

Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Quality Inn, Lexington, MA
March 3, 2020

Attendance

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

X = present, * = already marked elsewhere, S = had a substitute TC

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Caryn Goulet at 7:38pm

2. President's Report (Caryn Goulet)

Mass Youth AGM. (<https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/annual-general-meeting-director-nominations-2020/>)

- Officers from town orgs can vote
- Proxy can be carried
- See Caryn to get Proxy. If a member of the MYSL BOD with voting rights cannot attend request proxy rights for Brian Treanor who will cast proxy votes in their place.
- Caryn encouraged as many towns as possible to attend.
- Many opportunities to collaborate with other leagues/towns/clubs/programs.
- Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel in Leominster (see weblink above for all information).

- Leagues Committee
 - P. Kokolski (MSRC - SRA) and Russ Wolf (MSRC - SYRA) attended LC meeting.
 - More recert classes needed
 - More classes appear to have been added.
 - Another section has been added for Woburn class.
 - Most of the people signed up for Woburn were from BAYS.
 - There are still open slots in Woburn and Natick.
 - MSRC is unlikely to add another course, unless we can prove we have a large number of referees to justify opening another class.
 - Caryn suggested the possibility of having referees cert in NH and then go through process of being added in MA.

3. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance Restoration (Steve Lane, Chairman)
 - Had conf call with law firm and docs sent to other committee members
 - List of board members with bios needs to be completed
 - Attorneys will help us along as we move through the process
- Competition (Ken Antonucci, Chairman)
 - Not much new to report
 - Reviewed placement data for past 6 seasons and compared to record to see how well placements matched performance.
 - Member league tryout and placement process was discussed, how done in each town, feedback being provided.
- Sportsmanship (Bill Rowe, Chairman)
 - Useful material regarding behavior and culture within towns.
 - Improve experience for kids
 - Sideline behavior module from SPA (Caryn Goulet)
 - Cost is \$400/town
 - Working to lower cost to \$100/town

4. Secretary's Report (Brian Treanor)

- Brian Treanor presented the Feb 2020 BOD meeting minutes for ratification.
- *Shaun Driscoll moved to ratify the Feb 2020 minutes with a 2nd by Jim Donahue*
 - The motion CARRIED with 2 abstentions

5. Treasurer's Report (Steve Lane)

- Jan financial report given
 - MYSL took in \$82,177 through Jan 2020
 - MYSL spent \$80,139 through Jan 2020
 - This led to a net budget surplus of \$2,038 in Jan 2020
 - Spring spending is yet to make it into the financials.
- AGM financial report will be given
 - Referee fees not changing
 - Team fees not changing
 - Referees not submitting games for payment. (extended debate ensued)
- Referee W9 submittal
 - No W9 no pay
 - When W9's are submitted by referees they will qualify for reimbursement for previous seasons worked.
- *Shaun Driscoll moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with a 2nd by Tim Delaney*
 - Motion CARRIED with 4 abstentions

6. VP Administration's Report (Joe Boucher)

VP Admin report deferred to April meeting

7. VP Development (Ken Antonucci)

VP Development report deferred to April meeting

8. Registrar's Report (Mary Rogers) –

Registrar's Report deferred to April meeting

9. Boys Commissioner's Report (Mary Packard) –

Boys Commissioner's report deferred to April meeting

10. Girls Commissioner's Report (Tim Delaney) –

Girls Commissioner's Report deferred to April meeting

11. Referee Coordinator's Report (Ray Halleran) –

Referee Coordinator's Report deferred to April meeting

12. Statistician's Report (Rich Buck)

Statistician's Report deferred to April meeting.

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

Protest Officer's Report deferred to April meeting.

14. Webmaster's Report (Nelson Amaya) –

Webmaster's Report deferred to April meeting

15. Past President's Report (Shawn McCarthy)

Past President's report deferred to April meeting.

16. Age Directors' Reports– no reports

17. TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet) –

TOPSoccer Report deferred to April meeting

18. OLD BUSINESS

Team Genius Demo – Jeff Whelpley – MYS Player Evaluation Coordinator (Melrose)

- A presentation was given regarding how player evaluations are conducted
 - Why? Team placement, see where players are at. Player development, how progressing.
 - Where/When? Scheduling conflicts. School events, other sports compete for players/parents time.
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- January
 - Solicit everyone's availability
 - Talk to schools, sports groups, other stake holders
 - February
 - Come up with pro forma schedule
 - Stimulates people to take action
 - March
 - Fields locked down
 - April
 - Get volunteers
 - Using google forms, email, and other electronic means to pull together volunteers
 - Develop schedule from above
 - May
 - Daily Schedules
 - Player evaluation process
 - Eval Coordinator
 - 1-2 main coordinators
 - Check In Coord
 - To control the flow of prospective players through the process
 - Evaluators
 - Core evaluators from Skillzcheck Soccer Academy
 - Experienced soccer players
 - Drill Coords
 - Coordinates activities of prospects during the evaluations
 - "Wrangling" people during drills
 - Coach Evaluation vs. Tryout
 - Coach Evaluation
 - Current Level
 - More detailed
 - Soft Skills
 - Tryouts
 - Next Level
 - More Focused
 - Technical Skills
 - Goalie Evaluations
 - Team Genius
 - Allows you to organize the player evaluations/tryouts
 - Evaluators had great experience using TG.
 - Import data from league/club management system
 - You can map data within Team Genius to accommodate data from SM.
 - Allows you to create custom scoring system.
 - Example
 - 5 – best in age group
 - 4 – abv avg
 - 3 – avg
 - 2 – below avg
 - 1 – bottom of age group
 - Can set score increments down to fractional amounts
 - Can set up player pools (ex. Based on age group) and evaluation groups
 - Evaluations are entered via web interface or device app
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- Secured and trackable through custom access key
- Evaluation entry screen is customizable (sliders, numeric entry, etc..)
- Can record voice and video commentary as part of the evaluation
- Comprehensive reporting with data analysis is available post evaluation
- It is possible to give different weights to the different evaluation criteria
- Loom
 - Can be used to create screencast videos of the drills
 - Demonstrates what the drill is to consist of
 - Can be used to demonstrate drills to players prior to execution.
- **Open AD Slots**
 - Brian Mahnken was introduced as a candidate for the new G5/6 3, 4, 5, Age Directors slot
 - ***Brian Treanor moved to appoint Brian Mahnken as the new AD G5/6 Div 3,4,5 2nd by Ken Antonucci –***
 - Motion PASSED unanimously.
- **MYSL BOD Vacancy Rules Constitution Change (Discussion only) – Rich Buck**
 - Discussion Deferred to AGM
- **Lop sided Games Policy – Discussion and Vote**
 - 5 comments received; comments were generally against teams losing points.
 - Treasurer suggested mercy rule
 - Research was done looking at other leagues....Essex has a strong policy and MAYS has a middle ground policy between Essex and BAYS.
 - ***Bill Rowe moved to add rule 21A, as presented in writing to the MYSL BOD, to the MYSL Rules effective Spring 2020. The motion was 2nd by Shawn Driscoll (main motion)***
 - Extended debate took place on the matter
 - ***Rich Buck moved to table the motion until the May 2020 BOD meeting. A 2nd was provided by Tim Delaney.***
 - Motion FAILED 6-8-8
 - ***A vote was taken on the main motion***
 - Main motion FAILED 5-12-5

19. NEW BUSINESS

HS age & PG Team Placements

- Everett was not on the placement roster for G9-11 and G12....they were late
- Wilmington 1 needs to be added to Grade 9-11
- ***Motion by Bill Childs to approve Grade 9-11 Placements as presented and with noted changes. 2nd provided by Tim Delaney***
 - Motion CARRIED with 2 absentions.
- ***Motion by Jim Sherry to approve Grade 12+ Placements as presented and with noted changes. 2nd provided by Tim Delaney***
 - Motion CARRIED with 1 abs.

High School/PG age group rule changes & LOTG Changes

- Adjustments to the MYSL Spring 2020 book were presented including changes to the rules.
 - The rules changes were done to reflect the changes to the HS age and PG groupings. Grade 9-10 now becomes Grade 9-11 and Grade 11-12 now becomes Grade 12+.
 - Additionally, some changes to the LOTG were incorporated into the rules.
 - Further a minor change to the substitution rule was made to require substitutes to enter and leave the field at the halfway line on the coach/player side of the field.
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- ***Motion by Joe Boucher to accept the rules changes as presented to the BOD in the revised Spring 2020 MYSL book. The motion was 2nd by Ken Antonucci.***
 - Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Commissioner's Cup – should responsibilities be split by town?

- Discussion was deferred to April Meeting

New Meeting Location – Staples Spotlight

- The MYSL will be changing its meeting site to the Staples Spotlight space at the Staples store in Woburn, MA. This will go into effect for our April meeting. The space is state of the art and can comfortably fit everyone. Meetings must end earlier so as a result the time for our meetings will be at 7:00pm going forward.

Sunday Schedule

Rich needs to work on the Sunday schedule and these are using the venue system. If a town does not allow out of town teams to play at their fields they must notify Rich Buck ASAP. Rich will release schedule to towns so that they can align.

20. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn this meeting (*moved by Matt Staub with 2nd by Ken Antonucci; motion approved unanimously*) at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian D. Treanor
Secretary
Middlesex Youth Soccer League