

Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn, Woburn, MA

May 19, 2008

Attendance

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

Board Directors Absent: Ed Flanagan, Frank Pennella, Steve Pressley,

Age Directors Present: Jeanne Buck, Bob Fryer, Joe Fiumara, Rich Altonaga, Jim Claroni, Ken Kimker, Rick O'Sullivan, Mike Brown, Mel Webster, Jay Bromander, Lori McLaughlin, Russ Medeiros, Tim Delaney, Bob Folk,

Age Directors Absent: Mike Guzzi, Tom Heinz,

Town Coordinators Present: Bela Hasek (Burlington), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Dana Khoyi (Westford), Mike D'Ambrosio (Wilmington), Erica Foster (Somerville), Scott Hillis (Stoneham), Dan Boudreau (Tewksbury), Tom Heinz (Medford), Jim Claroni (Reading), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Andrea Collins (Revere), Ken Kimker (Waltham),

Town Coordinators Absent: Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Joe Landry (N. Reading), Leonard David (Malden), Al Marquis (Lowell), Bob Deignan (PAC), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom),

Town Representation

Voters present versus total number of available votes for that town (47 out of 79)

Billerica (3 out of 4) Medford (4/5) Tewksbury (0/3)

Burlington (5/5) Melrose (3/4) Wakefield (4/4)

Chelmsford (3/3) North Reading (2/4) Waltham (2/4)

Dracut (0/3) PAC (0/2) Westford (0/4)

Everett (0/3) Reading (1/4) Wilmington (5/5)

Hanscom (0/2) Revere (2/2) Woburn (4/4)

Lowell (2/3) Somerville (4/4)

Malden (0/3) Stoneham (3/3)

*** (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 7:14pm** by President John Linnehan

II. Opening Remarks (J. Linnehan)

A. Welcome to all

B. Be aware of the following

1. Commissioners' Cup (6/14-15);

2. MTOC (6/27-29) – schedule laid out in Mass Youth Soccer News

3. Playoffs where necessary are coming up quickly!

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 2007 season

III. 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: Ken Kimker
- GU10, D4: Scott Hillis
- GU12, D1 + D2 : Dave Vigeant
- GU12, D3 + D4: open
- GU14, D1 + D2 : Tim Delaney
- GU14, D3 + D4: open
- BU10, D1 + D2: Jeanne Buck
- BU10, D3: Mike Guzzi
- BU10, D4: Jay Bromander
- BU12, D1 + D2: Bob Folk
- BU12, D3 + D4: open
- BU14, D1 + D2: Tom Heinz
- BU14, D3 + D4: open
- 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 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- John Linnehan, second- Mary Rogers; 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

- VP Administration: Mark Nasiff
- Secretary: Bob Fryer
- Registrar: Mary Rogers
- Commissioner (Boys): Mary Packard
- Annual Positions
- Protest Officer: Kevin Brothers
- Statistician: Open
- Referee Coordinator: Clark Caplan
- Sportsmanship Committee: Ed Flanagan and Jim Claroni
- 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.

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- John Linnehan, second- Mary Rogers; motion approved unanimously*)

C. Election to fill the Girls Commissioner position (to fill out remaining year of term):

1. Nominees: Don Cowden and Michelle Boriello
2. Following the collection of Paper ballots, Don Cowden elected.

IV. Commissioners' Cup Weekend (Dan Baker)

A. Held at Woburn's Joyce Middle School Fields, June 14-15

- U10- round robin (3 games)
- U12, D3 + D4: round robin (3 games)
- U12, D1 + D2: semi-final and final single elimination to determine MTOC representatives (full length games + OTs + kicks from the mark if necessary)
- U14, D3 + D4: round robin (3 games)
- U14, D1 + D2: semi-final and final single elimination to determine MTOC representatives (full length games + OTs + kicks from the mark if necessary)
- U16: Playoff final games to determine MTOC representatives (full length games + OTs + kicks from the mark if necessary)
- U18: Playoff final games to determine MTOC representatives (full length games + OTs + kicks from the mark if necessary)

- U19: Playoff final games to determine MTOC representatives (full length games + OTs + kicks from the mark if necessary)

V. MTOC (Massachusetts Tournament of Champions)

- A. Held at Mass Youth Soccer Complex in Lancaster, MA 6/27 – 29
- B. Information packets will be handed out to teams that qualify
- C. Parking issues- players and parents will park offsite and be bussed to the site
 1. Coaches will be able to park up top.
- D. Age Directors responsible for making sure appropriate coaches get packet

VI. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Cresta)

- A. See report under "Other Business"

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. Proposed Change to Roster Size (Rule 14) (Steve DeGaravilla, Wakefield)

Motion: to accept the following limits for number of players on a MYSL team roster for both fall and spring seasons, effective beginning in the Fall 2008 season:

- U10- 8 minimum, 12 maximum
- U12- 11 minimum, 15 maximum
- U14 and older- 14 minimum, 18 maximum

(Moved- Steve DeGaravilla, 2nd- Russ Medeiros; motion passes by majority vote following discussion)

Discussion:

Much confusion this year about the proper size of a roster. There are a couple of sections in the rules about roster size, important they be consistent. Bob Fryer offered a suggestion that team rosters be expanded in all seasons to enable more children to participate, but that all game rosters be held at the maximums stated to maintain the integrity of the motion. Specifically this was designed for the U16+ players, who occasionally have other commitments and cannot attend games, making it very difficult for teams to field full squads. This suggestion was not voted or added to the motion.

- C. Proposed Change to Referee Administration (Rule 25)- Clark Caplan

Motion: to accept changes to Rule 25 (Referee Administration) as follows, effective with the Fall 2008 season:

(Ed. Note- the highlights indicate changes from previous rule):

“Referees shall be assigned to MYSL matches consistent with Rule 26a & 26b

Referees for regular season matches and the Commissioner’s Cup shall be paid the rates set by the Board. If assistant referees are assigned, they will be paid one-half (½) of the listed rates.

Assistant referees shall be assigned to matches as stipulated in Rule 27. The rates of pay for MYSL referees shall be:

Under-10 \$20.00 per game Under-16 \$60.00 per game

Under-12 \$30.00 per game Under-18 \$60.00 per game

Under-14 \$35.00 per game Under-19 \$60.00 per game

During post-season playoff matches for U12 and above, referees and assistant referees shall be compensated according to the following schedule:

Age Group Referee Assistant Referee

U12 – U14 \$40.00 per game \$25.00 per game

U16 – U19 \$75.00 per game \$40.00 per game

If a match requires as assistant referee, as stipulated in Rule 27, and only one referee is assigned or appears for the match, the referee working the match shall receive on and one-half times the normal game fee. To receive the fee, the referee must have the home and visiting coach sign the back of the roster stating that there was only one referee prior to the start of the match. The rosters must then be mailed to the referee coordinator for verification. The normal game fee shall be paid if the referee has at least one assigned assistant referee in a match or does not have the “single referee verification” signed and submitted to the referee coordinator. Referees who fall under the provisions of Rule 26c shall also be eligible for this compensation.

Referees for U12 and older matches who do not report their matches within 1 week of the match date will forfeit ½ of their fee for the match.

Referee assignors hired by the MYSL shall be compensated at the rate of \$3.50 per assigned match.”

Moved- D. Vigeant, 2nd- D. McCarthy; motion approved by majority vote

Discussion:

Centered around the additional cost to the league for raising the referee payments. Cathy Cresta assured us that eventually we would have to raise the fees, but for at least the Fall 2008 Season, we could use the surplus from the 2007 fiscal year to cover these additional costs and NOT raise the membership fees.

D. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Cresta, Treasurer)

1. FY 2007 was a good year with everything in balance
2. We had a surplus of approximately \$36,000
3. In light of the Referee Coordinator's motion , 2 budgets for FY2008 have been presented to include the pay raise for referees
 - a) 1st includes the raise with additional money taken from the surplus
 - b) 2nd includes the raises taken from increased fees assessed to the towns
 - c) In either case, we'll have to increase fees for the 2009-2010 season to cover all expenses and keep a balanced budget

Motion: to accept the budget proposal for 2008-2009 which allows for higher referee payments to be covered by the surplus from 2007-2008 and not from increasing the fees paid by members towns in order to maintain a balanced budget (*moved- Steve, 2nd- K. Brothers; motion passes unanimously*)

E. Amendments to the MYSL Constitution (Mark Nasiff)

1. Mark Nasiff presented the AGM with a red lined version of the MYSL constitution with proposed changes that had been worked on by many members of the current board and club presidents.
 - a) Many changes were spelling and grammatical
 - b) Other significant changes included:
 - i) Creation of an Executive Committee
 - ii) Allowing each member town attending the monthly meeting to vote on motions raised at that meeting (so votes now come from Directors, Age Directors and each town)

Motion: to accept the amendments to the MYSL Constitution as presented (*moved- R. Medeiros, 2nd- B. Hasek; motion approved unanimously*)

F. Commendation

Kevin Brothers, MYSL Protest Officer, cited Mel Webster's many years of service to the League as parent, coach and Age Director and thanked him for the many volunteer hours and energy he has shared. North Reading, Mel's town, has determined to leave the league and join another, but notice that Mel has continued his service even while his town has left.

G. Thanks

John Linnehan thanked all departing Directors and Age Directors for their service during their terms (Marti Mahoney, Frank Penella, Steve Pressley

Motion: to adjourn this Annual General Meeting of the MYSL (*moved- D. McCarthy, 2nd- J. Buck; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Fryer
Meeting Recorder
May 30, 2008