

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
October 7, 2008

Attendance

Board Directors Present: Mary Rogers, Clark Caplan, Rich Buck, Dan Baker, Kevin Brothers, Mary Packard, Don Cowden, Mike Brown, Dan Ford-Hunt, Cathy Cresta, Bob Fryer, Mark Nasiff, Jim Claroni,

Board Directors Absent: Ed Flanagan, Al Cosentino (non-voting), John Linnehan, Didier Barnes-Guzman,

Age Directors Present: Jeanne Buck, Bob Folk, Tim Delaney, Thomas Guerriero, Ken Kimker, Jim Claroni, Russ Medeiros, , Scott Hillis, Leonard David,

Age Directors Absent: Tom Heinz, Rich Altonaga, Lori McLaughlin, Jay Bromander, Dave Vigeant, Mike Guzzi, Heather McSween

Town Coordinators Present: Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Mike D'Ambrosio (Wilmington), Erica Foster (Somerville), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Ken Kimker (Waltham), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Jim Claroni, (Reading), Leonard David (Malden), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Mary Rogers (Billerica),

Town Coordinators Absent: Tom Heinz (Medford), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Bela Hasek (Burlington), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Andrea Collins (Revere), Dana Khoyi (Westford), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Heather McSween (Melrose),

Visitors: Ed Riekstins (Wilmington), Titus Kao, Damian Arrondo (Ref Comm),

*** (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 7:30pm** by Vice President Mark Nasiff

II. **Opening Remarks** (M. Nasiff)

A. A couple of things to get to, let's get started.

III. **Treasurers Report** (C. Cresta)

A. MYSL has money sitting for extended periods of time that we could invest to make it grow.

B. Historically we really only have two time periods where we spend the money (typically the end of each season)

C. Options include investing in a 6 month CD (2.66%) or a 9 month CD (2.86%)

Motion: to allow the Treasurer, Vice Presidents and President to investigate and properly allocate and investing excess operating funds with proper notification to the board.
(*moved- D. Cowden, 2nd - J. Buck; motion approved unanimously*)

Motion: to change MYSL's operating funds checking account to a "no-fee" checking account (*moved- D. Cowden, 2nd - J. Buck; motion approved unanimously*)

Discussion

A question was raised regarding the fee MYSL pays to participate in MTOC—(9500 written directly to Mass Youth Soccer)

Is Dracut owed their bond back that was posted when they joined the league? (will review and inform the board)

Motion: to accept the report of the treasurer as presented to the board (*moved- D. Cowden, 2nd - J. Buck; motion approved unanimously*)

IV. 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- R. Fryer, 2nd - D. Cowden; motion approved by majority vote*)

V. Registrar's Report (M. Rogers)

A. All is well and there is nothing to report

VI. Commissioners' Reports

A. Boys Commissioner (M. Packard)

1. To date there have been \$2830 collected from teams requesting player adds to rosters
 - a) Note that rosters are not given without the fee being paid
2. Several Red cards have been issued this season

B. Girls Commissioner (D. Cowden)

1. Over \$1600 has been collected from changes to girls' team rosters thus far
2. Issues with coaches are being dealt with appropriately

Discussion

Board discussed notification of necessary parties about red cards received and suspensions. Current procedure is to notify the the town of the coach or player's suspension for all activities for the week and the following week's head coach. The concept of publishing the names on the website was not considered acceptable. There was some concern about notifying a young ref about a coach being suspended as it might intimidate a young ref to do so. One idea was to have all coaches present at a game sign the roster.

VII. Referee Report (C. Caplan)

- A. There have been many complaints about coaches conduct towards referees during games
- B. Towns are switching teams' game times and not notifying the referees.
 - 1. For the fall season this is a town issue, but in the spring these must be cleared through Age Directors and the the league's referee assignor, otherwise there will be chaos and games will not have an assigned referee
- C. It was noted that for the spring season, it would be better for the league that we should have one system that incorporates both the referee system and the SportsManager system instead of 2 separate systems.
- D. It was also questioned whether the league should assign all fall games as well as the spring games.

VIII. Statistician's Report (D. Baker)

- A. A Couple of changes of teams to different divisions.
 - 1. Their games will appear strangely in the Sports Manager system unless the Statistician is informed of the changes so he can modify them.
 - 2. Bracket records will also not show these games as completed, unless you go to the "all" section of the division
- B. Difference between an "incomplete game (not yet played) and "not scored" (played but scored not yet entered)
- C. Dan will send an email to all coaches so they understand how to go into SportsManager and score their games if not reminded to do so by the system
- D. A reminder that it is each town's SportsManager coordinator to update makeup games dates, times and locations

IX. Age Directors Reports:

- GU10, D1 + D2 (Lori McLaughlin): no report
- GU10, D3 (Ken Kimker): all OK. A couple of blowouts.
- GU10, D4 (Scott Hillis): a couple of interesting scores, but all is otherwise OK
- BU10, D1 + D2 (Jeanne Buck): pretty good for the most part.
- BU10, D3 (Mike Guzzi): no report
- BU10, D4 (Tom Guerriero): some issues with coaches, but by and large ok
- GU12, D1 + D2 (Dave Vigeant): no report
- GU12, D3 + D4 (Jay Bromander): pretty standard. Some make ups still to do. Hanscom kicking butt in its group
- BU12, D1 + D2 (Bob Folk): some problematic coaches. Revere team has forfeits as they pulled their team from the league

Motion: to assess Revere Soccer League a \$500 fine for withdrawing a BU12 team from the league after that team had been accepted for play (*moved- K. Brothers, 2nd- M. Rogers; motion approved by majority vote*)

- BU12, D3 + D4 (Jim Claroni): few issues, some make ups still to complete. Melrose in D3 did not want to move down.
- GU14, D1 + D2 (Tim Delaney): all set
- GU14, D3 + D4 (Heather McSween): no report

- BU14, D1 + D2 (Delaney for Tom Heinz): looks pretty good. A couple of teams could go up and some down in the spring. Will be mixing and matching D1 + D2 teams for the last couple of weeks of the season
- BU14, D3 + D4 (Leonard David): some unbalanced teams in the wrong divisions. Will be switching games around on a team by team basis as opposed to moving teams from Division to division
- U16 (Rich Altonaga): nothing doing
- U18 (Russ Medeiros): I like the fall season

X. Other Business:

- A. High School Recreational league never got off the ground, however, some towns are playing coed games against each other. We'll look to facilitate this program next year.
- B. Phone System for Notification (Jay Bromander)
1. There are 8-9 systems out there. Will submit a report with recommendations so the league will have something for the spring.
- C. Commissioners' Cup (D. Baker)
1. Will talk to Tewksbury about hosting it this year. May need two sites.
- D. League Calendar was passed out and discussed, with emphasis placed on activities occurring before January 1, 2009.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: that this meeting of the Middlesex Youth Soccer League Board of Directors be adjourned at 9:09pm (*moved- R. Medeiros, 2nd- M. Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
10-25-08

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