



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2008

I. Call to order

Eric P. Murray called to order the regular meeting of the **Monroe Soccer Club** at **7:30 p.m.** on **March 17th** in **Monroe Library**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>
Frank Schiumo	Celtic
Courtney Carrano	Fury Green/Fury White
Carmine Caparaso	Blasters
Lana Quincy	Storm
Ron Grabowski	Lightning
Tom McHugh	Flames/Secretary
Stephen Douglas	Hurricanes
Scott Flynn	Flyers
Dan Kruk	Power
Larry Matthews	Ref. Coordinator
Lisa Klein	Equipment Mgr.
JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers
Niko Yanouzas	Xtreme/Vice President
Stan Tait	Ref. Advisor
Eric P. Murray	Storm/President
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director
Brian Purdy	AYSO
Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus

The following teams were not represented:

Girls U13 – Fusion (first missed meeting)

Boys U17 – Wolfpack (second missed meeting)

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 Stan Tait and seconded by Courtney Carrano:

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club April 21st 2008 Meeting as presented.

Motion passed by show of hands vote

IV. President's Report:

a) MSC Fall Season Kickoff Practice Session

Sessions will take place during the day the week of August 11th – 15th, (GHL available from 9am – 6pm) and during the evening the week of August 18th – 22nd (after 6pm). Team representatives please poll your coaches and parents, to get preferred week and times for your team, and let them know that cost should be approximately \$125 (less if we have good turnout). Time slots should be no more than 3 hours, so that they do not fall under camp guidelines. Communicate preferred dates and times to Eric Murray ASAP.

b) Tryouts for Fall 2008

Tryouts will take place during regular practice slots for 2 weeks, starting the week of June 9th. The first week is practice and the second week is the tryout. Info is now posted on the MSC website – please notify Eric if any of the information is incorrect, or if the dates need to change. Flyers will be given out at schools by 5/23, and ads will be placed in local newspapers the following two weeks. Please get the word out. Numbers should be available for all players, and they all must fill out the usual form.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) Financials

Ben was not able to make the meeting, so no report was provided. Eric will forward to all when available.

b) Savings accounts

This item will roll to the next agenda.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:

a) Goalkeeper Training

Jim O'Brien reported that he is still trying to get goalkeeper training up and running, but has not been able to get a trainer so far.

b) Coaches weekly letter

Weekly letters have been sporadic at best so far. Please encourage your coaches to submit them on a regular basis. The weekly reports should be sent to jobrien@mail.fairfield.edu. Dave Hansen's format is a good model for all to follow. (Jim – can you provide that to Eric so he can forward it to all teams?).

c) Fall Rec Plus Coach

Jim's recommendation for a fall Rec Plus coach for both boys and girls is Sam Bailey.

d) Fall Tryouts

Jim and his staff are all set for tryouts.

VII. Referee Coordinator's Report:

a) Larry reported that everything is running smoothly.

b) Stan reported that penalty box at GHJ is too wide (50yds – should be 44yds). Eric will send a diagram with correct dimensions to the town to see if they can correct it ASAP. Stan also reminded all that goalkeepers should all be wearing goalkeeper jerseys, not pennies.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

Tryout information flyers will be given out at schools by 5/23, and ads will be placed in local newspapers the following two weeks.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

Nothing new to report.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

- a) Still in need of a Maintenance Director. Eric reported that the Chalk Hill field seems to be improving, but still has a ways to go.

XI. Recreation Plus Report:

Anthony reported that Monroe has been asked to host a Jamboree. He is hoping to do it on 6/14, and Monroe Elementary and Chalk Hill both have some availability on that date. Anthony will coordinate with Eric and Courtney.

XII. Old Business:

- a) Red Bulls night

Eric will send an e-mail to managers with a suggested date

XIII. New Business:

Eric reported that most of the state has gone or is going to 8 vs 8 for U9 – U12 travel soccer. The only exceptions are all towns in the Southwest District, which are sticking to 11 vs 11. As this trend continues, teams will eventually all have to change if they want to be able to continue to participate in State Cup.

A question was raised as to the club's philosophy if after tryouts a particular age group has enough players for two teams. Should the teams be "balanced", or should they be "tier developmental", as most other teams in our district have done? Eric will look into this and advise all.

XIV. Wrap Up:

Eric P. Murray Adjourned the meeting.
Next Meeting is June 16th, 7:30 at Monroe Library

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh