

**Middlesex Youth Soccer League**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA  
May 5, 2009

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**Attendance**

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**Board Directors Present:** John Linnehan, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Cathy Cresta, Clark Caplan, Dan Baker, Didier Barnes-Guzman, Mary Rogers, Mary Packard, Rich Buck, Mark Nasiff, Don Cowden, Jim Claroni, Bob Fryer, Kevin Brothers,

**Board Directors Absent:** Dan Ford-Hunt, Ed Flanagan, Leonard David, Mike Brown,

**Age Directors Present:** Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Tim Delaney, Lori McLaughlin, Jeanne Buck, Leonard David, Jim Claroni, Dave Vigeant,

**Age Directors Absent:** Ken Kimker, Mike Guzzi, Scott Hillis, Heather McSween, Jay Bromander, Thomas Guerriero, Russ Medeiros, Bob Folk,

**Town Coordinators Present:** Bela Hasek (Burlington), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Tom Heinz (Medford), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Erica Foster (Somerville), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Bill Meyer (Westford), Leonard David (Malden), Jim Claroni, (Reading),

**Town Coordinators Absent:** Michelle Boriello (Revere), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Heather McSween (Melrose), Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury),

**Visitors:** Ray Halleran (Ref Cmte); Paul Millett (Reading), Sante Michaelangelo (Wilmington)

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

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**Minutes of the Meeting**

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**I. Meeting called to order at 7:46pm** by President John Linnehan

**II. Opening Remarks** (J. Linnehan)

A. USYSA rules on U8 travel

1. Tentatively ruled that no U8 players are allowed on U10 travel teams, not allowed to participate in any competitive tournaments

B. Tonight is the last night for roster changes

C. Waivers for players from other towns due in tonight

D. Mass Youth Soccer's temporary Executive Director is Skip Gorman

1. Search Committee in place to for full time replacement, Target date is September 1

E. Reminder that if your town has fines or fees, they must be paid or else none of your town's teams can compete in post season play

**III. Secretary's Report** (R. Fryer)

**Motion:** to waive a reading of the monthly meeting minutes of April 2009 and accept them as presented to the board (*moved- C. Caplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>- C. Cresta; motion approved unanimously*)

**IV. Treasurer's Report** (C. Cresta)

A. No changes of significance since the last meeting

B. Surplus Committee is on hold until we get a handle on our budget.

**Motion:** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Board (*moved- B. Hasek, 2<sup>nd</sup>- T. Delaney; motion approved unanimously*)

**V. Registrar's Report** (M. Rogers)

A. Presidents of Towns need to inform the Registrar in writing who will be representing their votes at the AGM. Info due ASAP

B Mass Youth informs us that Burlington and Everett have not filed the affiliation paperwork

#### VI. Additional Notes on the AGM:

- A. Regarding the discussion about paying local town referee assignors in the fall—we may have to adjust our constitution to allow current MYSL BOD members to receive these payments as they are not allowed to currently.
- B. Also will review the concept of having ARs on all U14 matches getting paid by the league and not the individual towns
- C. MTOC-
  1. is looking at restructuring the U19 groups
  2. As of now, there is no plan to eliminate Division 2 MTOC

#### VII. Referee Report (C. Caplan)

- A. Ray Halleran had been added to the Referee Committee and will be the Commissioners' Cup Referee Assignor, replacing Phil Goode who has stepped down from the post
- B. Discussion about eye glasses and safety
  1. Determination to leave it in the purview of the center referee
- C. Recommendations for MTOC and Commissioners' Cup referees are due
- D. # of cards reviewed
  1. Surprisingly high number of cards have been issued at the U12 level for dissent, reckless tackles and persistent infringement

#### VIII. Age Directors Reports

- GU10, D1 + D2 (Lori McLaughlin): all set
- GU10, D3 (Ken Kimker): no report
- GU10, D4 (Scott Hillis): no report
- BU10, D1 + D2 (Jeanne Buck): pretty good for the most part.
- BU10, D3 (Mike Guzzi): no report
- BU10, D4 (Tom Guerriero): no report
- GU12, D1 + D2 (Dave Vigeant): pretty good. Considering other methods of having teams qualify for Championship Playoffs. Much discussion, resulting in

**Motion:** to adopt the VP of Development's guidelines for qualifying for Commissioners' Cup and Championship Playoffs for Age Groups U10 – U16 (*moved: R. Fryer, 2<sup>nd</sup> - T. Delaney; motion approved unanimously*)

- GU12, D3 + D4 (Jay Bromander): no report
- BU12, D1 + D2 (Fryer for Bob Folk): a couple of issues but nothing big. Need to create D2.5 as there are 2 levels within D2
- BU12, D3 + D4 (Fryer for Jim Claroni): most games have been rescheduled, everyone notified of the Comm Cup guidelines, issue with Reading BU12 teams 5 and 6 will be discussed later
- GU14, D1 + D2 (Tim Delaney): some issues- nothing huge.
- GU14, D3 + D4 (Fryer for Heather McSween): everything in typical shape—a couple of games still need to be rescheduled; a team in 4B is running up scores and were spoken to.
- BU14, D1 + D2 (Tom Heinz): looks pretty good.
- BU14, D3 + D4 (Leonard David): some unbalanced teams in the wrong divisions. Looks like we goofed with Everett in D3—they are seriously kicking some butt
- U16 (Rich Altonaga): all ok. A card here or there, but overall things are pretty good.
- U18 (Russ Medeiros): no report

#### IX. Commissioners' Reports

##### A. Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)

No changes,

##### B. Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)

Amazing the amount of paperwork that we process

**X. Webmasters Report (D. Barnes-Guzman)**

A. Moving our website ISP to SportsManager so everything will be centralized.

**XI. Other Business**

A. Hanscom

1. Remember that you must submit your roster to the base at least 48 hours in advance to ensure that you can get on base to play your game. Put all the names you want on there. But if you don't get it to Anne Marie in the proper time frame, none of your players or spectators will be allowed on the base.

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- D. Cowden, 2<sup>nd</sup>- R. Altonaga; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer  
Secretary  
05-17-09