

**Middlesex Youth Soccer League**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA  
September 9, 2008

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**Attendance**

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**Board Directors Present:** John Linnehan, Clark Caplan, Mary Rogers, Ed Flanagan, Cathy Cresta, Mary Packard, Bob Fryer, Mark Nasiff, Kevin Brothers, Dan Baker, Didier Barnes-Guzman, Don Cowden, Jim Claroni, Mike Brown, Rich Buck,

**Board Directors Absent:** Al Cosentino (non-voting), Dan Ford-Hunt

**Age Directors Present:** Lori McLaughlin, Jay Bromander, Bob Folk, Heather McSween, Rich Altonaga, Tim Delaney, Mike Guzzi, Leonard David, Jeanne Buck, Dave Vigeant, Scott Hillis, Tom Heinz, Jim Claroni,

**Age Directors Absent:** Ken Kimker, Thomas Guerriero, Russ Medeiros,

**Town Coordinators Present:** Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom), Mike D'Ambrosio (Wilmington), Dana Khouri (Westford), Peter Majeski (Chelmsford), Leonard David (Malden), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Albert Marquis (Lowell), Heather McSween (Melrose), Dennis Goodine (Dracut), Tom Heinz (Medford), Bela Hasek (Burlington), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Jim Claroni (Reading),

**Town Coordinators Absent:** Michele Borriello (Revere), Ken Kimker (Waltham), Erica Foster (Somerville), Stephen DeGaravilla (Wakefield), Sal Schiavone (Tewksbury), Joe Viselli (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn),

**Visitors:** Dennis McCarthy (Melrose), Terence Durham (Somerville), Stephen Gregorio (Burlington)

*\*\* (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 7:15pm** by President John Linnehan

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

- A. Season is here.
- B. Comments on the weekend cancellation

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

- A. Report was reviewed

**Motion:** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented (*moved- J. Bromander, 2<sup>nd</sup>- D. Vigeant; motion approved unanimously*)

#### **IV. Registrar Report (Mary Rogers)**

- A. Looks like we're all set for the season to start
- B. Roster for spring 2009 season are due in the third week of November
- C. ID cards should be ready for the December Boards Meeting
- D. Electronic Registration
  - 1. Met with SportsManager and the add/drop process – some stuff to finalize on the roster approval process and should be set for spring season (November 2008)
  - 2. Towns that don't use SportsManager need to provide a data file for import into SportsManager
  - 3. By December- towns can go online, check data
  - 4. By January- town roster information is locked and only the league registrar had ability to modify or approve
  - 5. Player pass cards still need to be created and approved manually

#### **V. Referee Report (Clark Caplan)**

- A. A concern about security on SportsManager in that young referees' information can be pulled up (this is specific to one town at the moment that is using SportsManager to assign referees)
  - 1. No one should have general access to the information
  - 2. SportsManager does a quarterly security check, but this should be addressed with all towns to ensure that this information is not available
- B. Coaches Conduct
  - 1. Reports of a coach that got "into the face of a referee"
  - 2. Comments from referees who do games in other leagues that MYSL coaches are particularly bad in their conduct toward referees
- C. Recertification courses dates are online
- D. USSF has altered its assigner levels for 2009 and with these levels come a new annual fee level
  - 1. Competitive league assigners =\$100 and non-competitive league assigners = \$10
  - 2. Being discussed at the state level

#### **VI. Age Directors Reports**

- A. General discussion here as no official games have been played yet
- B. It was noted that in GU14, D1- Burlington 1 and Melrose 1 remain in D1 and do not switch to D2
- C. Jay Bromander noted that there was one game in his division that had a very lopsided score

#### **VII. Commissioners' Reports**

- A. Boys Commissioner (Mary Packard)
  - 1. 200 roster changes so far and all is up to date
- B. Girls Commissioner (Don Cowden)
  - 1. All changes to rosters will be made for this weekend

C. Note that every change since the end of free changes date has been costing \$10 per player added

### **VIII. Statistician Report (Dan Baker)**

- A. All Saturday games from Week 1 that are listed as “Cancelled- to be rescheduled”
  - 1. Town administrator can add that game back into the schedule
  - 2. In order to score games that were played this past weekend, Dan will send out an email with instructions
- B. ADs who do not have the password to view all of the information in SportsManager need to get it from Dan

### **IX. WebMaster Report (Didier Barnes-Guzman)**

- A. No updates to report

### **X. Secretary’s Report (Bob Fryer)**

**Motion:** To wave a reading of the August 2008 minutes and accept them as presented to the board (*moved- R. Fryer, 2<sup>nd</sup>- D. Cowden; motion approved unanimously*)

### **XI. New Business**

- A. MYSL Rain Out Policy
  - 1. The Board was presented with an addition to the rule 12 (postponing games) given the situation that occurred this past Saturday in which the forecast called for severe weather but it didn’t occur
  - 2. Cannot be voted on until the next meeting due to new rule on time for consideration prior to a vote
  - 3. Board will live by the spirit of this new rule even though it has not been voted
  - 4. See attached memo on the rule which will be presented
  - 5. Two items were discussed in particular:
    - a) That town officials can close a field at any time
    - b) Some question about whether a field should be closed for the rest of the day once it has been closed
- B. Calendar
  - 1. Want to make sure that all dates and events are on it
    - a) Rich Buck to send it out – send back responses
- C. Columbus Day Weekend Tournament at Mass Youth soccer complex
  - 1. For rec teams and D3 + D4 teams
- D. Job Descriptions
  - 1. Important that each position within MYSL is catalogued to make transitions easier and responsibilities fully understood
  - 2. One Town Coordinator to do it
  - 3. For all TCs, and one Age Director to do it for all ADs
  - 4. All elected board members should do their own
- E. Committees
  - 1. Two new standing committees should be created to smooth running of the organization

- a) Procedure Manual committee
  - Would deal with the job descriptions, etc.
- b) Constitution and Rules Committee

**Motion:** To disband the Rules Committee that created the current rules (*moved- D. Vigeant, 2<sup>nd</sup>- M. Brown; motion passed unanimously*)

**Motion:** to create a standing Constitution and Rules Committee chaired by the MYSL Vice President – Administration (*moved- R., Fryer, 2<sup>nd</sup>- M. Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

#### F. Communication

- 1. Discussion if the league should consider investing in a phone service that can communicate league wide instantaneously
  - a) Woburn (callinpost.com) and Wilmington (3S Hotline) currently use them and recommend them
- 2. Jay Bromander agreed to research and report back to the board

#### G. High School Recreational League

- 1. Only three teams are viable so far (Revere-1 and Wilmington 2)
- 2. Other towns may be close, so we'll keep it open at the moment and try to get in a 6 week season

## XII. Motion to Adjourn

**Motion:** that this meeting of the Middlesex Youth Soccer League Board of Directors be adjourned (*moved- B. Fryer, 2<sup>nd</sup>- L. McLaughlin; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer  
Secretary  
09-22-08

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