



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

August 17th, 2009

I. Call to order

Matt Young called to order the regular meeting of the **Monroe Soccer Club** at **7:30 p.m.** on **August 17th** in **Monroe Library**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>
Matt Young	President/Wildcats	JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers
Janice Duffy	VP/Celtic/Hurricane	Niko Yanouzas	Xtreme
Jo-Ann Weiss	Hurricanes	Lisa Klein	Equipment Manager/Blasters
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames	Rob Williams	Fury
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor	Brian Newmeyer	United
Larry Matthews	Referee Coordinator	Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus
Ron Grabowski	Lightning	Eric Murray	Storm/Past Prez.
Jim Brown	Warriors	Eva Metro	Stingrays
Paula Caparaso	Blasters	Prudence Murray	United

The following team(s) were not represented:

All fall teams were represented

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 Bisesi.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club June 15th, 2009 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) Summer Camp feedback

Matt requested that managers send any feedback, positive or negative, to him via e-mail, so we can try to improve the summer camp for next year.

b) Pre-season team meetings

All teams are strongly encouraged to have pre-season team meetings, no later than the first week of the season. The coach should be there for at least a portion of the meeting, to discuss team philosophy, direction, etc. Once the meeting is scheduled, let Matt know the time and location, so either he or Janice can try to attend. He will also let Stan and Larry know, as they would also like to attend as many as possible.

c) Team Financials

As discussed in previous meetings, it will become mandatory in the future (once by-law updates are finalized) that managers share team financials with all team families. If you need to see an example, ask Matt or Corey.

d) New Treasurer vote – Corey Schneider

A vote was taken by a show of hands, and Corey Schneider was approved unanimously as the new MSC Treasurer. Congratulations to Corey, and a huge thanks to Ben Maini for his outstanding contribution to the club for the past three years, and his continued support thru the transition.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) MSC financials through July

Hard copies of the clubs financial statement through July were made available to all members.

b) Summer Camp fees

About half of the teams had paid at the time of the meeting. Matt asked that any manager who had not paid see him after the meeting. For teams that had less than 9 players participate (minimum for break-even), the potential penalty or charge will be determined off-line on a case by case basis, depending on the roster size and the number below the minimum.

c) Fall registration due by August 31st

If managers had not already done so, they should send a request to their team ASAP for fall registration fees. Once collected, managers should send a check, along with a copy of a spreadsheet which shows player name and amount paid, with comments for exceptions such as sibling discount, referee advance (see below), etc. This should go to the MSC P.O. Box, to the attention of Corey Schneider.

d) Referee advance – \$400 per team deducted from registration

All teams should deduct \$400 when sending in the registration fees to the club, to be used towards referee payments.

e) Winter session fees due by December 1st

It was requested that the scheduling for this year's winter indoor skills sessions try to better accommodate both boys and girls basketball schedules, especially since we are making this a mandatory activity for all teams. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

f) On-line banking

Niko requested that Corey look into what needs to be done to activate on-line banking with all of the teams' HSBC checking accounts. Corey will discuss this with Ben and HSBC.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:**a) Jim was not present at the meeting, so there was no report.**

Although Jim was not there, I am sure at the very least he would have asked that all managers remind their coaches to submit weekly reports to him once the fall season begins.

VII. Referee Coordinator's and Advisor's Reports:**a) Referee assignments**

Larry informed us that the CJSA is considering more strictly enforcing the policy that the person responsible for making the referee assignments cannot assign a family member, as it is considered a conflict of interest. Since both Larry and Stan are assigners, this will not pose a problem for us, and it is expected that this is the way most clubs will manage this issue.

b) Referee certification/training

Stan informed us that the CJSA's current focus is on re-certifying current refs, before new referee training will be offered. In addition, there are still plans to offer on-line training, but it is still not know when this will be available.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

a) Rec Plus notification

Niko reported that he attempted to get the Rec Plus clinic notification in the local paper two times, but it did not make the paper for whatever reason.

b) Update of by-laws

Niko reported that the sub-team continues to make good progress on updating the by-laws, and should be ready to present something for board approval in the near future. He may need to assign some "homework" to a few individuals that are more knowledgeable in certain areas, to make sure that all areas are updated accurately

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Practices start the week of 8/31

All managers should inform their team(s) that practices will start the week of 8/31, and that practice slots will be finalized and communicated during the week of 8/24.

b) Fall field lining

Field lining needs to be completed by Labor Day Weekend, as games begin the following weekend. Eric will e-mail and post to the website the field lining assignments ASAP, trying to keep consistency with last year to minimize the learning curve.

c) Fall field situation – Chalk Hill; 8v8 at GHL

The plan for Chalk Hill is to have a small 8v8 field in the middle of Chalk Hill, and to have repairs made to both ends of the field. At GHL, we need to increase the size of the 8v8 field to accommodate the fact that U11 is now 8v8.

d) Home games/scheduling

As soon as managers get their game schedules from their league commissioners, they should e-mail Courtney with the dates and opponents for home games, so that she can coordinate the game times and locations as quickly as possible. Also, managers should put all games (home and away) on the website, so Courtney can just update the time and location for the home games, and can avoid scheduling conflicts for coaches that have more than one team.

e) Practice jerseys

Courtney is planning on placing an order for MSC practice jerseys. If anyone is interested in getting some, contact Courtney no later than 8/20, with quantity, size, last name, jersey number, and specify short or long sleeve.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Field maintenance

The plan is to have whichever company is awarded the Chalk Hill repair contract also gets the general field maintenance contract.

XI. Rec Plus Report

- a) Anthony reported that after the recent clinic (8/15), he has 19 registrants, so right now that is only enough for 2 teams. There were 7 boys who did not make travel who expressed interest in Rec Plus – Anthony and Janice will contact the ASAP. Niko and Lisa will investigate getting Rec Plus information out to a broader audience through the school list-serve. Also Matt and Anthony will reach out to AYSO to make sure they help spread the word as well.

XII. Old Business:

a) Next Meeting

The next MSC Board meeting will be on Monday, September 14th.

XIII. New Business:

a) New Registrar(s) needed

Both Steve Ullman and Donna Konkol are planning on stepping down from their registrar duties at the end of the fall season, and will need to be replaced. Matt mentioned that there are at least 2 possible replacements, and he will discuss the possibility with them further. If managers have not already done so, they should pick up their rosters and player passes from their respective registrars.

b) CT Cup forms due to Matt by 8/24; due to CJSA by 8/27

All managers need to complete these forms and get them to Matt by 8/24 if they plan on participating in the CT Cup this fall. At the time of the meeting, approximately half of the teams had completed this task..

c) CT Cup rosters due and frozen 9/9

For new teams – make copies of the Cup rosters, and make sure you bring the frozen cup roster to the Cup games, as the referees will not accept the league roster.

d) CT Cup draw will take place on 9/16

Games will begin the following weekend.

e) Fall keeper training

The keeper trainer that we had last year has started a new position and will not be available. Matt will try to find a replacement ASAP. As usual, players that participate in this training are allowed to miss one regular team practice per week. Teams should not send more than 2 – 3 players to this training.

XIV. Wrap Up:

Matt Young adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Larry Matthews which was seconded by Rob Williams.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh