

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
November 4, 2008

Attendance

Board Directors Present: John Linnehan, Bob Fryer, Mark Nasiff, Ed Flanagan, Didier Barnes-Guzman, Mary Rogers, Mary Packard, Clark Caplan, Cathy Cresta,

Board Directors Absent: Al Cosentino (non-voting), Rich Buck, Dan Baker, Kevin Brothers, Don Cowden, Mike Brown, Dan Ford-Hunt, Jim Claroni, Leonard David,

Age Directors Present: Scott Hillis, Ken Kimker, Tim Delaney, Bob Folk, Heather McSween, Lori McLaughlin, Jim Claroni,

Age Directors Absent: Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Jay Bromander, Dave Vigeant, Mike Guzzi, Jeanne Buck, Thomas Guerriero, Russ Medeiros,

Town Coordinators Present: Bill Meyer (Westford), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Heather McSween (Melrose), Mike D'Ambrosio (Wilmington), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Stephen Gregorio (Burlington), Dana Khoyi (Westford), Leonard David (Malden), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield Jim Claroni, (Reading),

Town Coordinators Absent: Tom Heinz (Medford), Bela Hasek (Burlington), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Andrea Collins (Revere), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Erica Foster (Somerville), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury),

Visitors: Ed Riekstins (Wilmington),

*** (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 7:41pm by President John Linnehan

II. Opening Remarks (J. Linnehan)

1. Note that Kevin Brothers mother passed away last weekend
2. Good progress on items while John has been out
3. Season extended an additional week to allow completion of make ups

III. Secretary's Report (R. Fryer)

Motion: to waive a reading of the monthly meeting minutes of July and September and the Placement Meeting minutes of July and to accept them as presented to the board (*moved- B. Folk, 2nd- H. McSween; motion approved unanimously*)

IV. Webmaster's Report (D. Barnes-Guzman)

- A. We had a 36 hour outage of the website
 - 1. We missed on something that pops up every 5 years
 - 2. Precautions will be taken immediately in the form of a backup server—just in case
- B. Minutes (May '08 – September '08) have been loaded onto the website in an archive folder

V. Treasurer's Report (C. Cresta)

- A. Error in the budget to actual sheets that were handed out- profit should be \$31,301 as there was an overage in the referee fees
- B. In the past month we have followed through on the directives set out in the September meeting
 - 1. 9 month CD (flexible one)
 - 2. 12 month fixed CD
 - 3. Checking account now a no fee checking account
- C. Books have been given to independent analyst Fred Ciampa for the review
- D. Estimated referee payments: 2007- \$42k, 2008- \$49K
 - 1. 200 games not reported as of yet
 - 2. Fees for the referees will go up in the fall of 2009
 - 3. Note that any increase to town payments to the league to cover these expenses must be brought up in the February meeting so the towns can adjust their corresponding fees to players

Motion: to accept the treasurer's report as presented to the board (*moved- C Caplan, 2nd- M. Rogers; motion approved unanimously*)

VI. Registrar's Report (M. Rogers)

- A. All will be done electronically
- B. Mark Nasiff update on Sports Manager for Spring Registration
 - 1. Data format coming and will be sent out tomorrow for towns that do not use Sports Manager
 - 2. Calendar will also be sent out
 - 3. Rosters and teams are due in 11/23
 - a) Need the file transfer from towns not using Sports manager by that date
 - 4. There will be a meeting of all town coordinators and their "sports Manager" data managers so they can completely understand how the system works on 11/19
 - 5. SM dates
 - a) 11/23- all info on rosters to the league
 - b) 12/1 – 12/31- town coordinators can access the system to adjust rosters
 - c) 12/31- all rosters are closed
 - 6. Official date for late roster fees is 12/31
 - 7. Suggestion to make all rosters available to the ADs prior to the placement meetings

8. Dates for U16+
 - a) Registration of teams 1/1/09
 - b) Registration of players on teams 2/2/09
 - c) Passcards due to Registrar 2/3/09

VII. Referee Report (C. Caplan)

- A. Many MYSL referees were in the Special Olympics games in Byfield
- B. Fall Season- over 1900 games, 200 not reported yet (some from towns like Burlington which does it as a town)
 1. Others are from the weekend where weather played a factor
- C. Issue on field sizes
 1. We need to make sure towns are abiding by the dimensions that the league has established
- D. Coach behavior continues to be an issue, especially in the u10 and U12 lower division groups
- E. Referee website needs some work done
 1. Sub committee to review this- Didier Barnes-Guzman, Clark Caplan, Scott Hillis and Mark Nasiff
 2. Especially if we are considering paying town assignors in the fall
 3. If a merge of the MYSL site is coming, then we should evaluate what work to do
- F. Some concern about communication between the referee committee and town assignors during the fall
- G. Town should have assignors that have experience as a referee and who know their referees in the town so they get assigned to appropriate level games

VIII. Commissioners' Reports

A. Boys commissioner (M. Packard)

1. Some coach issues and a Zero tolerance Policy
2. League should have a meeting of town coordinators, presidents. In February to discuss the league—changes we've made so far where we hope to go and especially for help in keeping coaches under control. Towns need to set the expectation for their coaches' behavior.

Note: Zero tolerance is tough to enforce with referees who are 13 years old and uncomfortable telling an adult to change his/her behavior. The game report is really their way to express concerns, etc.
3. All assistants must be on the roster
4. In the spring there will be only one point of contact to work with each commissioner

B. Girls Commissioner (M. Packard for D. Cowden)

1. Only one issue with a coach, otherwise not bad

IX. Age Directors Reports:

- GU10, D1 + D2 (Lori McLaughlin): all OK
- GU10, D3 (Ken Kimker): all OK.
- GU10, D4 (Scott Hillis): couple of issues with a game that for some reason could not get made up between Reading and Medford. Both going to get whacked with forfeit.

- GU12, D1 + D2 (J. Linnehan for Dave Vigeant): all ok- some Lowell teams need to be shuffled report
- GU12, D3 + D4 (Jay Bromander): pretty good. Swapped a couple of teams.
- GU14, D1 + D2 (Tim Delaney): all ok. Some changes for the spring.
- GU14, D3 + D4 (Heather McSween): everything is good
- BU10, D1 + D2 (Jeanne Buck): no report
- BU10, D3 (Mike Guzzi): no report
- BU10, D4 (Tom Guerriero): no report
- BU12, D1 + D2 (Bob Folk): all ok
- BU12, D3 + D4 (Jim Claroni): few issues, some teams out of place. Dracut refusing to reschedule a couple of games and will be fined.
- BU14, D1 + D2 (Tom Heinz): no report
- BU14, D3 + D4 (Leonard David): a couple of blowouts, adjustments will be made
- U16 (Rich Altonaga): no report
- U18 (Russ Medeiros): no report

X. Other Business:

- A. Rain out policy seemed to work pretty well
- B. Registrar needs placement requests by 11/23
- C. Need to evaluate and update U10 rules

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: that this meeting of the Middlesex Youth Soccer League Board of Directors be adjourned (*moved- K.Kimker, 2nd - D. Barnes-Guzman; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
11-26-08

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