

VSSA Year 2020 In Review

To: AGM

From: SMM

Date: 19 October 2020

The start of 2020 had a lot of promise for growth and breaking new ground for VSSA.

On the women's side:

Christy was building momentum from the fall 2019 with her women's team initiative. She had a collection of dedicated players and started to line games up with a team from Canada and several local colleges all in preparation for and in advance of a first in a long while USASA Region 1 women tournament that was to be held outside of PHL, PA in June 2020. She worked hard on securing a much needed GL policy so her team could play at different facilities and against college teams. All of this was coming together and then before the spring outdoor season could start Covid put the entire effort on hold.

On another women's initiative, FP resurrected their recreational outdoor womens side of play in September. This has been very successful and will continue indoor.

On the men's side:

Covid ended any opportunity to continue our indoor leagues with Capsoc, VASP and E8. It also postponed the start of the outdoor summer season for VASP and E8 until Mid August. Thanks to the diligence and vigilance of Mike at E8 through his efforts on informing the Governor's Covid team, protocol was developed for the adults return to play. This late start and attenuating uncertainties lead to reductions in participation in VASP however, E8 has built on its late start to increase the number of Fall outdoor and winter indoor teams which is a good sign of the trend to come. As long as we (VT) do not see an upswing in Covid cases this is encouraging.

On the Tournament side:

In January continuing through March, I was engaged in conversations with Jay Peak resort who was enquiring about hosting an Adult Outdoor Open Tournament. I advised what VSSA does and can offer. At an early point in these conversation I suggested Jay Peak team up with a knowledgeable event organizer who is intimately familiar with the USASA registration and insurance process and is experienced with running leagues - that lead to Mike of E8 getting involved and contracting with Jay peak for what would be VSSA's first Adult Open tournament. All teams and players would be registered through VSSA with USASA and the cost of which was to be supported by VSSA funds to help get the tournament off the ground. The tournament was scheduled for early August 2020 but Covid again nixed that entire venture.

On the Going Forward side:

With the hope Covid subsides and a vaccination arrives soon then perhaps Christy's initiative can restart as well as the Jay Peak/E8 tournament venture. Until then we remain in support of our indoor and outdoor leagues and affiliates. On a positive note, VT has faired better than most states in USASA, as we have returned to play where many states remain idle.

Subject: **Re: 2020 VSSA AGM (via Zoom)**
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Good Morning

Thank you all for attending the VSSA 2020 Zoom AGM. Thank you Jonas for setting that up. I appreciate everyone's efforts. To follow up on a couple of matters:

1. Attached is a 31 July 2019 (including 27 March 2019) correspondence to Peter Kim which discusses the VSSA support for the Women's soccer initiative headed up by Christy. This VSSA support remain in place.
2. JH and MJW please forward to me your registration and treasure reports presented last night so I have digital copies of the same.
3. Bud, I will circle back with you to continue the conversation on the matter of referee dissent/respect that you raised.

Thank you.

SMM

In a message dated 10/19/2020 5:36:22 PM Eastern Standard Time, smmapes@aol.com writes:

Item 2 attached.

In a message dated 10/16/2020 11:19:34 AM Eastern Standard Time, jonas.hart3@gmail.com writes:

Greetings all:

This Zoom meeting will serve as VSSA's Annual General Meeting. Representatives from each of our affiliated organizations are invited. If you cannot attend, please try to have a rep from your organization attend. If you know of someone who you think should attend, please let us know and pass along this invitation. The current agenda is as follows. If you have additions, please let us know and we can include those.

1. Intro's.
2. Year in review - SMM some initiatives that got going but did not get off the ground, Covid, etc.
3. Registration Report - JH.
4. Treasurer Report - MJW.
5. Affiliates Reports/Updates - VASP, FP, E8, CapSoc, VT Refs and anyone else.
6. Board Elections. We will try to keep things moving and to within an hour or so.

Apologies that we aren't able to gather in person, eat, drink, and be merry.
If you have any questions, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Cheers, Jonas

Jonas Hart is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Time: Oct 19, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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