



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2010

I. Call to order

Paul Peace called to order the regular meeting of the **Monroe Soccer Club** at **7:30 p.m.** on **March 15th, 2010** in the **Monroe Library**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Team/Function:</u>
Paul Peace	President	Frank Schiumo	Celtic - absent
Janice Duffy	VP/Celtic/Hurricanes	Tom McHugh	Flames
Corey Schneider	Treasurer	Scott Flynn	Flyers
Tom McHugh	Secretary/Flames	Rob Williams	Fury
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director - absent	Jo Ann Weiss	Hurricanes
Niko Yanouzas	Communication Dir.	Ron Grabowski	Lightning
Lisa Klein	Equipment Coordinator	Eva Metro	Stingrays
Courtney Carrano	Field Coordinator - absent	Lana Quincy	Storm (2 teams) - absent
Vacant	Field Maintenance Dir.	JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers
Matt Young	Immed. Past President - absent	Prudence Murray	United
Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus - absent	Donna Konkol	Warriors (2 teams)
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor – absent	Tom Logan	Wildcats (2 teams)
Larry Matthews	Referee Coord.		
Aaron Bahamande	Boys Registrar - absent		
Anita McCarter	Girls Registrar		
	AYSO Rep - absent		

The following team(s) were not represented: Celtic, Storm, Wildcats.

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 Rob Williams.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club February 22nd, 2010 Meeting as presented.
The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:**a) MSC Review Board**

The Review Board was chartered for disciplinary matters, as well as administration of the merit scholarship. We currently have 2 vacancies due to recent retirements – Rick Johnson and Rick Rowan. Paul Peace solicited volunteers, Niko Yanouzas and Larry Matthews volunteered. Scott Flynn made a motion to vote for Niko and Larry. The vote was passed by a show of hands. We thank Rick and Rick for their many years of service and contributions to the MSC, and congratulate Larry and Niko on their being added to the Review Board.

b) Connecticut Cup

Paul recently sent in applications for eight Monroe teams to participate in the CT Cup this spring. Each team will need to send in a copy of their team roster to the CJSA office in Farmington by April 7th, to avoid the \$100 late fee.

V. Treasurer's Report:**a) Club Financials**

Corey provided copies of the club financials through February, with no major news to report.

b) Spring Registration fees

Spring registration fees are due to Corey by April 15^h, so that the club can send them into the CJSA SWD by April 30th. The fees are the same as in recent years, including the sibling discount.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:**a) Coaching certification update**

Jim was not present at the meeting, but Paul reported in his absence that 5 MSC coaches recently completed the youth module: Bjorne Burke, Michael Dyer, David Hanson, Laura Mrowka, and Brandon Lawless.

b) Spring Coaches' Meeting

Jim plans to have a coaches meeting after one of the upcoming Indoor Skills sessions at the Sports Zone. Update – after the meeting, Jim communicated to all coaches that the meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25th at 8pm at the Sports Zone. All coaches are expected to attend.

c) Goalkeeper training

Justin Bears has been selected and has agreed to provide MSC keeper training this spring. The sessions will be either on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evenings – this will be communicated at the same time as the practice slots.

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

a) Referee certification

Larry reported that so far eight youths and one adult are taking the on-line referee certification course. Anyone interested in doing this and being eligible to referee this spring must complete the on-line portion of the certification by the end of March

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

a) Merit Scholarship

Niko is working with Rick Johnson to get the scholarship letters out to the area schools.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Indoor Skills training – coaches payment

Courtney was not present, but it was recommended that the half-payment that is due to the coaches for the indoor skills training be distributed at the coaches' meeting, as a way to ensure good attendance. All agreed that this was a good idea.

b) Monroe fields

Paul reminded the members that all fields are closed until communication is sent out stating that they are open. It is critical that all teams stay off the fields until they are ready, especially after all of the rain we have had recently.

c) Field lining

We need to communicate the field lining assignments (same as the fall) and coordinate the supplies and the dates for the spring.

d) Home games

When each team gets their league schedule from their respective commissioner, they must e-mail Courtney the dates and opponents for all home games. Several managers requested that we get the games scheduled further out this season, rather than the week of the game. Paul committed to work with Courtney to ensure that this happens.

e) Practice Slots

Each team should send an e-mail immediately to Courtney requesting their preferred days and times for practice, and she will do her best to accommodate all requests.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Nothing to report

XI. Rec Plus Report

a) District Meeting - rosters

Although Anthony was not present, Paul reported that there was discussion at the most recent district meeting that Rec Plus may be moving towards requiring certified rosters.

XII. Old Business:

a) MSC Secretary

We are still in need of a volunteer to step forward. JoAnn Weiss is considering it.

XIII. New Business:

a) Power Savings of CT

Larry Matthews introduced 2 gentlemen who presented a fund-raising opportunity for the club. If the club chooses to participate, it would receive \$15 per household and \$20 per business that switches their electricity provider to Discount Power/Power Savings of CT, and the club would earn an additional bonus of \$125 for every 50 accounts obtained. Since Larry is also a broker, and therefore an interested party, he has asked to recuse himself and leave the room while the members discussed the issue. The group wanted to take a little more time to consider this issue before coming to a decision.

b) Dan Nickdow charity soccer game

Representatives from the Power presented to the members the plan for a charity soccer game which is being held as a fundraiser and in memory of Don Nickdow, the long-time coach of the Power who passed away recently. They were asking that the club help with the communication regarding the event, which will be held on Saturday, June 19th from 10am – 1pm at the Sports Zone in Trumbull. In addition, they asked if the club would consider becoming a Gold Sponsor, by making a donation of \$1,000. All of the funds will go toward Juvenile Diabetes, as well as the newly developed Don Nickdow memorial scholarship fund at Masuk. Ron Grabowski made a motion which was seconded by Larry Matthews that the MSC become a Gold Sponsor. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

- c) **Next Meeting: Monday, April, 19th** (Since this is the first day of school vacation in Monroe, Paul is going to see if we can get a room in one of the town schools, and move the meeting to Monday, April 12th.)

XIV. Adjourn:

Paul Peace adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Scott Flynn which was seconded by Donna Konkol.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh