



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

May 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 **May 17th** in **Monroe Library**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Name:	Team/Function:
Matt Young	President/Wildcats
Janice Duffy	VP/Celtic/Hurricane
J. Weiss	Hurricanes
Courtney Carrano	Fury/Warriors/Field Coordinator
Ben Maini	Treasurer
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor
Janice Duffy	Vice President/Celtic
Lana Quincy	Storm
Rick Johnson	Review Board
Brian Purdy	AYSO
Larry Matthews	Referee Coordinator
Ron Grabowski	Lightning
Donna Konkol	Girls Registrar
Sheryl Rajpolt	Fusion
JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers
Niko Yanouzas	Xtreme
Rick Rowan	Power
Lisa Klein	Equipment Manager/ Blasters
Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus
Scott Flynn	Flyers

The following team(s) were not 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 Larry Matthews and seconded by Stan Tait.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club April 27th, 2009 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) U10 – U14 Tryouts – last minute considerations

Dates and times have been posted to the website – managers should let Matt know ASAP if any changes need to be made. Teams may want to have a team meeting before the tryouts to have an idea who will be trying out so they know what situation they have going into the fall, and can make informed acceptance/rejection decisions. Jim O'Brien will make sure that at least one evaluator per team is provided. The preference is that all players make both tryouts, but it is mandatory to make at least one. Managers should remind all players to not wear MSC apparel during the actual tryout week.

b) U9 Tryout Status

The first scheduled U9 tryouts did not take place due to field closures. The next tryout date is 5/31. If there are any players cannot make that date, then the recommendation was that they attend the U10 tryouts to be evaluated. So far we have 18 boys and 8 girls, but we expect that we will have enough girls by the fall.

c) Summer Camp

We need to book Great Hollow Lake ASAP with Parks and Rec. Matt will take care of that the week of May 17th, and then further details will be worked out at the June meeting.

d) Field closing and juggling

This topic was tabled until the Referee Coordinator's report.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) Financials through April

Ben brought copies of the financial report for all to review. Preliminary numbers indicate that we made \$6,700 from the indoor skills sessions, which was \$1,700 more than the previous year. Taxes for the club were submitted on time, and Ben brought a copy in case any wanted to review. Copies of both will be filed with the official club minutes.

All teams were represented.

b) New Treasurer candidate

Cory Schnieder was present at the meeting and has volunteered to the Treasurer positions. Ben and Matt were to meet with him after the board meeting.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:

Jim commented that it has been a mixed bag as far as coaches' compliance on submitting weekly reports on a consistent basis. He asked that managers remind their coaches to do a better job with this, as it is the best way for Jim to keep track of teams' progress. Jim reported that he has evaluators all lined up for tryouts during the week of 6/8. Brian Neumeyer will be the new U19 boys coach, and Laura Mrowka will coach the U9 girls. During the Coaching Directors' report, the topic of U13 teams came up, in regards to the possibility of players 'playing up'. Jim and Matt reminded all that the usual criteria for playing up is: a) a player is clearly dominating their age group or b) having someone play up is the only way for a team to have enough players to stay in existence. So for now, all players need to tryout for their appropriate age group. If there any special considerations such as playing up, or trying to determine 1 vs. 2 teams, the managers should discuss with Matt and Jim before any final decisions are made.

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

As everyone is well aware, Chalk Hill is in very rough condition, and this topic sparked a lot of lively discussion. Stan reminded all that games should not be played if there is standing water on any field. The recommendation is that we try to avoid using Chalk Hill as much as possible, recognizing that this will be difficult, due to lacrosse field use this year. If we have another situation in which we have substantial rainfall towards the end of the week, the club will try to coordinate a game plan on Friday evening. Moving forward, Matt and Courtney will try to develop a better working relationship with the new Parks and Rec person, Dave Freeman, to improve our current situation of fields being closed prematurely and unnecessarily.

b) Referee certification

Stan informed the group that on-line testing is going forward, so this will be the way of the future for new referees to become certified.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:**a) Tryout information will be in the local papers the weeks of 5/17 and 5/25.**

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

- a) Nothing new to report

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

- a) Two job boxes are now in Courtney's garage. These need to be brought to the fields by AYSO. Also, a 50lb drum of Quik-Dri is now at Chalk Hill field.

XI. Rec Plus Report

- a) Once again, Anthony will hold a sign-up clinic for the fall season. Anthony suggested that we may want to reconsider the current requirement that all Rec Plus players must also play AYSO, as it may be hurting participation levels, especially considering the current economy. Anthony mentioned that there are some other issues that need to be discussed regarding the future direction of Rec Plus, and Matt recommended that he, Anthony and Jim schedule a separate meeting to discuss.

XII. Old Business:

a) Securing Goals

50 lb sandbags with handles are now available and will be brought to Monroe Elementary and Great Hollow Lake fields. Ideally, these will be kept in the job boxes once they are at the fields.

b) Fundraising (Matt and Lana)

Matt and Lana had one meeting since the previous meeting, and have kicked around a few ideas, but nothing has been finalized yet. Among the ideas are: a silent auction, fundraising cards (like Spirit cards), a banquet or possibly a cookout. Jim O'Brien mentioned once again that we still have the opportunity to get Fairfield University tickets for no cost, and can then sell them (face value is \$5) as a way to raise funds and promote soccer. Jim will get information to Matt on this.

c) Scholarships

Rick Johnson reported that there were 3 girl and 6 boy applicants fore the AYSO/MSC scholarships. The recommendation for the girl's scholarship was Cecilia Manson, and for the boys, the review board vote resulted in a tie between Chris Deil and Patrick Flynn. The recommendation was that as a one-time exception we should give 2 boys scholarships this year due to the tie, with AYSO and MSC sharing in the increased cost. Stan Tait seconded Rick's motion, and it was passed by a show of hands. The recommendation to award the scholarships to the above three candidates was approved by a show of hands. Niko will put the announcement about the scholarships in the local papers, and Matt will attend and present the awards to 2 of the 3 recipients at the Masuk awards night.

XIII. New Business:

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15th.

XIV. Wrap Up:

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

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh