

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
November 13, 2012

Attendance

Board Directors Present: Rich Buck, Tom Heinz, Mary Rogers, Bob Fryer, Ken Antonucci, Tim Lambert, Jay Bromander, Cathy Cosentino, Lori McLaughlin, Dave Vigeant,

Board Directors Absent: John Linnehan, Mark Nasiff, Kevin Brothers, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Mary Packard, Mike Buonopane,

Age Directors Present: Michael Balous (GU10- 4,5); Leonard David (BU14- 1,2,); Tim Canning (BU14- 3,4,5); Maryjane Canning (GU10-3), Bob Folk (BU12-1,2); Jim Claroni (GU14- 3,4,5); Jon Ledoux (BU10- 4,5); Marc Davidson (GU10- 1,2); Dave Vigeant (GU12- 1,2); Gene Maceachern (BU10- 3);

Age Directors Absent: Heather McSween (BU12- 3,4,5); Caryn Goulet (GU12- 3,4,5); Rich Altonaga (B/G U16); Jeanne Buck (BU10- 1,2); Tim Delaney (GU14- 1,2); Russ Medeiros (B/G U18/19);

Town Coordinators Present: Mary Rogers (Billerica), Bill Rowe (Burlington), Michael Balous (Dracut), Leonard David (Malden), Ian Ashford (Waltham), Bob Regan for Jon Snider (Wilmington), Lindy Williamson (Charlestown), Michael Paige for Sal Schiavone, (Tewksbury), David Dube for Stephen deGaravilla (Wakefield),

Town Coordinators Absent : Joe Tassone (Woburn), Paul Millett (Reading), Shawn McCarthy (Stoneham), Jon Ledoux (Lowell), John Emerson (Chelmsford), Kevin Robertson (Westford), Matt Avella (Medford), Paul Clarke (Somerville), Bob Lynch-Galvin (Melrose), Mike Buonopane (Everett),

Visitors:

Minutes of the Meeting

The first part of the meeting was a presentation by Shawn Hardy of SportsManager, walking everyone through the new make up game scheduling process. Following this, it was agreed to “turn on” the re-scheduler effective Thursday evening, October 4.

I. Meeting called to order at 7:51pm by Secretary Bob Fryer

II. President’s Remarks (Bob Fryer for John Linnehan)

A. Season completed

B. High School season is in it’s final phases. A number of MYSL town have done well in the state tournament (Somerville, Wilmington, Reading)

III. Secretary’s Report (Bob Fryer)

Motion: To waive the reading of the October minutes of the Middles Youth Soccer League and accept them as presented to the Board (*moved- R. Fryer, 2nd- C. Cosentino; motion approved unanimously*)

IV. Treasurer’s Report (Cathy Cosentino)

A. Loss for the fall will be approximately \$39K

B. We still have yet to pay ~\$57K in referee fees for the fall season

C. Total amount we’ll have at end of fiscal year will be \$61K (a little lower than we’d like to have in the reserve fund.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented to the Board (*moved- C. Cosentino, 2nd- K. Antonucci; motion approved unanimously*)

D. Presentation on Spring 2013 fees (Rich Buck)

1. Worked in the ad hoc Finance Committee with Cathy Cosentino and Tom Heinz.
2. Discussed different options for fees. Keep fees the same as the spring of 2010, raise them to completely cover costs of the season, or have fees somewhere in-between
 - a) If in between, we would need to set fees again for fall 2013 and spring 2014, but the “hit” would not be as large as it could be
 - b) Also, if “in-between”, the league will still lose money in total over the course of the spring season.
 - c) Towns who charge fees on an annual basis might have a losing season financially if we were to charge the maximum.
3. Note that our fiscal year does not match the “fee year”, and we have to plan fees on a school year platform.

Motion: For spring 2013, MYSL will charge the following amounts per team accepted to play during the season: U10- \$200, U12- \$250, U14- \$295, U16+- \$550 (*moved- R. Buck, 2nd- B. Folk; motion approved unanimously following discussion*)

4. The Secretary will send notification of the fee increase to all town Coordinators, directors and age directors and request that TCs forward to the town presidents.
5. The ad hoc committee will remain in place and make recommendations for the fall 2013 and spring 2014 seasons.
 - a) These recommendation will be made at the January 2014 meeting.

V. Registrar (Mary Rogers)

A. No major issues

B. Dates for submissions to the registrar

1. Remember that teams must be viable to be submitted to the Registrar
 - U10-14: 1/13/13 - rosters, fees and fields
1/29/13: Age Directors and Board of directors’ preliminary placement meeting (no ADs)
2/5/13: February Meeting and Placement Meeting (BOD, AD, TCs)
 - U16+ 2/24/13: rosters, fees and fields
3/5/13: March Meeting and Placement Meeting (BOD, AD, TCs)
2. Overage children are NOT permitted to pay out of age group in the spring
3. Discussion that each town is responsible to confirm the ages of all its players

VI. Age Directors

- Girls U10, Div 1 + 2 (Marc Davidson): pretty good season. Some towns better than others.
- Girls U10, Div 3 (Maryjane Canning): all is good; we had a team use player pass. Good feedback.
- Girls U10, Div 4+5 (Michael Balous): 1 game missed. Other than that, all was good
- Girls U12, div 1+2 (Dave Vigeant): 2 player passes used. Pretty competitive season overall
- Girls U12, Div 3+4+5 (Caryn Goulet): emailed in that all was pretty solid
- Girls U14, Div 1 + 2 (Tim Delany): Jim Claroni reports that all is OK with some crossover games completed
- Girls U14, Div 3+4+5 (Jim Claroni): all is OK. Some crossover games played
- Boys U10, Div 1+2 (Jeanne Buck): Rich Buck reported all is pretty good
- Boys U10, Div 3 (Gene Maceachern): all games played and no player pass used
- Boys U10, div 4+5 (Jon Ledoux): all games played- will there be a D5 in the spring? (answer- yes)
- Boys U12, Div 1+2 (Bob Folk): all done
- Boys U12, Div 3+4+5 (Bob Folk for Heather McSween): all is OK.
- Boys U14, Div 1+2 (Lenny David): difficulty in scheduling crossover games
 - Led to a discussion on scheduling, including an agreement to look at hockey “flex” scheduling
- Boys U14, Div 3+4+5 (Tim Canning): player pass used once. Still concerned about having towns’ #1 teams in D4
- Boys + Girls U16 (Rich Altonaga): no report
- Boys +Girls U18+U19 (Russ Medeiros): no report

VII. Commissioners’ Reports

Boys’ Commissioner (Mary Packard)

A. no report

Girls Commissioner (Jay Bromander)

A. overall season was pretty quiet

- B. There will be a Wakefield coach suspended for the first 2 games of the spring season
Commissioners' Cup and Championship Playoffs (Ken Antonucci)
A. Will start looking for cup location this month

VIII. Referee Report (Tom Heinz)

- A. Player Pass usage- according to referee reports it looks like it was used about 6 times
B. So far, 15 games not played and 140 not recorded
C. Cards- totals for the season: 9 red, 86 yellow, 3 coaches dismissed
D. Referee and assignor recertifications going on now
1. Sign up a massref.net

IX. Sportsmanship Committee Report (Lori McLaughlin)

- A. A reasonably quiet season overall
B. Recent emails regarding injuries to players during the course of play
1. Emails state that referees are not calling fouls and this results in player injuries
a) Is there a position that the league has on this?
2. Following discussion, it was determined that this is a referee training and mentoring issue as well as a coach issue (coaches' code of conduct- towns getting sign off from all coaches?)
a) First step is to review the referee report, then investigate and push back to town as appropriate

X. TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet)

- A. No report

XI. Webmaster Report (Tim Lambert)

- A. site hosting has been paid for by Brian Treanor (that should probably change)
B. All site documents have been cleaned up

XII. Statistician Report (Dave Vigeant)

- A. Field availability for the spring season—get it to Dave ASAP, but no later than the submission of your rosters,
(NB: to identify how many fields you need for each age group, take the number of teams you're entering to play, divide by two and add "1" to it . that's how many fields you need to have available each Saturday for U10, U12 and U14 age groups. U16s + play at venues, and you should be prepared to be a venue (hosting 3 consecutive games on a Sunday afternoon) 2 times per season per team you submit to play this spring.

XIII. New Business

- A. Malden Collecting
1. Collecting used soccer equipment for a village in Haiti. Used basketball equipment too...
a) Ken A. will send an email with date and times to drop off stuff

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL Board of Directors (*moved- J. Bromander; 2nd- Maryjane Canning; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
11-24-12