

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
April 7, 2009

Attendance

Board Directors Present: John Linnehan, Mary Rogers, Mary Packard, Don Cowden, Jim Claroni, Leonard David, Bob Fryer, Clark Caplan, Dan Baker, Kevin Brothers, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Cathy Cresta, Mike Brown, Mark Nasiff,

Board Directors Absent: Dan Ford-Hunt, Ed Flanagan, Didier Barnes-Guzman, Rich Buck,

Age Directors Present: Scott Hillis, Tim Delaney, Heather McSween, Lori McLaughlin, Jim Claroni, Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Jay Bromander, Dave Vigeant, Thomas Guerriero, Russ Medeiros, Bob Folk,

Age Directors Absent: Ken Kimker, Jeanne Buck, Mike Guzzi,

Town Coordinators Present: Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Heather McSween (Melrose), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Leonard David (Malden), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Jim Claroni, (Reading), Tom Heinz (Medford), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Erica Foster (Somerville), Bela Hasek (Burlington), Bill Meyer (Westford), Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford),

Town Coordinators Absent: Michelle Boriello (Revere), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Dennis Goodine (Dracut),

Visitors:

*** (Note- a person holding more than one position is listed only once unless also serving as a Town Coordinator)*

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Meeting called to order at 7:36pm by President John Linnehan

II. Opening Remarks (J. Linnehan)

- A. Note that two influential soccer people passed away since our last meeting, Bela Hasek's brother and John Burrill (Executive Director of Mass Youth Soccer). A moment of silence observed.
- B. Rain Out process worked well this past weekend. Remember that the only reason the league will cancel an entire weekend is if there is a catastrophic event. Other than that, it is up to each town to determine if a day's worth of games cannot be played
- C. North Reading Appeal of Leagues Presidents Ruling
 1. Hearing last Sunday in Lancaster to hear North Reading's Appeal of the ruling that there teams were ineligible for MTOC 2009 because they did not give enough notice to Middlesex.
 2. Appeal successful because there had been email communication in a timely fashion and the Leagues put the rule in effect after the process was underway.
- D. Reminder that during the season, all BOD meetings start at 7:30pm

III. Secretary's Report (R. Fryer)

Motion: to waive a reading of the monthly meeting minutes of February 2009 and March 2009 (as amended) and accept them as presented to the board (*moved- R. Medeiros, 2nd- M. Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

- A. Secretary will contact the town coordinators to ensure that the website has all correct information on current TCs.
- B. Also will gather the contact information for each town's Sports Manager liaison

IV. Treasurer's Report (C. Cresta)

- A. The league currently has approximately \$261,000 on hand.
- B. We owe a refund to Dracut of \$1000 for the bond they posted
- C. Cathy comments that \$261K is a lot of money for a non-profit to have that is not specifically earmarked for use
 1. Recommends a committee be set up to determine how to disperse the funds
 2. General agreement that we need to be sure what all of our upcoming expenses are before making any decisions.

D. Passcard laminations

1. Took a huge amount of time for the Commissioners. Recommend that we invest in a good laminating machine for The Girls Commissioner (Boys Commissioner already has one)

E. Financial Review

1. Not completed yet and it's been a long time
 - a) Will follow up after "tax" season

F. Working on 2009 – 2010 budget

Note from B. Hasek- a reminder that town assignors could get a stipend or paid by the league for referees assigned in the fall season.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Board (*moved- D. Vigeant, 2nd- B. Hasek; motion approved unanimously*)

V. Registrar's Report (M. Rogers)

A. It is add and drop season!

B. Has already distributed to each town the information they need for this year's AGM on May 12th, including how many votes they have based on the number of teams they had in the Spring of 2008

1. Note that each town president must identify in writing by May 7th who will be present and voting for his/her town. No proxy voting.

C. AGM will be Tuesday, May 12, 7:30pm at the Holiday Inn in Woburn

D. Fines and bonds and commissioners' cup

1. All fines will be sent in April and must be paid by the end of May in order for a town's teams to be eligible for Commissioners' Cup and Championship playoffs. Non payment will result in that town's teams being ineligible for any post season play.
2. All fines should be sent directly to Cathy Cresta

E. The add/drop fee is really an "add a player to the roster" fee

F. Final date for adds/drops is May 5th

VI. Commissioners' Reports

Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)

Reasonably quiet weekend—only 1 red card issued (Somerville)

Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)

Pretty quiet as well.

VII. Referee Report (C. Caplan)

A. Pretty quiet weekend; 2/3 of games not played due to weather

B. Goal Safety

1. A referee allowed a game to be played in which the goals were not securely anchored
 - a) Referees notified that they may be suspended if this happens
 - b) Home Coach's responsibility to ensure that the goals are properly anchored (league sent an email to all coaches to remind them of this)

C. Make Up games—

1. require a MINIMUM of 48 hour notice so a referee can be assigned (more time is better)
2. cannot start before 6:00pm on a weekday so the ref can get there
3. Sunday make-ups for U10 only (as referees are assigned by the town referee assignor), provided the referee is properly qualified

D. Towns with incorrect field dimensions—there is one town whose U12 fields are not proper dimensions

1. Clark will discuss with that town

E. Referee Committee recommends that a lightning detection device or system be purchased for use during Commissioners' Cup.

F. Rule 17 modification (Certified Rosters and Identification Cards)

1. See addendum for specific changes
2. Purpose of the rule change is to enable a coach who does not have an approved roster to create a "game day" roster. This roster will enable the referee to allow the game to be played, and its result will be accepted once the roster had been validated by the appropriate commissioner.

Motion: That MYSL league rule 17 be altered to incorporate changes in language as presented to the board (*moved-C Caplan, 2nd- M. Nasiff, motion approved unanimously after a interceding motion to amend that language*)

Motion: to amend the phrasing of the proposed Rule 17 to read “If a non-certified game roster is used, the game...” in place of “If the referee accepts a non-certified game roster from a coach, the game...” (*moved C. Caplan, 2nd- S. DeGaravilla; motion approved unanimously*)

VIII. Age Director Reports

- A. There were no specific reports
- B. rules regarding rescheduling games was reviewed.
 - 1. Recommended that whenever possible, games should be made up within 2 weeks of their original schedule date

IX. Commissioners’ Cup and Statistical Report (D. Baker)

- A. Commissioners’ Cup is set for June 13-14 at Frasca Field in Tewksbury.
- B. Previously hd emailed playoff scenarios based on the current division / Bracket set ups. ADs need to notify their groups of how playoffs / Commissioners’ Cup will be run.

X. Webmasters Report (D. Barnes-Guzman)

No report

XI. Other Business

- A. Support for Special Olympics

Motion: that the League support Special Olympics this year with a \$2000 donation taken from general funds (*moved- M Nasiff, 2nd- R. Medeiros; motion approved unanimously*)

- B. Wildcards to MTOC for the upcoming spring season

- BU14-2
- GU12-2
- GU14-1
- GU14-2

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL at 9:05pm (*moved- R. Medeiros, 2nd- R. Altonaga; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
04-11-09