



MADISON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

Madison, Connecticut

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2014

7:00 PM Memorial Town Hall

Board Position	Board Member	Attendance
1. President	Warren Hartmann	X
2. Vice President	Brad Rathe	X
3. Treasurer	Mark Pritchard	X
4. Secretary/Webmaster	Meghan McGuire	X
5. Registrar	Deborah Coe	X
6. Travel Coordinator	John Malary	NP
7. Rec. Coordinator - Girls	Justin Howard	X
8. Rec. Coordinator - Boys	Glenn McSweeney	X
9. Referee/ Field Coordinator	Kathy Derken	NP
10. Training Coordinator	Dan Mallon	NP
11. Equipment Coordinator	Dorothy Cohen	X
12. Field Maintenance	Lori Nuzzo	X
13. MIST Coordinator	Brittany Buford	X
14. Fundraising	Jennifer McFadden	X
15. High School Liaison	Michele Licursi	NP
16. Past President	Dave Sullivan	NP

NP = Not Present

Visitors signed in at the MYSC board meeting:

none

President's Report

Warren Hartmann

- Meeting called to order 7:10pm
- There will be no U14 Girls team this spring. Instead there will be 2 U14 travel rec teams - Katie Keogh and her coaching staff will hold some clinics and practices with each of the teams
- Stan Latkowski will be coaching the U14 boys with Bob Ruggiero.
- Warren provided a summary of spring signups. Comp appears to be down to 95 from 155 last Spring

Vice-President's Report

Brad Rathe

- Reviewed important dates:
 - Mohegan Sun Coaches Training this weekend
 - CJSA Meeting is Sunday
 - Kathy has a meeting next week for the Referees
 - Uniforms must be finalized

MIST Tournament Director's Report

Brittany Buford

- Discussed whether or not to change from round robin to competition play. There were mixed feelings on the matter. Warren pointed out that it might be too much change since we are changing the date, the fields, etc. The board decided to keep the tournament round robin.
- The new field will be a bigger draw. Ideally we will use only Exchange and Constitution

Secretary's Report

Meghan McGuire

- Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes
 - Vote: Approved
 - Resolution: Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Mark Pritchard

- Mark will pay for Quickbooks online
- Each month the Board needs a list of all the checks that were written from MYSC account.

Training Coordinator Report

Dan Mallon

- The town is offering a bunch of camps. In the interest of maintaining a good relationship with them, we are not going to offer vacation camps or summer camps. We might consider offering something that is geared toward comp players if rec level training is the only thing offered through the town.
- The trainers will start 4/21/14 and work for 8 weeks: 5 weeks of training and 2 wks of tryouts, followed by 1 more week of training. We are still starting on 4/7, but coaches will have 2 weeks without the trainers.
- Ginger would like to work as a trainer - we are going to wait and see how much the other two trainers could cover.
- How do we manage tryouts with Challenger? Tabled for March due to Dan's absence.

Travel Coordinator Report

John Malary

- Coaches meeting on Wednesday 2/26
- Tryouts will begin the week after Memorial Day and run for 3 weeks

Registrars' Report

Deborah Coe

- No New Business

Recreation (in-town) Coordinators' Report

Justin Howard/Brad Rathe, Recreation Coordinators – Girls

Chris McSweeney/Dan Mallon, Recreation Coordinators – Boys

- Clinton has enough for 2 very large 3rd grade teams. We will wait and give them an invitation to register through our website and guarantee them at least 2-3 Clinton girls/team.
- Justin is going to send an email asking about conflicts. Numbers look good on the girls side for an even number of small teams.

- Review of Survey Results: 3 main issues: 1. Rec Referees were not engaged and active. We need to improve this; 2. Training: foot skills sessions - too many kids for one trainer; too much disparity in skill levels; 3. Coaches: some didn't have the right attitude about playing time & speaking to the refs.
- Justin will email the changes to the rec regulations to Meghan to be posted on the website.

Referee Coordinator Report

Kathy Derken

- No New Business

Field Coordinator's Report

Kathy Derken

- No New Business

Field/Equipment Maintenance Report

Lori Nuzzo

- We are tight on fields this spring. We have an extra set of goals from town campus that can be put down at Constitution for games. The other two sets will be at Exchange.
- Inventory of Shed:
 - 6 boxes of different MIST items: sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, pajama pants. We will sell these at the World Cup Event.
 - Enough soccer jerseys to suit 5-6 rec teams
 - New nets
 - 50 icepacks

Equipment Coordinator Report

Dorothy Cohen

- Warren reported that he and Dorothy met with Josh from Soccer and Rugby. They set up an online store that seems to be working well.
- By vote we decided to do t-shirts instead of World Cup jerseys for Spring.

Publicity & Events Coordinator Report

- No New Business

High School Liaison

Michelle Licursi

- No New Business

Website Coordinator

Meghan McGuire

- No New Business

Age vs. Grade for Travel Teams

- Meghan McGuire proposed that we change the formation of travel teams from grade based to age based. She read supporting arguments from members of MYSC, suggesting that age based teams filter players into the system rather than out of the system, are therefore more inclusive and allow more children to participate at the highest level of competitive soccer available through our town.
- Warren suggested that the parents should have the right to choose whether their children play based on their age or grade and that it isn't fair to prevent children who are skilled enough to play "up" with their peers, from doing so.
- We decided that a decision that affects so many members of the MYSC shouldn't be made without more input from members. In the meantime, we will make it clear, via personalized emails to players who are able to play on two teams, that they are allowed to tryout for both teams in the spring and play for any one team that they are chosen for.

Meeting adjourned by Warren Hartmann at 9:10pm