

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Holiday Inn, Woburn, MA
May 12, 2009

Attendance

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

Board Directors Absent:

Age Directors Present: Jeanne Buck, Rich Altonaga, Jim Claroni, Mike Brown, Jay Bromander, Lori McLaughlin, Russ Medeiros, Tim Delaney, Bob Folk, Dave Vigeant, Tom Heinz, Heather McSween, Leonard David, Thomas Guerriero, Mike Guzzi, Ken Kimker,

Age Directors Absent:

Town Coordinators Present: Bela Hasek (Burlington), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Bill Meyer (Westford), Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Erica Foster (Somerville), Scott Hillis (Stoneham), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Tom Heinz (Medford), Jim Claroni (Reading), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Leonard David (Malden), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Al Marquis (Lowell), Ken Kimker (Waltham),

Town Coordinators Absent: Michelle (Revere),

Town Representation

Voters present versus total number of available votes for that town (53 out of 74)

Billerica (3 out of 5)	Medford (4/5)	Waltham (3/4)
Burlington (5/5)	Melrose (4/4)	Westford (2/4)
Chelmsford (4/4)	Reading (1/4)	Wilmington (5/5)
Dracut (2/3)	Revere (0/2)	Woburn (4/4)
Everett (2/3)	Somerville (3/4)	
Hanscom (0/2)	Stoneham (3/3)	
Lowell (1/3)	Tewksbury (0/3)	
Malden (3/3)	Wakefield (4/4)	

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

*** At the AGM, Board Directors and Age Directors do not have a vote unless appointed by a town to represent it)

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Meeting called to order at 7:50pm by President John Linnehan

II. Opening Remarks (J. Linnehan)

A. Welcome to all

B. Be aware of the following

1. Commissioners' Cup (6/13-14);
2. MTOC (6/26-28) – schedule laid out at Mayouthsoccer.org
3. Playoffs where necessary are coming up quickly!
4. US Nationals being held in Lancaster this year- need volunteers

C. Reminder that at this AGM, voting is done by towns- not board position. Each town's number of votes at this meeting is determined by the number of teams they had in the league during the spring 2008 season

D. Comments on TOPSoccer from Caryn Goulet, Wilmington's Director of TOPSoccer

1. 25 towns in Mass have a program
2. Ray Robinson is the current Mass Youth Soccer liaison
3. 1st Annual TOPSoccer Jamboree to be held in Wilmington 5/31, 10am at the Shawsheen Elementary School complex
4. \$5 registration fee per player

E. Update on what's happening at Mass Youth Soccer

1. Executive Director passed away, spot currently filled on an interim basis by Skip Gorman

F. U8 players on travel teams

1. USYSA has recommended that there should be no 7 year olds on travel teams.
2. Been much discussion, Mass Youth Soccer having a meeting o this in the coming weeks.

III. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

Motion: To waive the reading of the minutes of the 2008 MYSL Annual General Meeting and to accept them as presented to the 2009 AGM (*moved- Jay Bromander, 2nd- Mary Rogers; motion accepted unanimously*)

IV. Elections (Marti Mahoney, VP Administration)

A. Age Directors

1. A number of towns do not have people in Age Director positions. Always advisable to have each town be represented on the board.
2. The slate of people running for Age Director positions was passed out and voted:
 - GU10, D1 + D2: Lori McLaughlin
 - GU10, D3: open
 - GU10, D4: Ed Riekstins
 - GU12, D1 + D2 : Dave Vigeant
 - GU12, D3 + D4: Jay Bromander
 - GU14, D1 + D2 : Tim Delaney
 - GU14, D3 + D4: open
 - BU10, D1 + D2: Jeanne Buck
 - BU10, D3: Mike Guzzi
 - BU10, D4: open
 - BU12, D1 + D2: Bob Folk
 - BU12, D3 + D4: Jim Claroni
 - BU14, D1 + D2: Tom Heinz
 - BU14, D3 + D4: Leonard David
 - U16: Rich Altonaga
 - U18: Russ Medeiros

As there were no positions being competed for by more than one individual, a single ballot was presented to the AGM voted and approved.

Motion: to have the secretary place a single vote for the age directors listed and elect them into office for their respective terms as outlined in the MYSL Constitution (*moved- Rich Buck, second- Pete Majeski; motion approved unanimously*)

B. Board of Directors

1. The slate of individuals running for positions on the board was passed out and voted:
 2. 2 year positions
 - President: John Linnehan
 - Vice President, Development: Dan Baker
 - Treasurer: Cathy Cresta
 - Commissioner (Girls): Don Cowden
- Annual Positions
- Protest Officer: Kevin Brothers
 - Statistician: Open
 - Referee Coordinator: Clark Caplan
 - Sportsmanship Committee: open
 - Webmaster: Didier Barnes-Guzman
 - Parliamentarian: Rich Buck

As there were no positions being competed for by more than one individual, a single ballot was presented to the AGM voted and approved (after discussion about the Sportsmanship Committee)

Motion: to place a single vote for the board directors listed and elect them into office for their respective terms as outlined in the MYSL Constitution (*moved- Bela Hasek, second- Lori McLaughlin; motion approved unanimously*)

C. Discussion regarding the Sportsmanship Committee

1. Description of Current positions and role
2. Description of tentatively proposed alterations

Motion: To suspend voting on the Sportsmanship Committee position until the new guidelines of the Committee have been created, the voting will occur at a special meeting of the MYSL (*moved- Steve DeGaravilla, 2nd- Mary Packard, motion approved by majority*)

V. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Cresta)

- A. 5-6 years ago MYSL in difficult financial shape, now we have a surplus
- B. Note that we use the cash method of looking at our finances
- C. Remember that we have cash coming in twice a year and major outlays at two other times a year.
 1. For example- it may appear that we have a large surplus today, but spring referee payments will amount to ~\$130K and Commissioners' Cup will amount to ~\$30K.
- D. Note that the fiscal budget is run November 1 – October 31

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the AGM (*moved- Jim Thaco, 2nd- Pete Majeski, motion approved unanimously*)

VI. Commissioners' Cup Report (Dan Baker)

All ser for event at Tewksbury's Frasca Fields

VII. Committee Reports- none

VIII. Registrar Report – none

IX. Webmaster Report – none

X. Other Business:

- A. If your town changes town coordinators, please notify the secretary as soon as possible with all appropriate contact information
- B. Payment of Referee Assignors in the Fall
 1. Discussion only- no motion
 - a) Clark Caplan- Current MYSL Rules only allow for current board members to accept payment for refereeing. Approving this rule would necessitate a change in rules for those board members who are also their town's assignors
 - b) Bela Hasek- USSF requires that all assignors be certified. If so, then they should be paid a per game basis by the league, recommends pay as spring assignor makes. Estimated cost is \$6000
 - c) Other opinions that the league could go to a single assignor as done in the fall. But some felt that this takes away from the development of the younger refs, who are better known to their town assignors than to a single league based assignor.
- C. Payment of all Assistant Referees on U14 games by the league
 1. General discussion revolved around the concepts that the league, and not the towns, should be paying these ARs. The cost would be split among the towns. But not all towns provide ARs for games. Seen primarily as towns giving money to the league just to have it given back," and those towns not able to assign ARs would be paying for something that they cannot take advantage of.

Motion: that the MYSL be responsible for payment of all U14 ARs at the rate of \$15 per game, beginning in the fall of 2009 (*moved- Bela Hasek, 2nd - Ed Sinibaldi; motion defeated by a majority*)

D. Field Dimensions

1. Not all of our fields conform to the FIFA regulations. Question of how tightly we view this. Overall opinion is to do what a reasonable person would do as a referee or as a coach and player. If there is a significant issue with the field dimensions or markings, it should be brought up before a game is begun.

XI. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn this Annual General Meeting of the MYSL (*moved- Pete Majeski, 2nd - Jay Bromander; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Fryer
Meeting Recorder
May 30, 2009