Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

ZOOM Teleconference

November 3, 2020

Attendance

Board Members	
Caryn Goulet, President	present
Joe Boucher, VP Admin	present
Ken Antonucci, VP Dev/Comp	present
Brian Treanor, Secretary	present
Steve Lane, Treasurer	present
Mary Rogers, Registrar	present
Mary Packard, Boys Comm.	present
Tim Delaney, Girls Comm.	
Ray Halleran, Ref Coordinator	present
Rich Buck, Statistician	present
Shaun Driscoll, Protest & Sports	present
Nelson Amaya, Webmaster	
Brian Treanor, Parliamentarian	present
Shawn McCarthy, Past Pres	present
Bill Rowe, Sportsmanship	present
Age Directors	
G34-1,2 - Jeanne Buck	
G34-3 - Rich Buck	present
G34-4,5 - Helen Webb	present
G56-1,2 - Nick Howie	present
G56-3,4,5 – Jake Wilson	
G78-1,2 - Tim Delaney	
G78-3,4,5 – Nate Tarin	present
B34-1,2 – John Sanders	present
B34-3 – Maurizio Pasquale	present
B34-4,5 - James Casey	
B56-1,2 – (open)	
B56-3,4,5 – Brian Mahnken	
B78-1,2 - Stephen Jones	
B78-3,4,5 – (open)	
B&G910 – Bill Childs	present
B&G1112 - Jim Sherry	present
Town Coordinators	
Billerica - Mary Rogers	present
Burlington - Bill Rowe	present
Charlestown - Allen Reitz	present
Chelmsford - Hani AlDayaa	
Everett – John Perkins	present
Lowell – Lori Hicks	
Malden – Ken Antonucci	present
Medford – Tom Heinz	
Melrose - Jim Donohue	present
Reading – Mike Sheedy	
SWOB – Bruno Contreras	
Somerville - Jake Wilson	
Stoneham – Tobin Shulman	
Tewksbury – Jeff Ruscio	present
Waltham – Matt Staub	
Westford – Mark Ottesen	
Wilmington - Nick Howie	present
Guests – Non Voting	
Darwin Molina	

present S = had a substitute TC

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Roll Call of Attendees/Establishing Quorum

At the completion of the roll call and with at least one-third of the Board members being present, a quorum was established at 7:03 pm.

- **Meeting called to order by President Caryn Goulet at 7:03pm**

2. President's Report (Caryn Goulet)

- Gov Baker today announced today increased restrictions
  - 25-person limit for outdoor activities
  - Masks worn by all
- Feedback from towns finishing up intown & travel season and about extending the season to 11/14 to accommodate 10/31 games
  - General observation from those towns that ran summer programs that modifications were better adhered to and team placement was easier
  - Overall very positive feedback, enrollment, very few contact-tracing pauses
  - The majority of issues revolved around consistent mask wearing and one spectator per player restriction
  - Two towns utilized the human fusbol, considered an effective training method for movement off the ball, first touch, control & passing
  - Open to rescheduling the 10/31 games to 11/14
- General discussion about cards, suspensions & zero tolerance
  - Presidents asked to take back to town boards the prospect of expanding the current league Zero Tolerance policy to expressly include fans

- Plans for indoor/winter training & league play
    - Reminder that only member towns can sanction indoor activity (not Mass Youth).
    - Further, member towns are responsible for communicating to players, coaches & parents the requirements for indoor training facilities to meet Mass Youth criteria in order to be a covered activity (under insurance): https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/winter-indoor-coverage/
    - Likewise, only member towns can sanction indoor league play and it must follow all Mass Youth modifications to be considered a covered activity (under insurance)
- Preliminary discussion about Spring '21
    - Expect increased enrollment and more towns to participate
    - Concerns about effective evaluation and placement of players/teams (suggestion was to utilize Team Genius post Fall & during Winter)
    - General desire to push out the Spring calendar of team submissions & placement
- Update from Leagues Committee mtg (MTOC team fee increase & HS age groups)
    - Consensus from leagues not participating in travel this Fall is that they will in the Spring
    - Rolling registrations resulted in higher than expected total for the Fall
    - MTOC contingency planning under advisement by a subcommittee
    - MTOC team fees increased for Spring '21 from $550 to $575
- Team Fees
    - Would wait for season to conclude, figure out number of games played and then charge fees accordingly.
    - Still not quite done with all games.
- Status of Games yet to be played
    - 25 games still need to be rescheduled
    - A round up of towns and their field permit status was taken.
        - Malden – Good till end of year
        - Melrose – Similar to Malden
        - Wilmington – Good through the 14th
        - Tewksbury – Permit status is good
        - Stoneham – Fields closed due to early snow
    - Moving remainder of schedule to 11/14 as needed.
    - Referee assignments could be touchy due to competition with club soccer.
        - Games need to be consolidated

3. Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance Restoration**
    - Draft of the report to reinstate MYSL non-profit status has been completed.
    - Need to figure out who will assist with transition of this responsibility
    - 5 year back 3 year forward look at financials
    - Joe Boucher and Ken Antonucci will assist

- **Competition Committee**
    - Met and discussions revolved primarily around the Fall season and dealing with managing it.
    - Some discussion about the Spring occurred but was mostly deferred to a later time.

- **Sportsmanship Committee**
    - Bill discussed the spectator behavior issue that was raised recently.
        - Further discussion necessary, we are looking at what other leagues are doing re: this issue.
        - Some recent (not many) issues this past fall have fueled this discussion
            - Some issues were driven by COVID-19 compliance
        - Substantial discussion occurred regarding a referee incident that occurred recently.

4. Secretary's Report (Brian Treanor)

- The minutes for the August 2020, September 2020 and October 2020 BOD meetings were approved by unanimous consent.

5. Treasurer's Report (Steve Lane)

- No checks have been paid out, have about $180,000 in the bank
- Ray H. and Tom H. have been working with Game Officials to try and implement electronic referee payments
    - Set up is still in process
- Hope is to have 2020-2021 budget available for the December 2020 meeting.

6. **VP Administration's Report (Joe Boucher)**
    - **No report**

7. **VP Development (Ken Antonucci)**
    - **No 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)** –
    - **See Treasurer's Report for some referee discussion**.

12. **Statistician's Report (Rich Buck)**
    - 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**

20. **Adjournment**

Motion: MOVED Brian Treanor to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Ray Halleran. Motion PASSED unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian D. Treanor
Secretary
Middlesex Youth Soccer League