



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

June 15th, 2009

I. Call to order

Matt Young called to order the regular meeting of the **Monroe Soccer Club** at **7:30 p.m.** on **June 15th** 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
J. Weiss	Hurricanes	Lisa Klein	Equipment Manager/Blasters
Courtney Carrano	Fury/Warriors/Field Coordinator	Jason Vincent	Wildcats
Ben Maini	Treasurer	Sheryl Rajpolt	Fusion
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames	Donna Konkol	Girls Registrar
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director	Ron Grabowski	Lightning
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor	Larry Matthews	Referee Coordinator
Cathy Schiumo	Celtic	Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus
Lana Quincy	Storm	Paul Peace	Fury
Scott Weiss	AYSO	Rob Williams	Fury
Brian Purdy	AYSO	John Pavlik	Fury/Tigers
Scott Flynn	Flyers		

The following team(s) were not represented:

U16 Girls Power

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 Courtney Carrano.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club May 18th, 2009 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) Summer Camp

All teams need to e-mail their first and second choices for summer camp time slots to Courtney ASAP so we can finalize the dates and times with Parks and Rec. Teams that do not submit their preferences will get whatever is available after requests are considered.

b) Team selection process a& considerations

Matt reminded all managers that evaluations need to be submitted to the coaches, and coaches need to make their recommendations to Jim O'Brien for his approval. Also it was recommended that all teams should know the situations of the age groups above and below them so decisions are made in the best interest of the club and all players, and not in a vacuum. If a team plan to go from 1 to 2 teams, they must let Jim O'Brien know so he can begin working on securing a coach. As a reminder, the bylaws state that we must notify parents regarding acceptance or rejection within 14 days of the last tryout.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) Reimbursements in by 6/30

All referee and tournament reimbursement requests need to be submitted to Ben (electronically if possible) no later than 6/30, otherwise payment may be delayed until a new treasurer is up to speed.

b) New Treasurer candidate

Cory Schnieder was once again present at the meeting. Ron Grabowski nominated him as a candidate for the Treasurer position, and Niko Yanouzas seconded the nomination. His nomination for consideration was approved by a show of hands, and the vote will take place either at the July meeting, or electronically if there is no July meeting (which most people recommended).

c) Chase bank account

Ben confirmed that all teams have closed or at least zeroed out their team accounts at Chase. Based on this confirmation, Ben and Eric plan to close out the master account and all team accounts in July.

d) Coaches payments

Ben requested that by 6/30, all teams submit to him (electronically) an accounting of their 2009 payments to their coaches (1/1/09 – 6/30/09)

VI. Coaching Director's Report:**a) Tryouts**

Jim informed the group that as of Monday, June 15th, all tryouts but the ones scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th had been completed. Those were to be made up on Tuesday, June 16th. Overall Jim felt that the tryouts went very well. During this discussion Matt recommended us that for any existing players that are cut or any new players that are rejected, managers should let them know about the Rec Plus option. For any cuts, Jim needs to review beforehand to ensure that documentation exists and that they are all handled in a consistent and professional manner.

b) End-of-Season reports

Jim asked that managers remind the coaches to submit to him end-of season reports to him if they have not done so already.

c) Coaches for the fall

Managers must let Jim know ASAP if they will need a coach for the fall.

VII. Referee Coordinator's and Advisor's Reports:**a) Chalk Hill field condition.**

There was a lot of discussion regarding two Rec Plus games that were played at Chalk Hill despite the field being closed (1 with referees, 1 without). In summary, it appears that it was a communication breakdown, but it highlighted the need to tighten up the Rec Plus cancellation policy/procedure to prevent this from happening in the future. Matt's recommendation is that he will look into setting up an auto e-mail that goes out to all MSC members whenever the fields are closed. In addition, Ben will look into canceling all mailboxes tied to the hotline (as none of them are being used), so that the hotline message plays automatically, rather than having to punch in a mailbox number.

b) Miscellaneous

Larry and Stan will send out a memo before the start of the fall season to remind all managers about things like corner flags, ref payment procedure, etc. Scott interjected that once we have job boxes stocked and operational at all of the fields, this will improve things quite a bit. The job boxes will have flags, sandbags, tiebacks, icepacks, Quik-Dri, and locks that use the same keys as the goal locks.

c) Comments to officials

Larry mentioned that referees are continuing to deal with excessive complaining, mainly from some of the paid coaches. Jim asked Larry to let them know the names of the coaches so that he can address it. Larry and Stan reminded all that they should send feedback to them if we have comments (good or bad) regarding any referee.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

a) 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.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Nothing new to report (covered in other sections).

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Chalk Hill

The AYSO and MSC boards need to collectively come up with a game plan very soon as to how to best address the extremely poor field conditions at Chalk Hill. The feeling was that whatever the game plan, we will most likely not be able to use Chalk Hill in the fall. One of the recommendations was that we may want to use Chalk Hill for the new "mid-sized" U11 8v8 fields, which would allow the field to be turned each year.

XI. Rec Plus Report

a) Anthony plans to hold a Rec Plus clinic on 8/15 at Monroe Elementary for 2 – 3 hours, and asked Jim O'Brien to provide 1 - 2 coaches.

XII. Old Business:

a) Fundraising

Lana reported that we are getting close to finalizing the details of something like the 'Spirit Cards' that the Masuk band has done historically. Additionally, Jim will send the UF schedule to Lana, so we can pick a date, and let him know how many free tickets the club wants to sell as a fundraiser as well as a way to support local soccer.

b) Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 20th, but the majority of the group recommended that we do not have the meeting, and handle any necessary action items via e-mail until the August meeting. Action: Matt to confirm whether or not the July meeting is on or cancelled.

XIII. New Business:

a) Vote for approval of new Fury manager

Matt informed us that Courtney Carrano is stepping down from her managerial duties for the Fury and Warriors. For the Fury(?), Paul Peace nominated Rob Williams (who was previously approved by the team parents), and his nomination was seconded by John Pavlik. Rob was approved as the new manager (of the Fury?) by a show of hands, pending background check. For any other teams that find themselves in a similar position between now and the fall, the nomination and voting process can be handled electronically if we do not have a July meeting.

b) Playing up

As there have been many off-line discussions on this topic, Matt brought it up to reiterate the club's position, which is that playing-up should only be considered when a team needs it to field enough players to keep a team in existence, or when a player is so dominant in their age group that he/she is not being challenged. Everyone was in agreement with this principle in general, and specific team situations were discussed with Jim and Matt immediately after the meeting.

XIV. Wrap Up:

Matt Young adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Jason Vincent which was seconded by Scott Flynn.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh