

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
December 4, 2012

Attendance

Board Directors Present: John Linnehan, Kevin Brothers, Mary Packard, Mike Buonopane, Tom Heinz, Mary Rogers, Bob Fryer, Ken Antonucci, Cathy Cosentino, Lori McLaughlin,

Board Directors Absent:, Mark Nasiff, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Tim Lambert, Jay Bromander, Dave Vigeant, Rich Buck,

Age Directors Present: Michael Balous (GU10- 4,5); Leonard David (BU14- 1,2); Maryjane Canning (GU10-3), Bob Folk (BU12-1,2); Jim Claroni (GU14- 3,4,5); Caryn Goulet (GU12- 3,4,5);

Age Directors Absent: Heather McSween (BU12- 3,4,5); Rich Altonaga (B/G U16); Jeanne Buck (BU10- 1,2); Tim Delaney (GU14- 1,2); Russ Medeiros (B/G U18/19); Tim Canning (BU14- 3,4,5); Jon Ledoux (BU10- 4,5); Marc Davidson (GU10- 1,2); Dave Vigeant (GU12- 1,2); Gene Maceachern (BU10- 3);

Town Coordinators Present: Mary Rogers (Billerica), Bill Rowe (Burlington), Michael Balous (Dracut), Leonard David (Malden), Jon Snider (Wilmington), Lindy Williamson (Charlestown), David Dube for Stephen deGaravilla (Wakefield), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Paul Millett (Reading), John Emerson (Chelmsford), Matt Avella (Medford),

Town Coordinators Absent : Shawn McCarthy (Stoneham), Jon Ledoux (Lowell), Kevin Robertson (Westford), Paul Clarke (Somerville), Bob Lynch-Galvin (Melrose), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Michael Paige (Tewksbury), Ian Ashford (Waltham),

Visitors: Bob Regan (Wilmington)

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Meeting called to order at 7:48pm by President John Linnehan

II. President's Remarks (John Linnehan)

- A. Season completed
- B. Thanks to all for a great fall season

III. Secretary's Report (Bob Fryer)

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

IV. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Cosentino)

- A. Not a lot gong on.
- B. Referees have been paid for the fall season
- C. Finance sub-committee met and will present Fall '13 / Spring '14 recommendations
- D. Cash position currently \$64,500, with no outstanding liabilities
- E. Ads and drops fees for the season = \$2580
- F. We have some assets listed on the balance sheet which we may not longer have. Total assets listed is \$9132.

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

V. Registrar (Mary Rogers)

- A. No major issues
 - B. Dates
 - 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)

VI. Age Directors

No reports from the Age Directors

VII. Commissioners' Reports

Boys' Commissioner (Mary Packard)

A. all is ok—Adds/Drops money has been given to Cathy.

Girls Commissioner (Jay Bromander)

A. no report

Commissioners' Cup and Championship Playoffs (Ken Antonucci)

A. Will start looking for cup location this month

VIII. Referee Report (Tom Heinz)

A. all reports are done and referees paid

B. Recertification season in full swing

C. Referee payment

1. Leagues committee keeps an eye on competitiveness of what referees get paid throughout the leagues in the state

2. MYSL payments to referees is in the middle

a) Some differences, i.e. What U10 refs get paid, or what ARs get paid

3. Note that MASC, MAPLE and NEPC referees get paid significantly more than leagues referees

D Increase in MYSL referee payments will be incorporated into the January budget proposal

E. Continued discussion on whether league should pay ARS or if town should continue to pay ARs

IX. Webmaster Report (Bob Fryer for Tim Lambert)

A. check the calendar updates on the site

B. Board agreed that it is OK to put up all dates of events, but to include restrictions as necessary (i.e. if a meeting is for select folks only as opposed to "open", such as the preliminary placement meeting)

X. TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet)

A. Will be an informational meeting for interested towns after the holidays (date and time TBA)

B. 4 hour certification class is in the works.

XI. Sportsmanship Committee Report (Lori McLaughlin)

A. Report on the physicality of games that was brought up regarding player safety

1. Recommendations include:

- Referee training on physical nature of the game
- Training on writing up game reports
- Assigning appropriate referees to games
- Towns organizations to better instruct coaches on their responsibilities
- Educating coaches on concussion symptoms

Comments- If a coach doesn't control his players, then will the investigation process accomplish anything? More detail needed on the history of players and coaches involved?

XII. Statistician Report (Dave Vigeant)

No report- but a reminder that each town must submit fields and their availability at the time you submit rosters

XIII. New Business

A. Overage Players

1. An ongoing discussion at the state level

2. Mike Singleton says that there should be no players playing in games under their age group unless they have a signed ADA waiver (American Disabilities Act)

3. Common practice is that most leagues allow it during the fall season

- a) Previous belief is that if it has been long standing common practice then it is grandfathered and therefore OK
- 4. The Critical factor is NOTIFICATION that a child could be playing against other children who are older and/or younger at anytime.
 - a) Put in all registration forms ?
- 5. President Linnehan will email formal language to the towns
- B. MYSL Award Banquet?
- C. Malden Collecting
 - 1. Collecting used soccer equipment for a village in Haiti. Used basketball equipment too. Still ongoing
- D. January Meeting moved from January 1 to January 8..

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn this meeting of the MYSL Board of Directors (*moved- C. Cosentino; 2nd- Lori MacLaughlin; motion approved unanimously*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
12-29-12