



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2010

I. Call to order

Paul Peace called to order the regular meeting of the Monroe Soccer Club at 7:30 p.m. on February 22nd, 2010 in the Monroe Library.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>
Paul Peace	President	Scott Flynn	Flyers
Janice Duffy	VP/Celtic/Hurricanes	Donna Konkol	Warriors/Xtreme
Corey Schneider	Treasurer	Frank Schiumo	Celtic
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames	Rob Williams	Fury
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director	Prudence Murray	United
Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus	Lana Quincy	Storm/Field Maintenance
Aaron Bahamande	Boys Registrar/Warriors	Jo Ann Weiss	Hurricanes
Anita McCarter	Girls Registrar	Lisa Klein	Equipment Coordinator
Ron Grabowski	Lightning	Stan Tait	Referee Advisor
Matt Young	Wildcats (White & Green)	Larry Matthews	Referee Coordinator
		JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers

The following team(s) were not represented: Fusion (are they playing this spring?), Lightning, Stingrays.

Reminder, teams not represented at MSC meetings will be penalized as per the existing guidelines in the MSC By-Laws

III. Secretary's Report:

Submitted by Tom McHugh

The following motion was made by Lisa Klein and seconded by JoAnn Weiss.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club January 11th, 2010 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) CJSA General Meeting and background check

The majority of the meeting focused on the new, home-grown registration system which is being implemented. By the fall season, the CJSA background check will be integrated into this system, but that will not be the case for this spring.

b) Spring roster deadline

The deadline to have team rosters completed for the spring season is March 5th. If they have not done so already, all managers should work with their respective registrar to meet this deadline.

c) Retiring of the team name Power

Larry Matthews made a motion that the MSC retire the team name Power, in memory of coach Don Nickdow, who passed away recently. The motion was passed by a show of hands. Paul Peace will update the website accordingly to reflect this decision.

d) Coaching contract

Paul reminded all managers that they must have a signed contract (on the documents link of the MSC website) in place with their paid coach before the start of the season, and coaches should not be paid their initial payment until this has been completed.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) 1099's – 2009 recap; 2010 plan

Corey advised that 1099's went out on time, and he has not heard from anyone that there were any issues with what was reported. Corey is considering requesting that going forward, all managers send this information at the end of each season, rather than just once per year, to avoid the "mad scramble" we had just before the deadline this year.

b) Referee payments

Similar to the above issue, Corey is trying to come up with a better way to keep track of payments to our referee. One possibility is to change from cash to check. Another option discussed is to have the weekly referee assignment spreadsheet e-mailed to the managers (in addition to the field coordinator), so that they know who the referees are supposed to be, and they can print the name of the referee reimbursement form in advance.

c) Indoor Skills payments

Corey believes that he has received payments from all teams for the indoor skills sessions, but he needs to verify.

d) Club Quarterly Financials

Corey did not have them complete at the time of the meeting, so he will e-mail them out to all managers shortly.

e) Fall season reimbursement requests

Corey has still not received fall reimbursement requests from all teams. Managers need to get these to Corey ASAP.

f) Bank account signatures

There were still a few teams that had not signed the updated bank account forms. For those that were at the meeting, Corey had the forms and got them signed after the meeting. For any teams that still need to do this but were not at the meeting, Corey will work with them to get them signed ASAP.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:

a) Communication to coaches

Jim plans to e-mail all coaches shortly, to lay out his expectations of them for the spring season, including pre-season meeting with parents, season plan, weekly report, etc.). Jim asked for all managers e-mail addresses so that he can copy them on his communication to the coaches. Paul will provide these to Jim.

b) Spring Coaches' Meeting

Jim plans to once again have a coaches meeting in March, most likely immediately preceding the March 15th board meeting, to go over expectations for the spring season. The current plan is to have this at Roberto's at 6pm. Attendance was very poor at last year's meeting, so all managers are being asked to reinforce that their coaches attend. It was also discussed that the meeting could be held at the Sports Zone on a Thursday night after the skills session, but this might not work, since it would be at 8pm, which could be too late for some.

c) Goalkeeper training

Jim reported that the Brendan Lawless is interested in doing our spring goalkeeper training. In addition, Jim has a qualified back-up candidate, Justin Burse, who would also be interested. Once the practice schedules are set and we know when we have an available field and time slot, Jim will decide who will provide this training for the club.

d) Coaching certification

Jim reported that the license status for our paid coaches is slowly but surely improving.

VII. Referee Coordinator's and Advisor's Reports:

a) Referee certification

Larry asked that all members encourage any interested teens or adults to pursue their referee certification, as we lost 8 referees last year, so we will need some new ones. Certification is much easier and less time consuming since much of it is now on-line. Paul will e-mail the information on this to all managers. In addition, Stan will be holding ASYO referee certification clinics for 12 year olds. These will be held in Monroe on March 16th, 18th and 20th.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

a) By-laws project

Niko was not present, but Paul reported in his absence that the sub-team has gone thru the three older documents, and revised them down to two documents: one covering by-laws, and the other covering policies. The sub-team needs to meet one more time to finalize the drafts, then Paul will send them out to all members for them to review. The revised documents will be voted on at the March meeting.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Courtney was not in attendance – nothing to report.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Nothing to report

XI. Rec Plus Report

a) Miscellaneous

Anthony reported that he has not yet been able to secure a location for Rec Plus indoor training. Jim O'Brien will confirm Mike Dyer's availability and then Anthony will see if anything is available either in Newton, Stratford, or possibly even a Monroe school gym.

XII. Old Business:

a) MSC Secretary

Paul asked all managers once again to solicit volunteers for the soon to be vacant (after the spring season) Secretary position, so we can begin transitioning before the fall season.

XIII. New Business:

a) Red Bulls tickets

Paul recently sent out information to all managers regarding group ticket discounts for Red Bulls games at their new, soccer-only stadium. The stadium opening is March 20th, and their first home game is March 27th. Managers should forward the info to their teams to see if there is enough interest (minimum of 15 people for discount).

b) Camps

Paul has updated the MSC website, deleting camps and other links that are no longer active, and adding available ones.

c) Next Meeting: Monday, March, 15th (April meeting April 19th is first Monday of April vacation, so it could be cancelled if we do not have enough people for quorum)

XIV. Adjourn:

Paul Peace adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Scott Flynn which was seconded by Lana Quincy.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh