

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
September 1, 2009

Attendance

Board Directors Present: Clark Caplan, Mary Rogers, Mary Packard, Bob Fryer, John Linnehan, Dan Baker, Rich Buck, Mark Nasiff, Don Cowden, Kevin Brothers

Board Directors Absent: Cathy Cresta, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Mike Brown, Didier Barnes-Guzman,

Age Directors Present: Rich Altonaga, Leonard David, Tim Delaney, Bob Folk, Lori McLaughlin, Heather McSween, Jim Claroni, Jeanne Buck, Tom Heinz,

Age Directors Absent:, Jay Bromander, Ed Riekstins, Mike Guzzi, Dave Vigeant, Russ Medeiros, Ken Kimker, Dennis McCarthy

Town Coordinators Present: Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Erica Foster (Somerville), Paul Millett (Reading), Bill Meyer (Westford), Lindy Williamson (Charlestown), Ann Marie Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Ely (Hanscom), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Heather McSween (Melrose), Tom Heinz (Medford), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Leonard David (Malden),

Town Coordinators Absent: Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Jay Bromander (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Stephen Gregorio (Burlington), Mike Guzzi (Waltham)

Visitors: Ray Halleran (Ref Cmte), Bill Rowe (Burlington),

*** (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 7:43pm by President John Linnehan

II. Opening Remarks (J. Linnehan)

- A. Summer is over and the season starts in a week
- B. Changes have been put in place with SportsManager to make roster changes easier
- C. Coaches Meeting at the Joyce Middle School, 55 Joyce Street in Woburn (6pm girls, 7:30pm boys)
- D. Al Cosentino and Cathy Cresta have moved to Hampstead, NH

III. Secretary's Report (R. Fryer)

- A. Thanks to Mary Packard for taking copious notes at the August meeting

Motion: to waive a reading of the monthly meeting minutes of July and August 2009 and accept them as presented to the board (*moved- C. Caplan, 2nd- H. McSween; motion approved unanimously*)

IV. Treasurer's Report (J. Linnehan for C. Cresta)

- A. Report was distributed

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

B. Budget (M. Nasiff)

- 1. Presented a month by month breakdown of the budget
- 2. Biggest Expense for the league is the referee cost
- 3. Will propose to hold spring team fees for Spring 2010 at Fall 2009 levels
 - a) Will take some of the excess cash on hand
 - b) Result in a budgetary loss of \$31K for the year
- 4. Note that as the year goes along, we will drop the actual expenses in and we'll keep this on a monthly and annual basis

Motion: to hold the league's fees per team in the Spring of 2010 at Fall 2009 levels (U10-\$125, U12- \$160, U14- \$180) and maintain fee from Spring 2009 for all U16+ teams (\$500) (*moved- M. Nasiff, 2nd- D. Cowden; motion approved unanimously*)

Motion: to approve a budget for 2009-2010 that reflects a \$31,000 loss due to adjusted Spring fees for teams (*moved- M. Nasiff, 2nd- D. Cowden; motion approved unanimously*)

Discussion-

Fees paid to treasurer- as it is almost all automated now, do we need to be compensating this much. It was noted that this line item is flexible—it used to be an hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours—automation has greatly reduced the hours involved, so the cost should drop considerably.

V. Registrar's Report (M. Rogers)

- A. Waiver Requests- need to be submitted ASAP
- B. Somerville has some outstanding fees that still need to be paid
- C. Fees will be charged for all roster adds beginning Wednesday, September 2

VI. Referee's Report (C. Caplan)

- A. Meeting for all town assignors will be Wednesday, Sept 9, 7:30pm location TBA
- B. Schedules for towns and referees needed to synchronize the ref website
 - 1. Get all times and field information to Dan Baker
- C. In the Spring 2009 there was a referee assault issue- this is at Mass Youth level
- D. Discussion of lines, field dimensions, etc.

VII Commissioner's Reports

- A. Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)
 - All is well- nothing to report
- B. Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)
 - 1. when making a roster change, you must send an email to the appropriate commissioner
 - 2. At the coaches meeting, coaches will NOT get rosters from the Commissioner—they will be distributed by the town coordinators
 - 3. Player adds cost \$10 per added player
- C. Commissioners' Cup (D. Baker)
 - No need to report at this time
- D. Roster adjustments from Fall to Spring
 - 1. Looking ahead to simplify
 - 2. Of our 20 member towns, 15 do not change their rosters (U10-U14) from the Fall to the Spring
 - a) The concept is to automatically approve these rosters
 - 3. For the 5 towns who significantly adjust their rosters, we'll need to create dates that paperwork is due.
 - 4. Passcards- all teams still require them for the spring.
 - a) Would be smart to take those pictures during the fall season
 - b) Will create a date (probably correspond to the paperwork deadline for those 5 towns who overhaul their rosters for the spring) that the passcards are due in to the commissioners
 - 5. Note that the SportsManager system will inform you if there are any issues with the rosters you've created
 - 6. Mark Nasiff will send out an email with recommendations and a timeline

VIII. Age Director's Reports

- no reports

IX. Webmaster Report (D. Guzman-Barnes)

- No report

X. Protest Officer (K. Brothers)

- Nothing to Report

XI. Sportsmanship Committee

- Configuration recommendation will be forthcoming

XII. Statistician (D. Baker)

- A. SportsManager needs to have the field times confirmed by this Friday (September 4)
- B. A couple of changes to schedules, tell coaches to be alert!
- C. All inactive teams need to be removed from the system by the town liaisons

XIII. Other Business:

- A. State's U8 ruling
 - 1. State has "postponed" their ruling that U8s cannot play on travel teams
 - 2. It was noted that Kevin Brothers and Woburn fought for this as the timing of the notification from the state was very late and confusing
- B. Accounting
 - 1. Request to Review the league's financials has not been done
 - a) Mr. Ciampa has not responded to our attempts to contact him
 - b) Mark and John will follow up
- C. Reminder that the league schedules games for Columbus Day Weekend.
 - 1. If teams need to make those games up due to participation in a tournament, they should make up in the two weeks leading up to that weekend
 - 2. Note that in the fall , all teams may make up games on Sunday if they so desire

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL at 9:40pm (*moved- B. Folk, 2nd- L. McLaughlin; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
09-19-09