

**Lexington Youth Soccer Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2006**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lexington Youth Soccer Association was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at KISS.

Attendance as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Larry Cook	President	Yes
Bill McNees	Vice President	Yes
Tom Naylor	Treasurer	Yes
Cindy Stokes	Secretary	Yes
Jeff Stephens	Director Micro League	Yes
Mike Dunnigan	Director Training League	Yes
David Lucas	Director Junior	Yes
	Deputy Director Junior	
Al Lichaa	Director Varsity League	Yes
Steve Ales	Deputy Director Varsity League	No
Claire Delormas	Director Choice	Yes
Graham Rowles	Director LFC	Yes
Jennie Lock	Director Amateur	No
Gary Fogtman	Director External Affairs	Yes
Luke Morgan	Deputy Director External Affairs	No
Gary Fogtman	Director Fields	Yes
Andy Coleman	Director Officiating	Yes
Ed Pavlik	Director Coaching	Yes
	Director Purchasing	No
Nina O'Leary		Yes
Guests	Paul Chartier, Foster Ockerman & Rob Lewis	
		15 voting members attending

**Call to Order**

President Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Move #6, Field Development Committee to #4.
- Add discussion about Coaches Meetings and the Cancellation Phone to end of agenda.

**MOTION:** Graham Rowles moved to approve the revised agenda. Second by Ed Pavlik. Approved.

### **Appointments / Resignations**

Mike Dunnigan recommended the appointment of Jeri Higginbotham as the Under 8 Girls AGC.

### **Field Development Committee**

- Graham Rowles introduced Paul Chartier, a member of the Field Development Committee, Foster Ockerman, attorney and Rob Lewis from Global Advancement.
- Graham distributed a Field Development Committee progress report and reported on the Field Development Committee's history.
- He also passed around a notebook titled "Field of Dreams".
- Paul Chartier addressed the current field dilemma taking the committee to task on its progress.
- Suggested that in spite of the board being populated by people who love soccer, it really needs help with fundraising.
- Paul then introduced Rob Lewis from Global Advancement, a local company specializing in fund-raising.
- Rob gave a brief history of the company started by his dad, Bob Lewis. Some of their clients include the Lexington Public Library, the Lexington Philharmonic, Lexington Children's Theatre, Boyle Co Library, Kentucky History Center, etc.
- Discussed the benefits of using a fund-raising specialist to help with field development.
- Foster addressed the problems in Fayette County with developing soccer fields including zoning ordinances inside the urban services area. Land is very expensive. Outside the urban services area there are restrictions that would make it difficult to build soccer fields.
- Foster discussed fundraising and borrowing funds. It is possible to finance an athletic facility without having any personal guarantees or if personal guarantees are needed, it can be done on a volunteer basis.
- He also suggested that LYSA begin having "events" twice a year that bring attention to the organization.
- It was recommended that we do a feasibility study. Rob said his company would interview 60-80 individuals over a period of three months. Cost would be \$20,000.
- A capital campaign's cost depends on the time involved.
- Suggested hiring a PR firm, a fundraising company and a large local accounting firm

**MOTION:** David Lucas moved to follow Graham's Recommendation as amended (the Board removed the words "pursue option #4) - it reads as amended as:

The Fields Committee be re-charged with reorientation of the primary focus of the Committee away from the search for an appropriate site and toward:

1. Development of a major fundraising initiative within the framework of a fiscal plan based on a clear and shared vision of the future of the organization
2. A search for major corporate sponsorships
3. Development of a major public awareness and public relations initiative
4. Movement into the political arena (with a view to securing both state and local government and possibly federal support.

Second by Ed Pavlik. Approved.

The Committee will also solicit proposals from three fund-raising companies and bring that information back to the board for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Team America**

- Larry reinforced the previous decision of the board to allow Team America to continue to play this spring. However, they will not be able to bring in new players. Any new players will be put in the open pool and assigned by Steve Ales.
- This will be the last season for Team America. In the future, these players will be assigned to teams in the same manner that all other players are assigned.

### **Insurance**

- Bond for Nina needs to be extended to other LYSA employees and possibly volunteers at a cost of \$500 - \$600 per year.
- In addition Sandra is also investigating types of insurance that LYSA should be carrying for employees, coaches, referees, and volunteers.
- Ed Pavlik and Al Lichaa will contact Sandra Blain for recommendations for whom LYSA needs to carry coverage and what needs to be covered and will report back to the Board.

### **LYSA Photo Day**

Board instructed Ed to pursue contracts for LYSA Photo Day.

### **LYSA / Lords of Soccer Camp**

- Ed has also entered into a contract with the Lords of Soccer for this summer's LYSA / Lords of Soccer Camp.
- The biggest change is that the LOS will absorb the additional charges for the use of the school / field.

### **Background Checks**

**MOTION:** Ed Pavlik moved that an LFC coach be allowed to coach in LFC despite a background check report returning "Guilty of 4th Degree Violent Assault" resulting from physical contact with a referee." Second by Jeff Stephens. Approved. Ed indicated that Parviz will oversee the behavior of this coach.

**MOTION:** Tom Naylor moved to go into Executive Session. Second by Graham Rowles. Approved.

**MOTION:** Graham Rowles moved to return to the board meeting from Executive Session. Second by Gary Fogtman.

The LFC coach will be allowed to coach his team. Vote by board was 10 yes; 2 no.

### **Choice League**

- Clare Delomas reported that she has the following this spring:
- U-14 Girls Four teams, possibly six.
- U-12 Girls Two full teams; two other teams with 10-11 players.
- Option to play 9 v 9 or 8 v 8 if the two teams can't find additional players.
- Clare also reported that there is frustration because we don't have U-16 Girls Choice. It was explained that LYSA has never had U-16 Girls.

### **Coaches Meetings**

Ed Pavlik reported the coaches meetings will be held as follows:

March 2	Under 12 and above and Choice	7:00	Beaumont Library
March 6	Under 8	6:30	Beaumont Library
	Under 10	8:00	Beaumont Library
TBD	Under 5 & 6		

### **Cancellation Phone**

- David Lucas reminded the board that the phone number is (859) 288-1044.
- Tami Dunnigan will update weekly on Friday for the upcoming weekend.

### **Miscellaneous**

- David Lucas requested that we add headgear as an agenda item for March
- Tom Naylor reported that he is resigning from the board because he has taken a new position in Nashville. He is planning to tie up some loose ends with LYSA before turning the materials back to us.

**MOTION:** Gary Fogtman moved to adjourn. Second by Bill McNees. Approved

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Nina O'Leary*

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Recording Secretary