



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

May 17th, 2010

I. Call to order

Paul Peace called to order the regular meeting of the Monroe Soccer Club at 7:30 p.m. on May 17th, 2010 in the Edith Wheeler Memorial 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	Corey Schneider	Fury
Jim O'Brien	Coaching Director	Jo Ann Weiss	Hurricanes - absent
Niko Yanouzas	Communication Dir.	Ron Grabowski	Lightning
Lisa Klein	Equipment Coordinator	Eva Metro	Stingrays – absent
Courtney Carrano	Field Coordinator – absent	Lana Quincy	Storm (2 teams)
Vacant	Field Maintenance Dir.	JoAnn Bisesi	Tigers
Matt Young	Immed. Past President	Prudence Murray	United
Anthony Esposito	Rec Plus	Donna Konkol	Warriors (2 teams)
Stan Tait	Referee Advisor	Matt Young	Wildcats (2 teams)
Larry Matthews	Referee Coord.		
Aaron Bahamande	Boys Registrar – absent		
Anita McCarter	Girls Registrar		
Ron Purdy	AYSO Rep		

The following team(s) were not represented: Celtic, Hurricanes, and Stingrays.

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 April 12th, 2010 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:**a) New spectator locations at GHL**

When 2 games are being played simultaneously at the first 2 fields at GHL, we cannot have spectators between the fields, as it does not leave enough room for the A/R's. All spectators for the full field must be up on the hill behind the goal. Paul will send a note to all managers to that they can communicate this to all parents as well as to opposing teams.

b) Goal use at practices and removal after games

Paul reminded all present that no goals are allowed on the goal lines during practice, and must be removed from the fields and locked after the last practice of the evening. GHL goals must be moved off the fields after the last game of the day on Saturdays and Sundays - Ron Purdy will check with Dave Freedman as to where they should be placed, and will also make sure all goals have anchors, locks, and have the tires pumped.

V. Treasurer's Report:**a) Nothing new to report****VI. Coaching Director's Report:****a) Coaches' Weekly Reports**

Jim reported that the compliance of coaches submitting weekly reports has improved dramatically this season, and he gave the reports a grade of B+ overall.

b) Goalkeeper training

Goalkeeper training was expected to be back on track for the week of 5/17. The glitch of the previous week was unfortunately caused by a death in Justin Bears' family. Jim is putting back-up trainers in place to make sure that we can keep the same time slot in the event of a future absence by Justin.

c) Rec Plus

Jim reported that for U8 we only have 3 girls and 7 boys, which is very concerning. We need to improve these numbers dramatically if we hope to field two U9 teams in the fall.

d) Tryouts

Jim is all set as far as having evaluators available for tryouts. He needs to have all teams to provide number of players expected so he can have the right amount of evaluators available. As previously mentioned, tryouts will be held during teams' regular practice slots during the second and third weeks of June. Communication be sent out shortly to newspapers, Monroe schools list serve, MSC website, AYSO, etc.).

e) USA Men's Soccer

Jim let everyone know that on Tuesday, May 25th, 2010, the US Men's soccer team will be playing the Czech Republic at Renschler Field.

f) New women's Compression Shorts

Jim learned of some new women's compression shorts which are designed to help prevent ACL injuries. He will forward a link to Paul regarding these shorts, so that he can forward onto all MSC members in case they would like to order them.

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

a) Referee feedback

Larry said he has received some good feedback from a few managers regarding the referees, and reminded all to continue to do, whether the feedback is positive or negative

b) Refereeing at away games

The issue was brought up about "home-town" refereeing at away games, and many in attendance agreed that it seems to be getting worse. Larry and Stan's advice is that managers should always get the names of the referees before the game, so they can report a complaint to the district if necessary. And in the event that a manager feels that the game has become unsafe due the referees' failure to control the game, the manager has the right to take their team off of the field.

c) Stan Tait

Stan announced to the group that he has resigned as Referee Advisor, to allow for more flexibility of referee scheduling, based on the new referee assignment rules that were recently put into effect. He will still be an active referee, but will no longer be a board member. We thank Stan for his many years of dedicated service to the MSC Board.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:

a) Merit Scholarship

Niko reported that the scholarship deadline will be extended, as the P.O. Box had not yet been checked for scholarship applications.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Game scheduling

Courtney was not present, but it was requested that she schedule the GHF large field as much as possible. Paul will follow-up with Courtney on this issue.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:

a) Field conditions

Lana reported that overall the fields look good, with the exception of a hole developing at Chalk Hill.

XI. Rec Plus Report

a) Miscellaneous

Anthony reported that for the high school aged boys, there are only 2 teams, so he was looking for creative ways for the Monroe team to have a season, without having to play the same team repeatedly. The recommendation was to arrange some friendly's with some of the other MSC boys' teams (Fury/Lightning).

b) Fees for next year

Anthony inquired as to whether or not the fees will be the same for next fall, before the AYSO flyer is sent out.

XII. Old Business:

a) MSC Secretary

Once again all were reminded that we will soon have a vacancy in the MSC Secretary position, and asked managers to send a note to parents asking someone to consider volunteering.

b) Power Savings of CT

Eva Metro was not present, but Corey Schneider brought the issue up for discussion. After the discussion, Niko made a motion to give Corey the right to negotiate the details to be able to move forward with this fund-raising idea. Scott Flynn seconded the motion, and it was passed by a show of hands.

c) MSC By-laws and Policy documents

Scott Flynn raised the concern, and all present agreed, that the changes made to the old documents need to be summarized and sent to all for review (rather than just sending the new documents). Paul committed to get this done in enough time so that all would have a chance to review and be prepared to raise their concerns and hopefully vote at the June meeting.

XIII. New Business:

a) **Next meeting – Monday, June 21st, 2010 – at the library**

b) **MSC President**

Paul announced that he and his family will be moving to San Antonio this summer, so the MSC will be in need of a new President for the fall season.

XIV. Adjourn:

Paul Peace adjourned the meeting, based on a motion from Lana Quincy which was seconded by Niko Yanouzas.

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh