

**Middlesex Youth Soccer League**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA  
May 6, 2008

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**Attendance**

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**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 Folk, Bob Fryer, Joe Fiumara, Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Jim Claroni, Ken Kimker, Rick O'Sullivan, Mike Brown,

**Age Directors Absent:** Mel Webster, Mike Guzzi, Jay Bromander, Lori McLaughlin, Russ Medeiros, Tim Delaney,

**Town Coordinators Present:** Bela Hasek (Burlington), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Dana Khoyi (Westford), Bob Deignan (PAC), Mike D'Ambrosio (Wilmington), Erica Foster (Somerville), Scott Hillis (Stoneham), Dan Boudreau (Tewksbury), Tom Heinz (Medford), Jim Claroni (Reading), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Marquis (Lowell),

**Town Coordinators Absent:** Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Andrea Collins (Revere), Joe Landry (N. Reading), Leonard David (Malden), Ken Kimker (Waltham),

**Visitors:** Sante Michaelangelo (Wilmington), Phil Good (Comm Cup Ref Assignor), Al Tishler (Malden), Rose Durham (Somerville)

*\*\* (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 7:38** by President John Linnehan

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

A. Thanks to all for help and understanding during this trying period over the last couple of months

B. Next meeting start time changed to 7:30pm (June Meeting 6/3)

C. MTOC dates 6/27 – 29

1. Any team that makes it into the Cup will need an information packet from John-
2. ADs take note

3. Held at Mass Youth Soccer complex in Lancaster
- D. AGM will be held Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (Holiday Inn in Woburn)
  1. Elections is primary objective

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** to waive a reading of the minutes of April 1, 2008 and accept them as written  
*(moved- C. Cresta, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rick O'Sullivan; motion approved unanimously)*

### **IV. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Cresta)**

- A. All is well with our finances
- B. Only significant payables we have upcoming will be referee payments and Cup fees
- C. Dan Baker will have recommendations for an independent accountant to do financial review by the AGM

### **V. Statistician's Report (Dan Baker)**

- A. 143 games have yet to be rescheduled in SportsManager
  1. Must get into SM to be scored
  2. Note that only the home team can actually reschedule the game in SM
- B. About 1000 games played so far
- C. Might be some venue changes for the U16+ teams due to field availability (Dan will notify the AD)
- D. Note to Ads- if a game shows up as cancelled in SM, it will not show up in the standings.

### **VI. Registrar's Report (Mary Rogers)**

- A. Calculating all of the fees and fines and will finalize these with Commissioners
  1. Will give out at the AGM (sent out prior to that)
- B. Registration for the Fall 2008 season
  1. Will try to do it via SportsManager
  2. Materials due to Registrar Saturday, 7/6 by 6:00pm
  3. 8/5 will be placement meeting
- C. Season runs 9/6 – 11/1
  1. Note- all towns should get field permits through 11/9 in case we have a rainout
- D. Fees for the Fall Season
  1. Will be set prior to the AGM and will be sent out via email
  2. Will check fee structure fall season to spring season

### **VII. Referee Coordinator Report (Clark Caplan)**

- A. Referee fees will be brought up at the AGM
  1. Not competitive with other leagues right now
- B. Referees for Commissioner's Cup- Phil Good – advises on how referees are selected for the Cup (recommendations from referee evaluations and town recommendations)
- C. Game Summary Field in SportsManager is not the report that goes to Referee Committee

1. Note that the SM game summary field is viewable to all, so be judicious on what you write there
2. Issues within the game should be reported to AD

D. Issues

1. Hearing to be scheduled
2. Scheduling
  - a) Referees showing up at fields and no teams
  - b) Remember that all makeups and switched times must be approved by the AD—then the information is passed on to Referee Assignor.

E. Some “full-sized” fields are not ideal for U18 boys games.

F. Make sure those goals are securely anchored!

1. Especially if you leave them up during the week.
2. If there is an injury that occurs when a MYSL event is in progress, then you are liable. If not, then the town may be liable and your town organization might not be. Always double and triple check.

**VIII. Age Director Reports:**

- GU10, D1 + D2 (Lori McLaughlin): no report
- GU10, Ds (Ken Kimker): no report
- GU10, D4 (Joe Fiumara): all in good shape
- GU12, D1 + D2 (Bob Fryer): all makeups scheduled. All is well.
- GU12, D3 + D4 (Mike Brown): some rescheduling challenges, but everything in good shape
- GU14, D1 + D2 Fryer for Mel Webster): All is going well
- GU14, D3 + D4 (Tim Delaney): no report
- BU10, D1 + D2 (Jeanne Buck): pretty good for the most part. An issue of baseball teams using fields.
- BU10, D3 (Mike Guzzi): no report
- BU10, D4 (Jay Bromander): no report
- BU12, D1 + D2 (Fryer for Bob Folk): all is OK
- BU12, D3 + D4 (Jim Claroni): few issues, N Reading coach complaint about Wakefield.
- BU14, D1 + D2 (Tom Heinz): everything is great
- BU14, D3 + D4 (Rick O’Sullivan): all is going smoothly
- U16 (Rich Altonaga): weather challenges causing rain out of venues. Makeups being done as individual games—not full venue makeups. Playoffs start June 8<sup>th</sup>. Finals for MTOC berths played at Commissioners’ Cup.
- U18 (Altonaga for Russ Medeiros): all going pretty well

**IX. Commissioners’ Reports:**

A. Boys Commissioner (May Packard)

1. All is going well
2. Rosters are frozen tonight (5/6)
3. Hearings to be held for coach and a referee issue

*Note of Appreciation:* Bela Hasek, President of Burlington Youth Soccer, offers many thanks on behalf of everyone associated with Middlesex to Mary Packard for the tremendous amount of effort and energy that she has devoted to the league this year. She has done both her own duties and many of those of the Girls Commissioner, who resigned recently. All concur and Mary received a loud round of applause from all present

**B. Girls Commissioner (Mary Packard for Steve Pressley)**

1. Mary noted that Steve has resigned his position
2. Also notes that he did do his work and appreciates the effort that he put into the league, even when his town is not a member.

**X. Webmaster Report (Didier Barnesguzman)**

- A. Note that if your address is wrong on the website, it will also be incorrect on all mailings.
- B. Let Didier know of any errors via email: [Didier@authoria.com](mailto:Didier@authoria.com)

**XI. Commissioners' Cup (Dan Baker)**

- A. Held at Joyce Middle School, Woburn on June 14 – 15.
  - All U10 divisions, U12 D3+4 and U14 D3+4 will follow traditional format of round robin
  - All U12 D1+2 will have semifinal playoffs and finals. Finals winner represents the league at MTOC for their division
  - All U14 D1+2 will have semifinal playoffs and finals. Finals winner represents the league at MTOC for their division
  - U16 and above will play the finals of the playoffs to determine MTOC representatives at Commissioners' Cup
    1. This format approved by the league will enable everyone to watch the best teams playing! Should be some great soccer over the weekend and we should encourage younger players to come view these games.
- B. Host site needed for the 2009 Commissioners' Cup- Speak to Dan if interested

**XII. New Business:**

- A. Draft of proposed adjustments to the MYSL Constitution was passed around during the meeting. This will be brought up at the AGM
- B. Recommendation from Kevin Brothers to adjust the age dates, presented by Dan Baker
  1. Note that Dan made a motion but it was not seconded, in favor of general discussion
  2. General discussion:
    - a) Based on Kevin's reading of the written rules, he believes we should expand the dates of eligibility in each age group on the youngest side to include the month of August. An example from this year:
      - Current: U12 players must be born between 8/1/95 - 7/31/97
      - Brothers proposal: U12 players must be born between 8/1/95 - 8/31/97
    - b) The purpose of this would enable more children to play with their classmates

i) It would also eliminate U10s born in September, October and November of the youngest year from participating on competitive MYSL travel teams.

3. Comments:

a) The dates we currently use are established by USYSA and Mass Youth Soccer. We as a league are not permitted to change these dates.

b) The league allows players to “play up” so is this rule necessary? Example- an 11 year old playing U12 is permitted to play U14, so this aspect of the recommendation is already permitted by USYSA, Mass Youth Soccer and MYSL. In this case, the recommendation is redundant

c) There could be an issue with U10s playing up in U12s, as USYSA does not permit it. We would have to check this rule, as we currently permit it (for 9 year olds, not 8s).

d) Many believe that this should be regulated on a town by town basis, not by the league.

C. 75% player from a town rule

1. Mary Rogers brought up an MTOC rule that 75% of players on a team must come from that town. She cited minutes from a 2002 meeting in which the BOD approved this rule. Some people recall that there was an exception to this rule—that players from towns that do not have an organized town program may play for any town they wish, but Mary stated that this was not included in the rule.

2. It was noted that in the current, published rules of MYSL, this 75% rule does not exist. If the board wants it, it needs to be voted in following established procedures.

D. Comment from Mike Brown (past MYSL president and current GU12 Age Director for Divisions 3+4)

1. announced that he is not able to serve another year.

2. He forcefully reminded all directors and ADs that the league is important and that we need to get our ship in order. If one serves in any capacity on the board- it is vital to remember that it is to serve the youth who play in the league—that is our # 1 charge.

### **XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:** that this meeting of the Directors of the Middlesex Youth Soccer League be adjourned (*moved- Joe Fiumara, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mary Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fryer  
Meeting Recorder  
May 10, 2008

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