



Middlesex Youth Soccer League

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January 21, 2021

Re: January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Bill Rowe	Eric Chajon
Brian Treanor	Jason Monahan
Caryn Goulet	Matt Staub
Helen Webb	Mike Garabedian
Jake Wilson	Tobin Shulman
Jeanne Buck	Bruno Contreras
Jim Sherry	Nate Tarin
Joe Boucher	Darwin Molina
John Sanders	Maurizo Pasquale
Mary Packard	Jim McNally
Mary Rogers	Doug Danoff
Ray Halleran	Paul Bucelwicz
Rich Buck	Jeff Ruscio
Stephen Jones	Chris Newhall
Felix Trinidad	

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Minutes of the Meeting

1. Roll Call of Attendees/Establishing Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members for the conduct of business a quorum was established, and the meeting called to order at 7:04pm

2. President's Report (Caryn Goulet)

- **Massachusetts led the way in playing youth soccer with little to no community spread and mask wearing**
 - Other states seeking information about the Mass. Experience
- **Speaking with Town Presidents it appears that many towns will return in the Spring.**
- **Town updates re: spring status**
 - Lowell – Would like to play in spring, registration down, under 100 registered. Will review in the upcoming weeks. May need to combine teams and push up younger players into older age brackets.
 - Everett – Will not participate in Spring season travel.
 - Billerica – Looking at field availability, not sure if town will open fields for travel. Board meeting on the 18th will be when they decide what will happen.
 - Charlestown, Chelmsford, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Somerville, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Waltham, Westford, Wilmington will all play.
- **Mask wearing is a state requirement, no mask no play is the standard**
 - What do you do when players purposefully do not wear a mask
 - It is up to the local town/clubs to ensure players wear them
 - Question was asked from the referee perspective....how do the referees enforce? Should this be a league rule?
 - According to the MSRC referees are not “the COVID police”
 - Referees do not enforce mask wearing or stop the game for that purpose.
 - League may mandate masks are the same as a number on the uniform.
 - Experienced referees would know how to deal with this
 - Younger referees maybe less so
 - A small group will develop mask requirement language for the Feb. meeting.
- **USC Convention Jan 11th – 15th:** <https://unitedsoccercoachesconvention.org/2021-schedule/>
- **MYSA State Ass'n Updates**
 - COVID-19 Update & Winter Guidelines
 - Latest EEA Reopening Standards re: Youth Sports Activities eff 12/13/20 (reduced capacity limits for indoor youth soccer facilities)

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- Indoor Soccer Protocols:
https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/indoor_soccer_guidelines_dec_14.pdf
- Latest Mass Youth Soccer Protocols:
https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/soccer_activities_protocols_121420.pdf
- Reminder that towns sanction town players involved in winter play and the facilities at which town players play
- **Mass Youth Annual Awards (CONGRATULATIONS! MYSL Recipients):**
<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/events/mass-youth-soccer-annual-awards/>
 - Jake Wilson, Somerville – Administrator of the Year
 - Danielle DeSimone, Melrose – Girls Recreational Coach of the Year
 - Rick Caceda, Malden – Boys Recreational Coach of the Year
- **USYS Virtual Awards Gala – January 14th at 7:00 PM (Good luck to Mass-specific East Region contenders!)**
 - Danielle DeSimone, Melrose – Girls Recreational Coach of the Year
 - Rick Caceda, Malden – Boys Recreational Coach of the Year
 - Tracey Jones, Norwood – TOPSoccer Coach of the Year
- **Mass Youth Special Membership Meeting** rescheduled due to riots; pre-registration required: <https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/special-membership-meeting/> - **January 19th @ 7:00pm**
 - Member Town Presidents unable to attend can assign proxy for voting purposes (send to Lynn Gugliuzza and Caryn Goulet at: lynng@mayouthsoccer.org and secretary@mayouthsoccer.org (Ken will be MYSL proxy)

I, **NAME, President of TOWN** hereby grant a proxy to **NAME, Title** for the purpose of casting my organization's vote at the January 19, 2021 Special Meeting of the Membership. This Delegate proxy is for an individual to be the sole voting representative for the League for the entire Special Meeting and expires at the official meeting adjournment.

PRESIDENT NAME

Signature

President

Title

- (3) agenda items for 1/19/21 Mass Youth Special Membership mtg:
 - Permanent authorization of the use of **remote communication** for both the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any Special Membership Meeting (SMM). Currently, non-profit organizations such as Mass Youth Soccer are allowed to hold virtual AGMs and SMMs under

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state executive order, however that authority will end shortly after the Covid-19 emergency orders are lifted. Hence, the need to establish the option of utilizing virtual meetings in the Constitution before the emergency orders expire; and

Revisions to, and updating of our process for membership meetings, use of proxies, and a membership voting strength "freeze" during the COVID pandemic. These updates to our membership governance will clarify **voting authority, direct and via proxy**, as well as better organizing how membership meetings are conducted.

- Revisions to the Mass Youth Soccer Bylaws to provide more explicit statement of **purpose for the Leagues Committee**, including a clearer organizational structure and a stronger guide for the leagues committee to govern to its mission.
- **Mass Youth virtual AGM** will be virtual on **March 10th @ 7:00pm** (registration details TBA)
- **Other**
 - **ODP** underway: <https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/about/olympic-development-program/>
 - **Futsal** underway: <https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/programs/futsal/>
 - **Winter Technical Development Centers** underway:
<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/winter-technical-development-centers-2020/>
 - Cambridge, Hanover, Haverhill, Leominster, **Lowell**, Northampton, **Waltham**, **Westford** & Worcester
 - **TopTekkers** still underway: <https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/toptekkers/>
 - **SoccerParenting Association** still available:
<https://www.soccerparenting.com/mass-youth-soccer/>
 - **2nd FIFA Online Tournament** concluded but may run again:
<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/events/fifa-online-tournaments/>
 - **MYSA Coach education** courses
 - **USYS** (D course currently in-progress, more coming:
<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/coaches/upcoming-education-courses/>
 - US Soccer Learning Center is the platform of the future, all coaches should establish an account:
<https://learning.ussoccer.com/coach>
 - To host a course contact Tamie Endow:
tendow@mayouthsoccer.org
 - **USC** (see master course schedule:
https://portal.unitedsoccercoaches.org/CPBase_events?page=a0Z6A00005KTuiUAG&site=a0d6A000001GUuxQAG
 - **Mass Youth Soccer Strong** Program: <https://mayouthsoccer.org/mysa-strong/>
 - Mental Strength Monday: Goal Setting
 - Technical Tuesday: Indoor Crazy Golf
 - Wellness Wednesday: Hydration
 - Thankful Thursday: Sportsmanship
 - Fitness Friday: 1 Hour of Physical Activity

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- **MSRC/Referee Updates**
 - New **SRA Rich Frongillo** and reappointed **SYRA Russ Wolf**
 - **Virtual Referee/Assignor Recertification** underway (27 instructors in MA):
<https://www.massref.net/index.cfm?&CFID=3157204&CFTOKEN=a7b0923987ba19e2-4582597A-F5BF-B664-2DE3B1467AF5F240>
 - Towns pls urge referees to recertify by end of Jan (12 courses left) and Feb at the latest
 - Assignors pls do the same ASAP
 - **US Soccer Learning Center:** will be the platform of the future, all referees should go on and establish an account: <https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee>
 - MSRC actively looking to connect more formally w/ league assignors and/or referee leaders
 - Jan 27th mtg – Ray, Tom and Darwin extended invite for MYSL
- **Leagues Committee Updates**
 - **Travel play**
 - Very few leagues played travel Fall '20
 - Nearly **all** planning on playing travel Spring '21
 - CCL – 7wks 3/27 to 5/7 (must name national series teams by 5/8)
 - All others starting somewhere between 4/3 and 4/24 (7-8wks of play)
 - NVYS – likely not playing and may be looking for a home for teams (are aware of MYSL's 2/16/21 placement deadline)
 - **MTOC June 25th – 27th**
 - Tournament-style play still suspended, however leagues planning some type of MTOC event/play in parallel with Commonwealth's stages of reopening and "herd immunity"
 - Herd immunity currently being described as 75%-80% vaccination
 - Herd immunity currently expected by end of June 2021
 - Status and detailed logistics of MTOC highly dependent and TBD

3. Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance Restoration**
 - **No report**
- **Competition Committee**
 - Competition committee looked at all aspects of the Commissioner's Cup potential for Spring 2021
 - It was decided not to hold Commissioner's Cup for Div 3, 4, 5 in Spring 2021.
 - Wanted to maximize the number of games for these players
 - Recommendation for an 8-game season Apr 17-Jun 12
 - MTOC Divisions will have semi-finals on Saturday June 19 and finals on Sunday June 20.

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- For Comm Cup divisions each division bracket winner (champion and runner up) will be recognized
- Other discussion concerning post season play for division 3, 4, 5 ensued.
- Older age groups will play a 7 week season with no Memorial Day weekend games. Playoffs the same weekend as the Gr 3,4,5,6,7,8 teams.
- **Sportsmanship Committee**
 - **No Report**
- 4. **Secretary's Report (Brian Treanor)**
 - **The minutes for November 2020 and December 2020 were approved by unanimous consent.**
 - The Secretary requested that reports be submitted in writing one week ahead of regular monthly board meetings in order to facilitate more streamlined board meetings.
- 5. **Treasurer's Report (Steve Lane)**
 - **No report**
- 6. **VP Administration's Report (Joe Boucher)**
 - There are several openings on the board
 - Treasurer
 - Boys Grade 5,6 Div 1, 2
 - Boys Grade 7,8 Div 3, 4, 5
 - AGM will be scheduled for April/May time frame
 - AGM date will be determined by Feb meeting
 - Please let Joe know if you are thinking of stepping down from your position
- 7. **VP Development (Ken Antonucci)**
 - **See Competition Committee Report**
- 8. **Registrar's Report (Mary Rogers) –**
 - **No report**
- 9. **Boys Commissioner's Report (Mary Packard) –**
 - **No report**
- 10. **Girls Commissioner's Report (Tim Delaney) –**
 - **No report**
- 11. **Referee Coordinator's Report (Ray Halleran) –**
 - **No report**
- 12. **Statistician's Report (Rich Buck)**

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- No report

13. Protest Officer's Report (Shaun Driscoll) –

- No Report

14. Webmaster's Report (Nelson Amaya) –

- No report

15. Past President's Report (Shawn McCarthy)

- No report

16. Age Directors' Reports–

- No reports

17. TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet) –

- No report

18. OLD BUSINESS

19. NEW BUSINESS

- Interim replacement for Treasurer
 - Steve Lane expressed need to step down as Treasurer last summer
 - Steve then had hoped to stay on but has since formally notified us of his intention to resign
 - Joe Boucher and Ken Antonucci have stepped up to split the duties of the Treasurer on an interim basis until a new Treasurer can be found.
 - Budgets, replacement of our accounting firm, keeping of the books, and payment of referees will be among their duties
 - **Moved by Brian Treanor and Seconded by Ray Halleran to appoint Joe Boucher and Ken Antonucci to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer until such time as a permanent treasurer is elected or appointed by the board. These duties include signing authority on the league's bank account, and these two individuals shall be the only persons authorized with such signing authority.**

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- **Motion PASSED unanimously with 2 abstentions.**
- Meeting platform
 - A review of potential meeting venues was reviewed. The Staples Spotlight centers were actually going to become the MYSL's new meeting venue until COVID.
 - In the future the league should consider going back to this option when restrictions are lifted
- Recording of meetings
 - Meetings are recorded via the ZOOM teleconferencing software.
 - Meeting recordings are only possessed and reviewed by the secretary for the purpose of writing the minutes.
 - After the minutes are produced and approved the recordings are destroyed.

20. Adjournment

Moved by Ken Antonucci SECONDED by Mary Packard to adjourn. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian D. Treanor

Secretary

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