

Adult League Meeting

April 11, 2016

- **In Attendance:**
 - Bryce Woldt –TASK
 - Tod Maki- DePere Select
 - Adam Kue Manitowoc Goalgetters
 - Ashlee Campos- Ashwaubenon
 - Dianne Bellisle- EC Adult Commissioner
- **Introductions were made**
- **Season Dates:** June 5- July 31
 - Discussion about number of dates and due to the Jamboree we need to start either May 22 or go until August 7 to have 8 games and still allow for the weekend of the 4th of July off as well as the Jamboree. It was decided that May 22 was too early for many of the college players so the league will go into August.
 - **Revised Season Dates: June 5- August 7**
 - Teams can move the August game up if they so choose.
- **Adult League Informational Document**
 - Brief overview of the reformatted League Informational document will be up on the EC website
 - Sue Ann will post the document on the EC website
 - Asked to put a one page rules matrix on the website
 - Dianne will pull the information and send to Sue Ann
- **Participating Clubs**
 - New Clubs:
 - TASK- *planning on 1 upper division team*
 - Menasha
 - Returning clubs:
 - Appleton Soccer Club
 - Ashwaubenon Soccer Club - *planning on 1 upper division team*
 - DePere Select - *planning on 1 upper division team*
 - Howard FC- *planning on 3 lower division teams*
 - Kimberly Area Soccer Association
 - Manitowoc Goalgetters - *planning on 1 upper division team*
 - Unconfirmed:
 - Electric City Soccer Association
 - Foxx Soccer Club
 - Neenah Soccer Club
 - United Soccer of Allouez
 - Not returning:
 - United Hurricanes
- **Q&A about registration / pre-season process**
 - Clubs must create a "Team Shell" in the League One YOUTH database side for each team that will participate
 - Spring "Team Shells" must be entered by May 1st.
 - "Team Shells" should be designated as "Adult Rec " for the division and "MENS" as the age level.
 - Each team should have the following information included in their shell:
 - Coach- each team must designate a coach- this person can be a player as well
 - Referee Assignor
 - Manager- each team is encouraged to include a team manager
 - Fields- The fields the team wants to be scheduled at should be listed
 - Jersey Color
 - DO NOT ENTER ANY PLAYERS into the "Team Shell".
 - Those in attendance were not administrators for their clubs. They will let the club registrars know that they can contact Dianne Bellisle or Sue Ann Evers with any questions about the process.
- **Scheduling**
 - Number of games:
 - Each team will be scheduled for 8 games
 - No games will be scheduled the Sunday closest to the 4th of July, however teams may use that date to reschedule games if both teams agree and the referee assignor agrees.
 - Start Times:
 - Primarily between 5 and 7:00 pm but League game times will be flexible.

- Process:
 - A list of Team Shells will be pulled from the League One youth database on May 2nd and will be sent to clubs for confirmation that the list is correct.
 - Clubs will have until May 5th to confirm.
 - A preliminary draft of the schedule will be run and distributed on May 6th.
 - Clubs will have until May 12th to make changes.
 - Final schedule will be posted May 15th.
 - Any changes after the final schedule is posted must follow the East Central rescheduling guidelines.
- **Jamboree**
 - Dates: July 9-10
 - Any feedback from last year?
 - Many teams were not aware of the Jamboree
 - We need to do a better job of getting that information to the clubs and teams this year.
- **Potential changes for Fall 2016 and beyond**
 - **Number of games-**
 - We currently schedule 8 per season and some clubs have asked to play 9.
 - Group agreed that playing 9 per season would be preferable.
 - **Gender Rule**
 - While we are a coed league, there is currently no "Gender Rule" for the league. Multiple clubs have asked the league to add a rule.
 - It was discussed and proposed that we add a Gender Rule that states that there must be at least 1 female on the field at all times. If there is not a female player available, that team must play a man down (10 players)
 - However If both teams have all men there it would be ok to play 11 v 11
 - Bryce from Manitowoc GG commented that even though they are traditionally an all male team, despite their efforts to find women to play, they still support the coed rule and would not mind playing a man down. They just want to play.
 - All were in agreement with the proposed rule.
 - **Game duration**
 - The group proposed changing the playing time to 45 minute halves. They currently play 40 minutes.
- **Good of Soccer**
 - **Referees-** There was discussion about referees. The group felt that the League needed to do a better job of ensuring that the officials on their games know the adult league rules. Specifically in regard to:
 - **Length of halves-** Last year many officials did not know how long the halves should be.
 - **Slide Tackling-** Many incorrectly thought that slide tackling was not allowed in adult league
 - **Referees-** Discussion of what to do if no officials show up. It was recommended that they have the phone number for their clubs assignor to contact if that situation arises.
- **Adjourned at 7:30 pm**