



Fairfax Women's
Soccer Assn.

2019-20 FWSA ANNUAL OPERATING REPORT

MAY 14, 2020

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▪ **Head Commissioner – Angela Vita**

- **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
- **Bylaws – Amendments Vote (refer to Bylaw change summary)**
- **2020-21 FWSA Board Ballot – Vote/Elect New Board**
- **Upcoming Events**
 - ❖ Pine Ridge Tournament Status
 - ❖ Summer League Status

▪ **Treasurer – Cindy Beck**

- **Financial Report Update:**
 - ❖ FWSA changed its registration platform to LeagueApps.
 - ❖ FWSA started absorbing players' credit card fees to encourage elimination of paper checks. Total fees were \$5,337.
 - ❖ FWSA again partnered with Woodson and paid \$2,800, a pro rata portion of sodding Woodson's East Field.

▪ **Secretary – Chris Motter**

- **2019-20 Annual Report preparation**

▪ **Board Committees:**

- New Website with LeagueApps System: **Lee Ann Henderson**
- ByLaws and Rules: **Karen Best** (Cindy Beck, liaison)
- Recruiting: **Andrea Wessel**
- Communications: **Terry Buchholz** (Tiny Velt, liaison)
- Special Events: **Betsy Fields**
- Volunteers: **Kateri Pineda** (Teresa Steinhilber, liaison)

▪ **Recruiting Committee Summary:** Ruth Walton and Andrea Wessel

○ **FWSA Recruitment Report Fall 2019/Spring 2020**

A total of 112 inquiries from experienced prospective new players were received for both the Fall (80) & Spring (32) season. Of the 112, 65 were in the Open Div. age range and of these 29 registered for a team. Of the 112, 37 were in the Masters- and-up age range and 15 registered for a team. Additionally, there were 22 players interested in Developmental Div.

Summary of FWSA 2019-20 Board Activity

➤ **2019 June Board Meeting - Transition to new board**

- Continue sub pool trial in Fall for case-by-case agreement with both team reps and DC approval for additional subs above three (3). Only allow a max of 11 players if more than 3 subs requested/allowed. If trial seems reasonable during the Fall, board can vote for permanent inclusion into Rules. Guidance to go out in email for Fall season.

➤ **2019 August Team Rep and Board Meeting**

- Suzanne Samuels voted to assume Fields position for Audrey Reil who is moving out of the area.
- Approval of name change for Webmistress position to "IT Support". Approved by Board to be submitted to amend Bylaws by vote at General Assembly meeting.

➤ **2019 November Board Meeting**

- Board agrees to keep past Demosphere registrations for reference through 2020.
- Gold league (58+) fees and games – Fee adjustment in Spring: \$45 per player includes one ref, 10 games per season at 60 min./game and still has out of county fee
- Developmental – fees remain the same for this group.
- Sub Team – rescinding sub request after sub has accepted if notified with reasonable amount of time (24 hours was suggested) is allowed.

➤ **2020 February Board Meeting including dinner**

- FWSA new merchandise store through Cheer Sports – board agree to forego profit to ease delivery fees. Limiting selection for launch to keep offerings simple.
- Discussion on Bylaw and Rules Changes. Bylaws changes to be prepared for May vote. Rules discussed and changes tabled for a later date.
- Agreement to retire use of yellow sub cards and send soft copy of Team Rep Duties and Sub Pool Guidelines.

➤ **2020 March Team Rep and Board Meeting**

- Agreement to waive 14-player roster requirement for Open Division and extend Spring registration by one week.

➤ **2020 March 15th Spring League Notice Sent**

- Suspending all games and activities until further notice from the county due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns.

- **2020 March Emergency Board Meeting – emergency meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic**
 - Due to recent developments, board cancels Spring season with intent to move fees to the Fall season unless notified by individuals.
 - Depending on when field permits are granted again, may pull summer session forward or establish “meet & greet” games.

Important Information/Reminders

- ❑ **Forwarding of Spring fees to Fall season by team.** Must notify Lee Ann Henderson (Registration) if a refund is to be requested. Players may choose to receive a full refund or donate the funds to the league.
- ❑ **Potential injuries when returning to play.**
- ❑ **Competitive play, understanding your opponent and incorporating subs.**
- ❑ **Referee Complaints/Compliments** – Should be emailed to your DC with the HC copied.
- ❑ **Weather Hotline (703) 550-4107.** Games are played in the rain. If referee cancels the game, it is usually determined at the field. Please show up to field if weather hotline does not state it is cancelled.
- ❑ **Forfeits.** To avoid fines, forfeits must be emailed to Forfeitgame@fwsasoccer.org with CC to (copying) Division Commissioner **48 hours** in advance of game time with info to include team name, game time and field.

***** Very important for previous game to be notified of forfeited game to ensure field is shut down if last game of the day/evening. *****