

**TRI-COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE
O 40 DIVISION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 26, 2017**

Kevin Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7 pm at the Palatine Library. All teams were present except for Crystal Lake, Morava, and McHenry.

Division President's Report. Kevin Hoffman reported:

- Crystal Lake's probation concluded at the end of fall 2016 season.
- Discipline imposed on Buffalo Grove for underage player fall 2016 (\$50 fine, 1 year probation through end of fall 2017 season). (Was with knowledge of other team and referee, thus lower fine.)
- Reminder: Teams cannot agree to waive and the refs cannot waive the player pass requirement.
- The vote on the application of Athens FC (new managers: Petros Dimas and John Dernekxis) for reinstatement into the league was 7-5 against.

Division Secretary (Jeff Wilson).

- The minutes of the July 2016 meeting were approved as written.
- Jeff mentioned that teams should let him know if they want help in getting press on tournament victories, etc., and mentioned the upcoming USASA SoccerFest in Nashville. Tom Isirov plans to organize one or more Tri-County teams to enter it.

Division Treasurer (Pat Shea).

- Pat provided Kevin with an updated ledger and indicated that the Treasury Balance is appx. \$6,200 after payment of the fall light fees.

Director of Competition/Registrar's Report (Carlos Solarte).

- Carlos Solarte provided the yellow/red report and noted an improvement, perhaps related to the 3-man referee system and the 2-minute cooling off period.
- Referee discussion - Three-man system continues to be used. If only two refs show, teams pay \$60 each. Managers were reminded that if there are issues with a particular referee, email Carlos about it right after the game.
- Game Roster/Player registration: Carlos reminded managers to provide game rosters to the referee at every game. Game rosters will be emailed by home manager to Carlos; the ref will mail them if there were red cards. (Photos are fine rather than faxes.)
- Managers reminded to email any new field maps to Carlos and tell him if they need to adjust the O40 Manager's list.

Preparation for Spring/Summer Season.

- Games will be played on Sunday evenings (6 pm default time). Frank Schwab proposed that the 40s consider going to one night straight through the fall season. Teams preferred keeping the same (Sunday/Friday) schedule by a 7-2 vote. Proposals for always on Sunday or always on Friday drew only 4 votes for and 6 against. The matter will be discussed more at a meeting of the three age-group

boards or presidents. There continues to be general agreement that 40s should play on the opposite (Friday vs. Sunday) night that the 30s and 48s are using in a given season since many teams have players playing in two divisions.

- Teams wanted to have one game against each other team rather than playoffs. If there are 12 teams, then one “rivalry” game will be added like last year. Season to start 4/30 and run through August with no games on Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day weekends.

New Business.

- FIFA rules changed June 1, 2016, and referees will start using now. (Kickoffs can go backward.)
- American Spirit, represented by Tommy Isirov, asked to join the league. There was discussion about some of the players being from the Athens team. It was proposed by Frank Schwab, seconded by Kevin Saum, and agreed by Tommy Isirov that players who had been red-carded or suspended in the last two years from Athens would not be rostered with American Spirit. With the modification, and subject to the usual one-year probation for new teams, they were unanimously voted in. They provided a check to Kevin for the new team up-front fees.
- Elections will be held for board positions at the summer meeting.
- Per David Parry, the databases for the divisions will be merged and it is anticipated that registrants will be able to log in and pay fees for each team they are on at one time.

Motion to adjourn the O-40 meeting moved (Frank Schwab), seconded (chair), and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Wilson, O40 Division Secretary.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7-8 PM , Palatine Library, conference room #2

[Subsequent to the meeting a vote was taken allowing Waukegan FC to become the 14th team in the league for the spring/summer season, with usual new team probation rules. League fee for all over-40 teams set at \$200 for spring/summer season.]