

Mass Youth Soccer Board of Directors Meeting April 17, 2002

Present: S. Bloom, T. Laine, J. Burrill, S. Gorman, N. Hart, T. Filippetti, R. Robinson, T. Castle, S. Smoller, C. Callaghan, R. Braney, R. Frongillo.

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM. A quorum was declared present.

Acceptance of March BOD minutes

Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Thom Laine to accept the minutes. PASSED unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Jim Gondek's report was submitted in advance via email, and is appended to these minutes. The report was accepted as submitted.

Reports of Program Managers

- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported she is receiving emails from the web page about the Tide Cup. The Districts tournament will have some teams from Canada attending. It takes place the first weekend in July.
- Indoor – Terri Filippetti is still visiting indoor facilities. A discussion followed on why we are involved with the indoor facilities. This issue will be examined in the future.
- ODP – Thom Laine reported the Border Cup is this weekend. It appears he will be able to cover all of the scholarships being applied for. Jackie Shannon has asked to step back from some of her responsibilities with the girls' U-13 team.
- SYRA – Rich Frongillo reported that the last of the entry-level courses has been run. Last weekend a pro clinic was conducted with Paul Tamborino and Angelo Bratsis running the course. Six referees and two assessors are going to the ODP Ryder Cup. Fourteen referees and three assessors are going to the regionals. Questionnaires for State Cup availability have gone out to the referees. There are 4100 referees registered in the state to date. Rich expects the final total to be close to 4300. Rich announced the appointments of John Uder as the State assignment co-ordinator. The referee committee is running courses for assignors. Larry Frisoli of Mass Soccer would like to run a meeting of all assignors who have completed the course to help co-ordinate youth and amateur assignments. Tim Castle would like to collaborate continuing education for referees and coaches so they can better understand each other's perspective.
- Instruction – Tim Castle reported there was a regional conference in western mass, and vacation week clinics have been booked.

Financial Overview

A revenue summary was mailed to board members prior to the meeting. John Burrill requested Carl Goldstein provide comparable last year figures for comparisons.

Region 1 and National Championship Ad/Sponsor Support

The board decided to continue to place an ad in the Region 1 book as we have done for many years. The board decided not to place an ad in the book for the National Championship tournament to be held in Maryland this year.

Old Business

- Open action item: John Linnehan will bring feedback from the leagues committee on the idea of a mediation clinic back to this board. – still open.

- Open action item: John Linnehan will bring feedback from the leagues committee on the idea of establishing a committee representing MTOC, State Cups, and Instructional to see how to proceed with a continuing education program for coaches. – still open.
- Video project – John Burrill reported the producer is still gathering film footage and researching articles.

New Business

- John Burrill inquired if one league suspends a coach if all of the other leagues follow the suspension. Consensus was they do if they are aware of the suspension.
- Land Issue – John Burrill asked where we stand on this. We got an extension from the potential purchaser for us to come up with an analysis and plans for use of the land. John is concerned about selling all of the land and never having a field complex. Carl and Jim are to bring a cost analysis for building fields, and Jim will bring an analysis of potential sponsors to a special meeting to consider land use/sale.
- Sid Bloom announced that Mass Youth Soccer was inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame as a corporate sponsor.
- Health Insurance Plan – Rich Braney explained that we had to adopt a section 125 plan that outlines exactly how the health plan for our employees works. *John Burrill moved, seconded by Skip Gorman that "That the restated Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association, Incorporated Section 125 Plan be adopted in the form presented at the meeting, effective January 1, 2002. That the appropriate officers of this Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Plan and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the forgoing votes, including the making and execution of any subsequent changes or amendments to said Plan. That this Corporation indemnify and hold harmless each member of its Board of Directors, the Administrator (including each member of any committee designated as Administrator) and each other employee of the Corporation or any of its affiliates who acts as a Plan fiduciary, from liability and expenses arising from his/her official capacity with respect to said Plan, except to the extent that his/her conduct amounts to willful misconduct or gross negligence."* Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller,
Secretary

Addenda:

Executive Director Report – April 2002

Project activity as well as activity relating to the start of the Spring 2002 season has resulted in a full schedule for office and support staff. Here are some of the highlights:

- The office has provided support for a series of instructional events – regional coaching symposiums, the annual instructional symposium and a growing number of coach license courses.
- We have prepared for the Annual General Meeting. Notices were sent to all league and organizational presidents announcing the meeting and providing the agenda. This was followed by a release earlier this month with the AGM booklet. Ballots have been prepared. Finally, we will be working with Steve Smoller to have registration sign-in sheets available.
- Registration information for the Spring 2002 season has begun to be received. This week we began the process of notifying all League registrars of those organizations that have affiliated to date, and we are providing them with affiliation figures to allow them to assess if the numbers make sense relative to the number of teams they have entered.

- The project to update our KidSafe records is ongoing. We are working with the organizations to provide them with a list of coaches who have submitted KidSafe forms and we are securing additional forms as needed. In addition, we have commenced refilling with the state to secure updated CORI reports. The cumulative effect of this project is not only to update the status of all adult volunteers, but to allow us to thin out our organization files by shredding old forms.
- Meredith & Grew have put out a “call for offers” and the submission deadline was Friday, March 15th. In essence, they are attempting to solicit bids on the property from all interested parties and to facilitate a review in total rather than on a case-by-case basis. The summary will be presented March 18th at a meeting at John Davagian’s office. The Executive Committee will review this prior to the Board meeting, and the Board will have an opportunity to discuss on the 20th.
- Activity on the web site continues to remain strong. A separate activity report will be prepared for the BOD meeting for informational purposes. A World Cup Contest for both kids and adults has been designed where the entry form appears on the web.
- The latest issue of the paper will be mailed on Wednesday, the 20th. It represents one of our largest issues ever (72 pages). Billed advertising exceeded \$30,000.
- I have been working with Ray Cabral to finalize plans for two week-long summer clinics. One will be held at UMass Dartmouth and then other will be in Central Mass at The Habitat. Both give us the opportunity to go indoors in the event of poor weather, something that caused us a problem last year.
- I will be attending a Soccer Start Summit in Dallas on April 12-14 to determine how our inner city initiative can draw from the national program. US Youth Soccer is funding all costs associated with this summit.