**VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee Meeting**

February 1, 2014 10:00 am

The VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee met at the Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA at the VYSA Annual Convention. Those in attendance were:

Len Oliver VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Chair

Julie Caramanica VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Administrator

Adele Dolansky VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Member

Denise Edwards VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Member

Virginia Youth Soccer Association President

Ann Germain VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Member

Kip Germain VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Member

Larry Monaco VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member and Committee Member

Jim Sadowski MDCVSA President

Bob Sokolinsky VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Member

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the **January XX, 2014** VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Committee meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

**Inductions the Previous Night**

It was noted that the induction of Turk Emekli was a special honor for him and his family. All present were touched by the induction of such a devoted member of our soccer community. It was agreed, this was a special evening for everyone involved and a tribute to the value of this Hall.

The committee congratulated two committee members that were inducted this year: Denise Edwards and Julie Caramanica.

**Review**

Statistics of inductions since the Hall began in 2001 were distributed (Attachment A). The records show The VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame now has 91 inductees, 68 male, 23 female. There are 38 inducted in the player category, 44 in the meritorious category and 9 in the veterans category.

The committee discussed

**Committee Composition**

The make up of the committee was discussed.

Fred Matthes, formerly with DC United, has left the area and sent an e-mail of resignation from the committee. Committee members who have not participated and others who have changed positions were discussed. It was agreed that they would be contacted and asked if they wish to remain committee members.

Julie suggested Karen Knott be considered to add to the committee. The committee agreed she should be contacted and asked to join. Len will contact two current members and ask if they wish to remain on the committee and Julie will contact Karen and ask if she wishes to join the committee.

Inductions of Nominees

Kip Germain suggested that someone should be assigned to accept the award of those unable to attend the Awards Reception. Committee members agreed. In the future, someone will be asked to attend to accept in the absence of the inductee.

It was also suggested that the nominee be asked to come forward while the biography of the inductee is being read. Committee members agreed and it will be done in that order in the future.

**Nomination Process**

There was some discussion of the nominating process after input from Committee members in the selection process conference call.

Committee members agreed the process for the Veterans Category went well. It was suggested a graduated vote be considered. Being moved into this category requires the individual nominated has been on the ballot before and received votes. It was noted that more than one should be moved each time the voting takes place so as not to insure selection to the Hall of Fame by default. Committee members agreed to keep this category voting at one vote per member. Decisions about which will be inducted will be made once vote count is complete.

There was discussion regarding dropping nominees if they remain on the ballot for many years, however, all agreed the process is that they must be re-nominated, so each will be considered if a nomination is submitted.

A clarification was requested on what specifically “5 years out of the game” meant for player category nominations. It was clarified that a player must be out of professional and college play at least 5 years to be considered into this Hall of Fame.

It was again noted that nominations MUST HAVE current contact information in order to be considered for selection to the Hall of Fame. It has become increasingly difficult to contact those selected due to lack of information submitted. Those submitting nominations are asked to send everything possible in the nominations including address, e-mail contacts and phone numbers.

**Voting Process**

There was discussion regarding limiting the number of inductees selected each year, but committee members agreed that the process seems to be working well and the vote counts are adequately determining which should be selected.

This year Len Oliver and Adele Dolansky recorded votes due to the Administrator, Julie Caramanica being on the ballot. It was suggested that Adele be continue to receive votes again in the future along with Julie and Len. Committee members agreed.

**RFK Event With DC United**

It was suggested that the Recognition Night at RFK with DC United be scheduled at a home match between April and May. Len and Julie will communicate with DC United representatives to select a date.

**Budget and Finances**

It was suggested that Hall of Fame items be made available to Hall of Fame members for purchase and that they be shown on line and sold at a slight mark up to be used to help defray the cost of Hall of Fame expenses. Items requested were:

* Polo shirts,
* V-Neck Sweaters,
* Bags,
* Soccer Caps, and
* Lighter Jackets.

Julie agreed to look into speaking with vendors to make items for sale available for order on line.

There was discussion about fundraising. Len again suggested asking current Hall of Fame members to contribute to the Hall of Fame. The tab showing acceptance of donations is on the VADCSoccerHOF.org web site, but none have been made. Len suggested sending letters of request.

Julie suggested asking for sponsorship. Currently DC United assists with expenses for the Recognition Night at RFK and the Amateurs contribute small amounts each year, but VYSA bears the major cost of this Hall of Fame. Julie will ask equipment and awards providers to send smaller amounts of sponsorship in an attempt to cover all of the Hall of Fame costs and hopefully more.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Prepared by

Julie Caramanica

VA DC Soccer Hall of Fame Administrator