



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2009

I. Call to order

Matt Young called to order the regular meeting of the **Monroe Soccer Club** at **7:30 p.m.** on **October 19th** 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	Paul Peace	Fury
Janice Duffy	VP/Celtic/Hurricane	Niko Yanouzas	Xtreme
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director	Lisa Klein	Equipment Manager/Blasters
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames	Rob Williams	Fury
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor	Prudence Murray	United
Courtney Carrano	Field Coordinator	Eva Metro	Stingrays
Ben Maini	Lightning	Richard Bruenig	Blasters
Donna Konkol	Warriors/Girls Registrar	Lana Quincy	Storm/Field Maintenance
Corey Schneider	Treasurer	Brian Purdy	AYSO

The following team(s) were not represented:

U11 Girls Tigers
U12 Boys Hurricane

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 September 14th, 2009 Meeting as presented, with one revision in the President's Report regarding the new Boys' Registrar.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) Background checks

All volunteers associated with the MSC (board members, managers, coaches, and assistant coaches) need to complete the CJSA background check ASAP.

b) Indoor Training

All managers should send out a note to their team to get an initial headcount for the winter indoor skills session. The sessions will once again be held on Thursday evenings (6-7 or 7-8) at the Sports Zone, between mid-February and late March. Teams should collect fees (\$150 per player) by the end of November.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) Timely reimbursements and payments

Since there has been a problem with Corey being able to access the p.o. box, some payments and reimbursements were behind schedule. So for the time being, managers can send payments or reimbursement requests to Corey either electronically or by mail to Corey Schneider's home address.

b) Indoor Session

This topic was covered during the President's report.

c) On-line banking

This is on Corey's to-do list. To make sure it gets set-up correctly, all managers should make sure that Corey has their correct e-mail address.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:

a) Rec Plus

Overall Rec Plus has been going well, although recent bad weather has caused some disruptions.

b) Coaching Conduct

Jim reminded all about proper coaching conduct towards referees, as we had some bad examples set recently, which have been addressed.

c) Coaching Certification

Over the next few months, Jim will be focusing on getting as many coaches as possible thru the E-certification classes which are held over weekends at Mohegan Sun. If we can get enough participants, we may be able to take advantage of some group rate discounts. Any Assistant Coaches who are interested should notify Jim as well.

d) MSC Night at the University of Fairfield

Jim reported that the MSC night at UF Soccer was a big success, as we had a very strong turnout.

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

a) Referee schedule

Larry was not in attendance. Stan reported on Larry's behalf that there was a recent example of a very last minute (same day) request for referees for a Rec Plus game, which apparently was a result of a communications breakdown. He reminded the group that given our relative shortage of referees, the ref schedule is final on Friday and we cannot handle these types of requests.

b) Referee certification

Stan reported that starting in January, an on-line referee certification module will be available for new referees. In addition to the on-line module, 2 evening sessions are required to complete the certification.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

Niko had nothing new to report.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

Courtney had nothing new to report.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Lights

One of the light towers broke recently, but fortunately no one was hurt. It is critical that no one other than Eric or Scott touch the light towers. During the meeting it was recommended that locks be placed on them, and that only Eric and Scott would be given keys (Scott will look into this). Courtney also recommended that we investigate purchasing at least 1, and possibly 2 more lights. Before doing so, Matt will look into the approval process with the town, to make sure we can use them if we were to purchase more.

b) Goals at GHL

The goal anchors at GHL are broken on some of the nets, and the sandbags do not have anywhere near enough sand in them. Scott (?) will take care of this.

XI. Rec Plus Report

a) Winter Clinic

Anthony will begin organizing the winter clinic by the next meeting.

XII. Old Business:

a) Bylaw project

Niko reported that the sub-team has made very good progress recently on the bylaw project. He has 3 word documents (with tracked changes) which will be sent to the Executive Board for review before the next meeting. He suggested that Matt stay involved with this project until its completion, so as not to dump this in the lap of the incoming President. Matt agreed with this recommendation.

b) New President

Courtney Carrano made a nomination, and Rob Williams seconded it, for Paul Peace as the next MSC President, to replace Matt Young who is stepping down at the end of the 2009 fall season. Paul gave everyone a brief personal history, which includes being an SWD commissioner several years back. There were no other nominations, so nominations are now closed, and Paul will be voted on at the next meeting.

XIII. New Business:

a) Girls Registrar

Anita McCarter has volunteered to become the next Girls' Registrar, so JoAnn Weiss will not have to assume these duties. Anita has already begun the transition with Donna Konkol, so she should be fully up to speed by the spring season. Steve Ulman should make sure he begins working with Aaron Bahamandi, who has volunteered to take on the Boys' Registrar duties, to ensure a smooth transition as well.

b) Next Meeting – Monday, November 16th at 7:30 pm

XIV. Adjourn:

Matt Young adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Courtney Carrano which was seconded by Lana Quincy.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh