old ones available.

Fundraising and Activities (i.e. calendar, Spookfest, photos, Shamrock Ball)

- Melissa and Jon Roy are taking over the Shamrock Ball from Lauren Ward
- Lauren did a great job running the event over the past years

Publicity Report

- No report

Webmaster Report

- No report

Old Business

- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from July and Dec meeting):** GF and JP to update the by-laws and present to Board for approval before start of Spring
 - March update, work is in progress
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from July meeting):** request was made for an off-line meeting between the travel coordinators, registrar and Executive Board to discuss overall tryout and roster selection/notification process to consider potential improvements.
 - Jeremy is coordinating a meeting
 - Garth forwarded Jeremy and Marc the coach's feedback on the U14 scrimmage format during the 2015-16 tryouts
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Oct meeting):** Need to craft an email to parents regarding player pick up after practices and games – some isolated issues with parents being late or sending “family friends” to pick up players without notifying coaches ahead of time. Include this in the coach's orientation package.
- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Oct meeting):** Approved No “hard cast” Policy for players. Need to formalize and put on the Website. Recommend seeing what BAYS has written for their policy and see if it works for
- **COMPLETED - FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Dec meeting):** Need to standardize the ZERO TOLERANCE messaging for coaches
 - **Was included in the coaches orientation packages for the Spring**
- **COMPLETED - FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Dec meeting):** Need to communicate/train new intramural coaches on age appropriate training guidelines
 - **Refer to Coaches Education report**

- **FOLLOW UP ACTION (from Jan meeting):** Garth looking into getting a new HYSAs lawyer

New Business

- No new business