



Monroe Soccer Club

Meeting Minutes

June 21st, 2010

I. Call to order

Paul Peace called to order the regular meeting of the Monroe Soccer Club at 7:30 p.m. on June 21st, 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> |
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| Paul Peace | President | Frank Schiumo | Celtic - absent |
| Janice Duffy | VP/Celtic/Hurricanes | Tom McHugh | Flames |
| Corey Schneider | Treasurer | Scott Flynn | Flyers - absent |
| Tom McHugh | Secretary/Flames | Rob Williams | Fury |
| Jim O'Brien | Coaching Director - absent | Scott Weiss | Hurricanes |
| Niko Yanouzas | Communication Dir. | Ron Grabowski | Lightning |
| Lisa Klein | Equipment Coordinator - absent | Eva Metro | Stingrays |
| Courtney Carrano | Field Coordinator | Lana Quincy | Storm (2 teams) |
| Scott Quincy | Field Maintenance Dir. | JoAnn Bisesi | Tigers - absent |
| Matt Young | Immed. Past President - absent | Prudence Murray | United |
| Anthony Esposito | Rec Plus | Donna Konkol | Warriors (2 teams) |
| Larry Matthews | Referee Coord. | Jason Vincent | Wildcats - absent |
| Aaron Bahamande | Boys Registrar – absent | | |
| Anita McCarter | Girls Registrar | | |
| Brian Purdy | AYSO Rep | | |
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The following team(s) were not represented: Celtic, Flyers, Tigers and 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 Lana Quincy and seconded by Niko Yanouzas.

Approve the Minutes of the Monroe Soccer Club May 17th, 2010 Meeting as presented.

The motion passed by a show of hands.

IV. President's Report:

a) Season-ending reports

If they have not already done so, all managers should remind their coaches to submit their end of the season reports to them, and cc Jim O'Brien and Paul Peace.

b) Try-out evaluations follow-up

Jim is trying to have all try-out evaluations completed and into him by Wednesday, June 23rd. Managers should not notify any players that they have or have not made the team until Jim has reviewed all evaluations with the coach. Jim expects to complete this by the end of this week.

c) Fall team notifications and team meetings, and pre-season training

Teams should plan to have their team meetings some time during the last two weeks of August, possibly during the pre-season training sessions. It was discussed that if all of the sessions can be scheduled for 4:30pm or later, the club can avoid paying \$1,000 for renting the fields at GHL.

d) Secretary candidate/vote?

Rob Williams made a nomination which was seconded by Ron Grabowski that Lya Schulz be considered as the new MSC secretary, replacing the incumbent who is stepping down after the spring 2010 season. Since this is an Executive Board position, it can not be voted until at least 30 days after the nomination, so the vote will either be done electronically sometime after July 21st, or will take place at the next meeting.

e) Field Coordinator candidate/vote?

Courtney Carrano is stepping down as Field Coordinator after the spring 2010 season. Ron Grabowski made a motion which was seconded by Niko Yanouzas that Lana Quincy be voted on as the new Field Coordinator. This motion was approved unanimously by a show of hands. Congratulations and thanks to Lana for stepping up into this challenging position.

f) MSC Policies and Bylaws discussion and vote

Paul reviewed the feedback he had received regarding the updated MSC Policies and Bylaws documents:

Bylaws

- In the Service Board of Directors section, add **AYSO Representative** as a voting position. The representative should be either the Regional or Assistant Regional Commissioner of the Monroe AYSO or a designee. This recommendation was voted on and approved, and will be added to the Bylaws document
- Another suggestion was to consider adding a provision to the Field Coordinator position that prohibits a team manager from being the Field Coordinator. After discussion, this motion was not made, so this will not be added.

- The recommendation was made that in the Rec Plus section, it should denote that all players in Rec Plus must also be registered with AYSO. This suggestion was voted on and approved by a show of hands, and will be added to the Rec Plus section of the Bylaws document.

Policies

- It was suggested that in the section regarding Double-Rostered Players, that we add a paragraph stating that as part of the yearly evaluation process for all teams U10 and above, a pool of potential double-rostered players (up to 4-5) be identified. This was voted on and approved by a show of hands, and will be added to the Policies document.

After discussion on the above issues, the documents were voted on. The revised Bylaws document was approved unanimously (with above 2 additions), and the revised Policies document was approved unanimously (with above 1 addition), both by a show of hands. Once the additions are made, the newly approved documents will be added to the Documents section of the MSC website, and the old documents will be deleted.

V. Treasurer's Report:

a) Spring season reimbursements

Corey reminded all managers to submit their final reimbursement requests to him, and he will process them as soon as possible (several of which he did during the meeting!).

b) Bank account access

Corey now has on-line access to all MSC HSBC bank accounts. The access requires a special security token. Corey asked any manager who wishes to have on-line banking access to see him after the meeting or notify him electronically, and he will get them set-up.

c) Team financials

All managers were asked to submit end of the season financials to the team families. It can either be done now, or when managers submit their team budgets at the start of the fall season.

VI. Coaching Director's Report:

a) Try-outs

Jim was not present at the meeting, but Paul reviewed the e-mail that Jim sent to him. Jim reported that try-outs were completed with few problems that he was aware of, other than 1 boys' team having only 1 evaluator at one of their two try-outs. However, feedback from the managers indicated that there were quite a few "no-shows" that Jim was not aware of. Paul asked managers to send an e-mail to Jim letting him know if they did not have 2 evaluators at both tryouts, to ensure that we do not pay evaluators that were not there.

b) Ray Reid camp

Jim asked Paul to remind all managers that the Ray Reid camp is available for MSC players this summer – so far registration is very light. Paul sent an e-mail to all managers recently, and asked that it be forwarded to all team families.

VII. Referee Coordinator's and Advisor's Reports:**a) Referee Advisor**

Larry reminded all that with the resignation of Stan Tait, we have a vacancy in the Referee Advisor position.

b) Scheduling issues

Larry mentioned that we had far too many scheduling conflicts/mix-ups this season. The two suggestions which were agreed to, in an effort to improve this in the future were:

- Larry will send the weekly referee schedule to all managers, so they can review it and get back to Larry immediately with any changes (field, time, etc.)
- Paul Peace will ensure that all teams are set-up to receive automatic e-mail notification of any schedule changes made to games on the MSC website, as it was apparent that several managers have not been receiving these notifications.

VIII. Communication Director's Report:**a) Merit Scholarship**

The scholarship deadline was extended at the last meeting, but the P.O. Box has still not been checked for scholarship applications, so the selections cannot be made until this takes place, as it was believed that some applications had been sent to the P.O. Box. Paul Peace will get the key from Corey and check the P.O. Box this week, then get the applications to Niko, so that the scholarships can be awarded by the Review Board.

b) Try-outs

Niko reported that the try-out flyers were distributed to all schools, and made it on the List-Serve of most schools. However, despite Niko's best efforts, the information did not make it into the Monroe Courier. We will not attempt to put it in the newspaper in the future.

IX. Field Coordinator's Report:

a) Indoor Skill training

Courtney informed the members that we need to notify the Sports Zone soon if we plan on having our Indoor Skills training there again next winter. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will use the Sports Zone again, but to try to better accommodate scheduling conflicts with other sports, we will have the sessions on back to back nights, rather than both being on Thursday night.

X. Maintenance Director's Report:**a) Field and goal conditions**

Scott reported 3 tires will not stay inflated, so we will most likely have to fill those tires with foam. 3 or 4 nets are on their last legs, and will need to be replaced for the fall season. (AYSO pays for the nets). Also, more paint will be needed for field lining in the fall – AYSO will order more. Scott also reported that the Fawn Hollow field condition is deteriorating rapidly, so we may need to consider aerating and over-seeding. Paul had received a quote on this recently, which he will forward to Scott.

XI. Rec Plus Report**a) Miscellaneous**

Anthony reported that for the high school aged boys, they were only able to play one game. After some discussion, it was agreed that all families will be given a full refund. For one of the girls Rec Plus teams, half of their games were cancelled, due to being bumped for CT Cup games. It was agreed that families on this team should be reimbursed (or credited toward next season) \$35 of their \$75 fee.

XII. Old Business:**a) Power Savings of CT**

Corey is still working on negotiating the details of this arrangement with Power Savings of CT.

XIII. New Business:**a) Next meeting – Monday, August 16th, 2010 – at the library (July meeting was cancelled as usual)**

b) Fundraising

Larry threw the idea to consider having a joint MSC/AYSO golf tournament fundraiser. He will discuss this further with Brian Purdy. A jamboree was also mentioned, but most felt that this would involve much more work.

c) Review Board

Due to recent retirements, we are short 2 Review Board members. Niko nominated Eric Murray and Ron Grabowski to the Review Board. Both were approved by a show of hands, so Eric will join Niko and Larry as the newest members of the Review Board. This will allow us to complete the Merit Scholarship selection process for this year. Thanks to all for volunteering.

XIV. Adjourn:

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

Minutes submitted by: Tom McHugh