

**Middlesex Youth Soccer League**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA  
June 2, 2009

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**Attendance**

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

**Board Directors Absent:** Dan Ford-Hunt, Ed Flanagan, , Mike Brown, Cathy Cresta,

**Age Directors Present:** Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Tim Delaney, Lori McLaughlin, Leonard David, Jim Claroni, Dave Vigeant, Russ Medeiros, Bob Folk, Jay Bromander,

**Age Directors Absent:** Ken Kimker, Mike Guzzi, Scott Hillis, Heather McSween, Thomas Guerriero, Jeanne Buck,

**Town Coordinators Present:** Bela Hasek (Burlington), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Tom Heinz (Medford), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Bill Meyer (Westford), Leonard David (Malden), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Paul Millett (Reading),

**Town Coordinators Absent:** Michelle Boriello (Revere), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Heather McSween (Melrose), Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Erica Foster (Somerville),

**Visitors:** Ray Halleran (Ref Cmte);

*\*\* (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 7:57pm** by President John Linnehan

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

- A. USYSA rules on U8 travel – will follow up later in this meeting
- B. Sportsmanship Committee – will be tabled until later when the committee redesigning the

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

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

**IV. Treasurer's Report** (A. Cosentino for C. Cresta)

- A. No changes of significance since the last meeting, finances are in good shape
- B. Review of a sample annual budget on a monthly basis (Nasiff)
  - 1. Summary by month, subtotqalled by fall and spring seasons
  - 2. Summary by towns and teams and age groups
  - 3. For 2009-10, league will use # of teams for above criteria from 2008-09
- C. Budget review from request at 2008 AGM- Mark will follow up
  - 1. Note that Budget is done on a cash basis for eadse of understanding and taxes

**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. All towns have sent in what they owe this year – some underpaid, some overpaid
- B. Have to check on add/drop fees and any fines (Chelmsford and V+Burlington checks rec'd)
- C. Have to check on state affiliation fees
- D. Rosters for fall 2009 due by July 5, 2009
  - 1. Along with payment, be sure to include your teams placement requests

E. Fall placement meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **VI. Referee Report (C. Caplan)**

- A. Referees for commissioners' Cup – being notified right now
- B. Payment reports so far—only 3 games reported late
- C. Some incidents over the weekend with cards, coaches, etc.
- D. Question raised over lightning policy- yes we have one and it is on the referee website. Will make sure that everyone has it so they understand it.

#### **VII. Age Directors Reports**

- GU10, D1 + D2 (Lori McLaughlin): all set, no close races
- GU10, D3 (Ken Kimker): no report
- GU10, D4 (Scott Hillis): no report
- GU12, D1 + D2 (Dave Vigeant): pretty good. Ready for CCup and championship playoffs
- GU12, D3 + D4 (Jay Bromander): all is good- in D3 5 teams still have a shot, in D4 8 teams still have a shot
- GU14, D1 + D2 (Tim Delaney): ready to go
- GU14, D3 + D4 (Heather McSween): everything good.
- GU16 (Rich Altonaga): all ok. Coaches need to send any potential date conflicts for playoffs to Rich
- BU18 (Russ Medeiros): ready
- BU10, D1 + D2 (Rich Buck for Jeanne Buck): pretty good. One game not reported
- BU10, D3 (Mike Guzzi): no report
- BU10, D4 (Tom Guerriero): no report
- BU12, D1 + D2 (Bob Folk): nothing is decided yet—good races. Need to create D2.5 as there are 2 levels within D2
- BU12, D3 + D4 (Jim Claroni): D4 is ready to go. D3 is a 3 bracket division
- BU14, D1 + D2 (Tom Heinz): looks pretty good. One makeup still to be done. In D1- 5 of 8 teams still alive; in D2 7 of 14 still alive
- BU14, D3 + D4 (Leonard David): this weekend will determine who gets in

#### **VIII. Commissioners' Reports**

##### **A. Commissioner's Cup (D. Baker)**

1. Some discussion about divisions that have wild cards. Some prefer that we toss a coin, others say play it out.
2. Discussion about scoring discrepancies—if coaches are ok with the games score, that's OK. If not, use the referee's report
3. ADs should be on site for the major team check in periods and also to distribute their age group trophies
4. Note that a CCup rule has been adjusted – any coach who is ejected from a game is ejected for the remainder of the tournament- including all teams that he/she coaches
5. Cards are required for CCup- no cards = no play.

##### **B. Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)**

Melrose and Hanscom need to pay for adds to teams  
Cards (mostly yellow) are evenly spread among age groups

##### **C. Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)**

Regular run of the mill stuff  
Teams that need to pay for adds over the course of this season- Hanscom, Malden, Stoneham and Waltham  
All fines due by June 1—if not paid by that date- no postseason for any of that town's teams

#### **IX. Webmasters Report (D. Barnes-Guzman)**

- A. migration to new website will occur soon

#### **X. Protest Officer (K. Brothers)**

- A. Pretty clean season overall

#### **XI. Sportsmanship Committee (J. Claroni)**

Issue to be worked on this evening

## **XII. Other Business**

### **A. U8 players on U10 travel teams**

1. State has ruled that there will be none for league games or tournament play. Effective 9/1/09 for games fall 2009 and beyond
  - a) Originally voted in April 2009
  - b) This rule takes precedence over the current MYSL rule which has a cut off date for U8s on December 31.
2. Options:
  - a) stick with the new rule or MYSL can institute rule effective 2010
3. This rule has also brought to light that MYSL has a competitive tournament for U10s (CCup)
4. Biggest issue we face on these is insurance through the state

**Motion:** MYSL, while supporting a limitation on U8 players on travel team, supports a delay in implementation of the new U8 rule to September 2010 and to enable a U8 player to “play up” with his/her classmates as permitted within the current rules of Mass Youth Soccer (*moved- D. Vigeant, 2<sup>nd</sup>- B. Hasek; motion approved by majority vote*)

## **XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:** To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL at 9:40pm (*moved- R. Altonaga, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Tim Delaney; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer  
Secretary  
06-27-09