

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Towanda Club, Woburn, MA
February 7, 2012

Attendance

Board Directors Present: John Linnehan, Rich Buck, Jay Bromander, Kevin Brothers, Tom Heinz, Mary Rogers, Bob Fryer, Mike Buopopane, Mary Packard, Dave Vigeant, Ken Antonucci,

Board Directors Absent: Cathy Cosentino, Al Cosentino (non-voting), Didier Barnes-Guzman, Mark Nasiff, Lori McLaughlin,

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

Age Directors Absent: Heather McSween (BU12- 3,4,5); Russ Medeiros (B/G U18/19); Rich Altonaga (B/G U16); Brian Treanor (BU14- 1,2); Jim Claroni (GU14- 3,4,5);

Town Coordinators Present: Jon Snider (Wilmington), Bill Rowe for Bela Hasek (Burlington), Leonard David (Malden), Mike Buonopane (Everett), Mary Rogers (Billerica), Matt Avella (Medford), Ian Ashford (Waltham), Lindy Williamson (Charlestown), Bill Meyer (for Kevin Robertson, Westford), Stephen deGaravilla (Wakefield), Jon Ledoux (Lowell), Michael Balous (Dracut), Paul Millett (Reading), Paul Clarke (Somerville), Bob Lynch-Galvin (Melrose), John Emerson (Chelmsford),

Town Coordinators Absent : Shawn McCarthy (Stoneham), Joe Tassone (Woburn), Sal Schiavone, (Tewksbury), Ann Marie Ely (Hanscom),

Visitors: Bob Regan (Wilmington), John Fitzler (Wilmington), Mark Ercolini (Woburn)

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Meeting called to order at 7:46pm by President John Linnehan

II. President's Remarks (John Linnehan)

A. A couple of things to go over—Placement at the end.

III. Secretary's Report (Bob Fryer)

Motion: To waive the reading of the December and January minutes of the Middle Youth Soccer League and accept them as presented to the Board (*moved- S. DeGaravilla, 2nd- M. Packard; motion approved unanimously*)

IV. Treasurer's Report (John Linnehan for Cathy Cosentino)

- A. Balance sheet as of 12/31/11 distributed and reviewed
- B. Profit and Loss Statement distributed and reviewed

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Board (*moved- B. Folk, 2nd- J. Bromander; motion approved unanimously*)

V. Registrar (Mary Rogers)

- A. Still approving rosters
- B. Towns need to remember to pay their MYSL Registration fees and their affiliation fees the Mass Youth Soccer
- C. towns need to get waivers for all players (from other towns) who did not play for them in the fall 2011 season

VI. Age Directors

- A. Will push to Placement at end of meeting

VII. Commissioners' Reports

Boys' Commissioner (Mary Packard)

A. rosters are open for changes at no charge

The night of the coaches meetings—all roster adds will cost \$10 per player

Rosters will be frozen the first Tuesday in May (5/1/12)

Girls Commissioner (Jay Bromander)

Shawn at SportsManager has sped up the server considerably

Many adds and other changes coming in

Question on out of Town players- email must be sent from Town requesting player to play for them to the town in which the player lives for permission. Approval email from town- then the player can be approved online

Commissioners' Cup and Championship Playoffs (Ken Antonucci)

Must confirm that Waltham is able to host the cup.

VIII. Referee Report (Tom Heinz)

A. Last recert is 2/12 in Chelmsford—start at 8:30am

IX. Webmaster Report (Didier Barnes-Guzman)

No report

X. TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet)

A. US Youth Soccer national Workshop is coming to Boston 2/16 – 18 at the World Trade Center

1. There will be a TOPSoccer demonstration and training at 10:45am

2. Day Pass is \$25

B. Mass Youth has created a committee to address the soccer culture in the state

1. 20 individuals on the Committee from all parts of soccer community (MAPLE, MASQ, ODP, MTOC, etc.)

2. Topics will be discussed and distributed to groups among those 20

XI. Sportsmanship Committee Report (Mike Buonopane)

A. Nothing to report on now

XII. Statistician Report (Dave Vigeant)

A. all towns have submitted field availability, although Reading must confirm fields for GU12

XIII. New Business

A. Over/under Age / concussion

1. We have to review our policy

2. A legal case in western Mass regarding a team that has an over age 15 year old playing on a U124 team. A player from the other team collided with the 15 year old and was injured. Claim is that the team should have been only U14s, and the 15 year old should not have been permitted to play

3. Many issues involved in this, including ADA, liability questions, etc.

4. John is in charge of this—needs emails from towns indicating what their in-town policies are regarding age groups and playing up/down and how many players are playing up/down per town

B. Concussions

1. A growing awareness of this issue nationwide

2. Must be aware of them, and there are many issues

a)HS coaches must pass a test to be certified to coach

3. John is “leading the charge” in Mass

a) State may have to create a policy about concussions

4. Billerica requires that each coach pass an on-line course (CDC.gov)

5. Ken Antonucci will head up an ad hoc committee to gather information

Discussion about who has the power during a game to declare a player concussed and therefore not eligible to continue.

Have to be careful if it is the referees decision—especially in games where the referee is a teenager refing a U10/U12 game)

C. MYSL Board dinner will be Tuesday, March 20, location TBA

D. MTOC wild card teams

- GU12, Division 2
- GU19

- BU14, Division 1

E. Spring Placement

1. Discussion about adding a Division 5 in the U10. ADs to examine teams, make recommendations and discuss with towns they feel appropriate for placement in D5.
2. U12, U14, U18 and U19 completed.
3. U16 must be reviewed by AD Altonaga before finalization.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Fryer
Secretary
02-18-12