

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

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**Attendance**

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**Board Directors Present:** Cathy Cresta, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Clark Caplan, Mary Rogers, Mary Packard, Bob Fryer,  
**Board Directors Absent:** Dan Ford-Hunt, Ed Flanagan, Mike Brown, John Linnehan, Dan Baker, Didier Barnes-Guzman, Rich Buck, Mark Nasiff, Don Cowden, Jim Claroni, Kevin Brothers, Leonard David  
**Age Directors Present:** Jeanne Buck, Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Lori McLaughlin, Bob Folk, Jay Bromander, Ed Riekstins,  
**Age Directors Absent:** Mike Guzzi, Tim Delaney, Leonard David, Jim Claroni, Dave Vigeant, Russ Medeiros,  
**Town Coordinators Present:** Heather McSween (Melrose), Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Erica Foster (Somerville), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Tom Heinz (Medford), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Bill Meyer (Westford), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Paul Millett (Reading), Lindy Williamson (Charlestown), Jay Bromander (Stoneham),  
**Town Coordinators Absent:** Michelle Boriello (Revere), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Bela Hasek (Burlington), Leonard David (Malden),  
**Visitors:** Ray Halleran (Ref Cmte); Joe Fiumara (Billerica), Scott Gilliad (Malden) <signed in but left vociferously prior to meeting commencement>, Marc Davidson (Somerville), Craig Schubert (Waltham), Stephen Gregorio (Burlington)  
\*\* (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 7:41pm** by Secretary Bob Fryer

**II. Opening Remarks** (R.Fryer)

- A. Apologies for the late start
- B. Placement meeting, Charlestown application to become a member of the league, the state's U8 decision and a few other things to follow up on.

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

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

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

- A. Cash basis shows \$23K net income. Some money is "in" last year.
- B. A couple of CDs which we are going to roll over

**Motion:** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Board (*moved- B. Folk, 2<sup>nd</sup>- M. Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

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

- A. Registrar requests a WiFi card so that she can send receive emails while not working from her home office
- B. Note that she needs out of town waivers and (for the fall season only) over-age player requests for U14

**Motion:** to authorize the Treasurer to invest up to \$2000 for annual wireless communication cards for MYSL use (*moved- C. Caplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>- L. McLaughlin; motion approved unanimously*)

**VI. Referee's Report** (C. Caplan)

- A. Over 2100 games were played and refereed this season

1. Of these, only 34 have not been reported, and approx 20 of those are U10 games
2. Only 8 games were reported late and paid at half pay
- B. For the first time in a long time, a protest was upheld
- C. 11 referees were assessed at Commissioners' Cup

#### **VII Commissioner's Reports**

- A. Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)
  - All is well- nothing to report
- B. Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)
  - No Report
- C. Commissioners' Cup (D. Baker)
  - No Report

#### **VIII. Age Director's Reports**

- A. MTOC update from Rich Altonaga
  - Revere Boys U16 Division 1 CHAMPS!!
  - GU16 D2 and GU12 D2 finalists
  - Overall a very competitive showing by the league overall at MTOC

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

- No report

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

- No Report

#### **XI. Sportsmanship Committee**

- No Report

#### **XII. Placements for Fall Season, 2009**

- A. Charlestown Youth Soccer Association
  1. Application to Join MYSL beginning in Fall, 2009
  2. Club information:
    - a). Began in 2007 as an in-town program. Approx 200 players in the club, plan to field 3 teams this fall (1xGU10, 1xBU10 and 1xBU12 (mixed))
  3. All is in order with processes and procedures according to the Registrar and Treasurer (fields/\$1000 bond/teams)

**Motion:** to accept Charlestown Youth Soccer Association as a full member club in MYSL (*moved- J. Bromander, 2<sup>nd</sup>- C. Cresta; motion approved unanimously*)

#### **B. Placement**

1. Team requests were reviewed by ADs and the board with discussions.
2. The board exercised its rights to place teams in divisions where it seemed most appropriate— and encouraged all age directors to monitor games and scores to ensure that teams are placed correctly
3. AD's were also recommended to schedule crossover games between brackets to get a better idea of the strength and weaknesses throughout the entire divisions, not just within a bracket. This will done with assistance from Statistician

**Motion:** to accept the placements of teams in divisions as determined at this meeting (*moved- R. Altonaga, 2<sup>nd</sup>- L. McLaughlin; motion passed unanimously*)

#### **XIII. Other Business:**

- A. State's U8 ruling
  1. As a league we determined that we would not fight it after learning that the state had no intention of altering their new rule, voted in April
    - a) Note that the minutes of that April Mass Youth Soccer board meeting appears to allow 3 U8 players per team
  2. All of our towns at the meeting (there were towns not in attendance such as Woburn, Tewksbury, Dracut, etc.) acknowledged that they have already applied the rule to this fall's teams.

- a) In all cases, there were some children who were disappointed.
- 3. It was mentioned that it is something that we can bring up at the next Mass Youth AGM in a number of ways (including voting out all of the area directors).

#### **XIV. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:** To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL at 9:40pm (*moved- P. Majeski, 2<sup>nd</sup>- J. Buck; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer  
Secretary  
07-11-09