

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2016 7:00 p.m.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended</b>
<b>Boyden, Jadd: Boys' Coordinator</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Myran, Keri: Vice President</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Boughton, Dan: Girls' Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Osborn, Thomas: Referee Assigner</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Dayus, Westley: Director of Development</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Rojas-Cardona, Gabriel: President</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Eckstrom, Julie: Equipment Manager</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Rose, Nick: Member at Large</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Elliott, Ernie: Member at Large</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Spiewak, Brian: Risk Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Fredeen, Jon: Registrar</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Tuccitto, Jay: Uniforms</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Hatcher, Trina: Communications Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Westall, Sarah: Gaming Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Hocking, Dan: Treasurer</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Westra, Kim: Secretary</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Marilu Snodgrass: Field Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Wormer, Joan</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Loomis, Jeanine: Website</b>	<b>Y</b>		

Begin Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. Annual Election of Officers: Dan motion, Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.  
Trina Hatcher, Jay Tuccitto, Dan Hocking, Gabe Rojas-Cardona, Jeanine Loomis, Julie Eckstrom, Jadd Boyden, Jon Fredeen,
2. Treasurer's Report: Annual Actual Budget (2015-2016) and Forecasted Budget (2016-2017); Tax fee about \$1000. Jeanine motion, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.  
Wonder if we can change to regular calendar year. Tax calendar year (December 1- Nov 30.) Gabe will check the bi-laws and MYSA articles.
3. By-Law Amendments for Annual Meeting: Update and any Bi-laws changes, if any
4. Visitor Communications – none
5. IGH Heat Nov 2016 AGM DOC Report.
6. Director of Training and Development:

### Player Growth.

IGH Heat has again seen great member growth during 2015-2016.

Both Boys and Girls attendance has increased and the formation of new teams has steady grown throughout the 15-16 soccer calendar.

IGH has continued to be a club that welcomes new players from surrounding communities and my hope is that will continue.

We have a unique position within the IGH community, we have seen great strides made by athletes that attend our community soccer. Those athletes have gone on to support and be valued members at the local High School level.

### Player Team Development

The 2015-2016 season has seen a massive growth in IGH Heat teams attending and winning the state finals, both in Fall and summer seasons.

Over 12 teams attended those finals within the 2015-2016 season and we had 2 teams win their respective age levels.

I truly believe that this is down to a great board and dedicated players and coaches.

Putting things into perspective, another large organization with over 60 teams sent 6 teams to the state finals in 2016. IGH Heat sent 6 teams also and we had 13 competitive teams!

### Coaching Education.

During the 2015-2016 IGH Heat has again continued to helped many first-time Youth and Adult coaches gain MYSA coaching certificates. IGH Heat will continue to facilitate the development of coaches through hands on training and coaching clinics for 2016 and beyond.

We will also implement a Goal Keeper training session for our coaches to our coaches' clinic for 2017.

The USSF coaching manual has been our guide or base for our coaches' development. This Coaching material has been updated by USSF and once we receive the updates from MYSA we will continue to have that available online or via Google docs for all our coaches.

Moving forward I would like to see a number of our D Certified Coaches go on to complete the C Certification, I would also like to see more coaches move on from the F and E Certificates to the D if possible.

### Continuing Player Education/Training.

This year has seen the continuation of our Winter Futsal League, starting in Nov and ending in Jan.

We had an overwhelming response in 2015-2016 season, and are very hopeful that we can continue this for the foreseeable future.

I have also again this year scheduled DOC training, or age group sessions for our U9 to U15 players. These start in Nov and go through Dec, and then will continue in Jan and Feb. Winter Gym and Armory space has also been secured and notes will go out to teams/parents/players shortly. Thanks to Julie, Trina, Marilu for all the assistance this year.

March will see the beginning of regular pre-season training at the Vets center, we will continue to schedule IGH teams to scrimmage each other or another local team. I personally think it is important we have some live soccer games before the season starts as well as having games to train up our new referees. This is something the referee coordinator has requested we do moving forward.

I will again offer to train/coach our teams before we get outside.

Spring training sessions will continue as in seasons past and will begin in March.

The IGH Heat and Inver Grove Parks and Rec will again put on the soccer carnival in March. We will continue to need board volunteers and youth players to help with making the carnival successful.

After great success, last year our IGH Heat GK clinics and team GK sessions will return for the 2017 season.

Summer camps were edited slightly last year. We offered out team shooting clinics and allowed teams to sign up for an extended session instead of just attending a regular team training. Over all we managed to effect around 90% of our players and were also able to reschedule as needed to which gave all teams a little flexibility.

I would like to see this continue during the 2016-2017 season.

#### Community Program/Rec Soccer

Over the course of the last year I have gathered feedback regarding the initiation of a more competitive Rec program for IGH Heat to help our numbers at our younger levels. We have relied on the Sparks and Flames program to help players transition from youth soccer to traveling soccer. We have seen very few players move from one program to the next and found that many of our local families decide to play their Rec soccer at SSP and then return to IGH Heat when that program ends. Whereas this seems like a good idea, we find that basic skills are lacking and that it takes the players a little longer to forget the bad habits and take on the skills that we like to see at IGH.

I have been communicating with MYSA and our local Park and Rec department regarding the creation of an IGH Heat Rec program. The IGH Rec program would run on a Saturday morning from 8:30-11 AM, and consist of U5/U6 and U7/U8 sessions.

Those sessions would be focused on 3v3 and 4v4 games with 10 mins of basic skill development. My hope would be to involve my more dedicated traveling coaches as well as

local High school players due to the sessions being at a weekend.

One of the hold ups for our Rec program has been space to play.

Due to playing 3v3 and 4v4 we would need to make/paint new field lines, and due to the lack of space to do this we have been at a standstill. However, we have been in communication with the local school district and they do have some space that we can rent during the summer. The site is at the old South Grove school site.

Whereas it may not be another Rich Valley, it does have potential and with a little investment and some community involvement I do believe it will work well for the Rec program. Assistance will be needed to get communications out and to promote the program and find some coaches/volunteers.

I have also reached out to MYSA for Rec grant information and may need some assistance to do the grant proposal once I receive information back.

We will continue to work with the city (Parks and Rec) and the school district to develop a soccer Rec program that will benefit everyone involved.

#### The Future of IGH

We have seen and made great strides this last year regarding quality of our members, our teams, our players and organization.

We offer many options for training throughout the year, and keep those that want to play all year around very busy.

Many of our teams have been involved in the State finals and we have outshined many of the larger local area clubs.

We have continued to see players from other areas inquiring or joining our program and taking advantage of the great services we offer to our members.

I'm looking forward to seeing continuing growth of the program and the members within it.

The focus on the Rec program should be paramount so we can continue the great work within the local community.

Thank you to all our board members for all their tireless hours this year. A program is only as good as its volunteers and we have a great group of those involved.

Maybe we could have "**Let's Try Soccer Day**" in the fall or winter or August open houses.

p.m. Adjourn Meeting

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