

# Middlesex Youth Soccer League

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### ZOOM Teleconference

### February 2, 2021

#### Attendance

|                                  |  |                           |  |                                             |  |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Board Members</b>             |  | G56-1,2 - Nick Howie      |  | Malden – Ken Antonucci                      |  |
| 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 – Nate Tarin    |  | Reading – John Parks                        |  |
| Brian Treanor, Secretary         |  | B34-1,2 – John Sanders    |  | SWOB – Bruno Contreras                      |  |
| Joe Boucher, Treasurer (Co-Tres) |  | B34-3 – Maurizio Pasquale |  | 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 – Brian Mahnken |  | Waltham – Matt Staub                        |  |
| Ray Halleran, Ref Coordinator    |  | B78-1,2 – Stephen Jones   |  | Westford – Mark Ottesen                     |  |
| Rich Buck, Statistician          |  | B78-3,4,5 – OPEN          |  | Wilmington - Nick Howie                     |  |
| Shaun Driscoll, Protest & Sports |  | B&G910 – Bill Childs      |  | <b>Guests</b>                               |  |
| Nelson Amaya, Webmaster          |  | B&G1112 - Jim Sherry      |  | Jim McNally (Charlestown)                   |  |
| Brian Treanor, Parliamentarian   |  | <b>Town Coordinators</b>  |  | Felix Trinidad (Billerica)                  |  |
| Shawn McCarthy, Past Pres        |  | Billerica - Mary Rogers   |  | Chris Newhall (Burlington)                  |  |
| Bill Rowe, Sportsmanship         |  | Burlington - Bill Rowe    |  | Darwin Molina (Referee Committee)           |  |
| <b>Age Directors</b>             |  | Charlestown - Allen Reitz |  | Doug Danoff                                 |  |
| G34-1,2 - Jeanne Buck            |  | Chelmsford - Hani AlDayaa |  | Jeff Ruscio                                 |  |
| G34-3 - Rich Buck                |  | Everett – John Perkins    |  | Dominic Reynolds (Stoneham)                 |  |
| G34-4,5 - Helen Webb             |  | Lowell – Lori Hicks       |  | Steven Taylor, Keith Menslage, Michael King |  |

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

#### Minutes of the Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Caryn Goulet at 7:04pm
2. President's Report (Caryn Goulet)
  - A. MYSL Treasurer
    - i. Ken and Joe volunteered to divide the duties of the Treasurer.
    - ii. Have run into a few issues getting the change put into effect with the bank and state regulators. Need to discuss with Shawn McCarthy as he holds some of the information needed as Past President.
    - iii. Steve has finalized all his duties through Jan including issuing 1099 forms.
    - iv. Kicks the can down the road for the following issues:
      - Team Fees
      - Budget
    - v. Ray raised questions regarding referee payments.
      - Joe will be taking over referee payments, will work with Ray.
  - B. Engaging outside resource to help with governance of youth soccer boards.
    - i. Number of board members
    - ii. Structure
    - iii. Opportunity exists for MYSL to take part at no cost.
    - iv. Presents a great learning opportunity for league and member towns.
    - v. Caryn has opted MYSL in for the process, but she has asked for a sense of the board.
    - vi. The board was positively inclined.
  - C. Nashoba Valley League
    - i. The league had opted out of Spring play, but they now will be opting back in.
    - ii. Opportunities still exist for pulling together players for interleague play between BAYS, Essex and Nashoba.
    - iii. This will be in addition to MYSL regularly scheduled games.

- D. MTOC
  - i. There is universal interest in holding MTOC.
  - ii. MYSL also has interest MTOC.
  - iii. Lots of uncertainty as to how it will work in the context of COVID.
- E. Status of EEA guidelines
  - i. No change.
- F. GBL and Middlesex Conflict?
  - i. GBL's "Fall 2" season may interfere with MYSL Spring season.
  - ii. Malden, Everett (not part in MYSL spring season), Medford and Somerville are impacted by this.
  - iii. They may be playing on Saturdays.
  - iv. MIAA requires players to only play for HS teams and not club teams. This may also impact field and referee availability.
- G. MYSL Calendar
  - i. Caryn showed a copy of the MYSL Calendar with the critical dates leading up to and including the season.
    - Team Placement requests due on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - March BOD meeting pushed to 3/9.
    - 8-week season, 7 for the HS teams
    - Possible extension to 9 weeks
  - ii. How are towns doing with respect to field requests, particularly considering COVID.
    - Field avail should be submitted by 2/23 but flexibility exists given COVID.
    - MUST have fields by 3/13
  - iii. 9-week season proposal
    - A proposal was put forward for review for a 9-week season for Gr 3-5/6/7/8.
    - Cross over games would be used for Div 3-5 to balance competitiveness.
    - For MTOC div. (1 & 2) final standings determined after week 8 with playoffs on week 9.
    - Teams not participating in MTOC will play an opponent determined by AD on week 9.
- H. Wilmington Proposal to host modified version of Comm Cup.
  - i. For teams that do not have a pathway to post season play
  - ii. Structure
    - Over Father's Day weekend 2021
    - Top four seeded teams from each division
    - Single elimination
  - iii. Allows for all divisions to have some form of post-season play.
  - iv. Wilmington confident they can do this considering COVID restrictions.
- I. MOTIONS
  - i. MOVED Buck with SECOND by Treanor to set 2/23 as the league's team placement request deadline, without rosters, for Gr. 3 – 8.
    - Motion PASSED Unanimously
  - ii. MOVED Antonucci with SECOND by Treanor to set next BOD meeting date as March 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Motion PASSED
  - iii. MOVED Antonucci with SECOND by Treanor to make HS Team placement requests due on 3/14 without rosters.
    - Motion Passed Unanimously, with one abstention
  - iv. MOVED Antonucci with SECOND by Treanor to make all rosters due with all player and coach information by April 3<sup>rd</sup> for all grades.
    - Motion PASSED Unanimously
  - v. MOVED Antonucci with SECOND by Treanor to hold final high school placement meeting on 3/18
    - Motion PASSED Unanimously, with one abstention
  - vi. MOVED Antonucci with SECOND by Treanor to begin Gr 3-8 season on 4/17 running for a minimum of 8 weeks and the HS season will start on 4/18 running for 7 weeks.
- 3. Secretary's Report (Brian Treanor)
  - A. MOTION
    - i. MOVED Antonucci SECONDED by Donohue to approve the January 2021 BOD meeting minutes.
      - Motion PASSED 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (OPEN)

5. **VP Administration's Report (Joe Boucher)**
  - A. **Open Positions**
    - i. **MYSL has two BOD openings.**
      - **B Gr. 5/6 Div 1 & 2**
      - **B Gr. 7/8 Div 3, 4, & 5 (covered by Mary Packard)**
    - ii. **John Sanders has offered to step into B Gr. 5/6 Div 1 & 2**
      - **John indicated he would cover his current position and the new position until a replacement is found.**
    - iii. **MOTION**
      - **MOVED Boucher SECONDED by Antonucci to appoint John Sanders as the Boys Gr. 5/6 Div 1&2 Age Director**
        - **Motion PASSED unanimously**
      - **MOVED Boucher SECONDED by Tarin to appoint Brian Mahnken as the Boys Grade 7/8 Div 3, 4 & 5 Age Director**
        - **Motion PASSED unanimously**
    - iv. **Need to find a new Treasurer.**
6. **VP Development/Competition's Report (Ken Antonucci)**
  - A. **No Report**
7. **Registrar's Report (Mary Rogers) –**
  - A. **No Report**
8. **Boys Commissioner's Report (Mary Packard) –**
  - A. **No Report**
9. **Girls Commissioner's Report (Tim Delaney) –**
  - A. **No Report**
10. **Referee Coordinator's Report (Ray Halleran) –**
  - A. **No Report**
11. **Statistician's Report (Rich Buck)**
  - A. **No Report**
12. **Protest Officer's Report (Shaun Driscoll) –**
  - A. **No Report**
13. **Webmaster's Report (Nelson Amaya) –**
  - A. **No Report**
14. **Past President's Report (Shawn McCarthy)**
  - A. **No Report**
15. **Sportsmanship Committee's Report (Bill Rowe, Shaun Driscoll)**
  - A. **No Report**
16. **Competition Committee's Report (Ken Antonucci)**
  - A. **MOVED Antonucci SECONDED by Donohue to appoint Jake Wilson to the Competition Committee**
    - i. **Motion PASSED unanimously**
17. **Age Directors' Reports**
  - A. **No Report**
18. **TOPSoccer Report (Caryn Goulet) –**
  - A. **No Report**

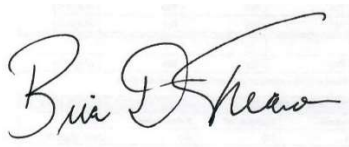
## 19. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SportsManager – resurrect committee to look into new system for MYSL.
  - i. Jim Donohue asked about bringing this committee back to investigate the possibility of moving off SportsManager.
  - ii. Discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of SportsManager and the responsiveness of the company.
  - iii. Would a new system provide the league all of the functionality that we need?
  - iv. Ken Truesdale from Melrose may be interested in heading up the committee. We would like to have Ken come to the March meeting.
  - v. Other systems that had been investigated in the past appeared to be lacking.
- B. Situation with a Div 5 Girls 3,4 team in Malden.
  - i. One of the girls on the team is in Grade 5 but age is Grade 4.
  - ii. Girl is the daughter of the coach who has saved this team.
  - iii. The MYSL rules say that players must play commensurate with their Grade level.
  - iv. Malden is petitioning for an exception to the rule.
  - v. Registrar is researching whether if this is acceptable. Mass Youth rules state that a waiver is acceptable but playing history must be established. Without a playing history the waiver does not apply.
  - vi. It is unclear whether the player has a playing history or not.
- C. MOTION
  - i. Moved Donohue SECONDED by Mike Garabedian for Spring 2021 season provisionally approve a waiver of MYSL rules to allow Tatyana Flores of Malden to play on a grade 3/4 team on the condition that this waiver is not in violation of any Mass Youth Soccer Rules prohibiting the league from granting the waiver.
    - Extensive Discussion ensued
    - Motion WITHDRAWN; 2<sup>nd</sup> WITHDRAWN.
  - ii. Moved Donohue SECONDED by Treanor to approve a waiver to approve Tatyana Flores of Malden to play in Grade 3/4 for the Spring 2021 season.
    - Motion PASSED unanimously

## 20. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn this meeting (*moved Driscoll – 2<sup>nd</sup> Treanor ; motion approved unanimously*) at 9:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian D. Treanor  
Secretary  
Middlesex Youth Soccer League