

**MSYSA Board Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2011**

Following members were present: Ben Neil, Arlene Rodway, Linda Norton, Cliff Walcott, Bob Deegan, Mike Basileo, Rich Fabrizio, Gina Clapp, Bill Quinn, Victor Della Mea, Gary Schneehagen, Ray Greenberg, Mark Cantor,

Others Present: Bill Stara, Carmen Juliano, and Marie Langford.

Not in attendance: Mark Molloy, Gerry DiBartolo, Scott Eslick, Rich Ruiz, Alan Buster, Claire Filemyr, Mike Sidlak, Craig Peterson.

Quorum Present

Ben Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Due to the resignation of Matt Libber, 1st Vice President, Linda Norton volunteered to carry out the 1st VP position for the remainder of the year.

Cliff made a motion to accept Linda as the 1st VP for the remainder of the 2010-2011 seasonal year. Alan Buster seconded.

Vote: Passed

Gina made a motion to accept Clair Filemyr as the new secretary filling Linda Norton's position.

Ray seconded.

Vote: Passed

Ben Neil – President

No report

Arlene Rodway – Executive Vice President

Presidents Cup scheduled for April 9 & 10 was rescheduled for April 15 & 16 due to heavy rains. The issue was more a parking issue than the fields not being playable. The 35 teams that were scheduled were not happy as the rain date was over Spring Break.

Linda Norton – 1st Vice President

Linda thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in her nomination and acceptance as 1st Vice President for the remaining of the year. She handed out a copy of the Potomac Soccer Wire that had a lengthy article on State Cup. Bob Deegan initiated discussion on older teams needing to play earlier games due to prom, etc. He suggested moving the older teams to the earlier or middle time slots. It was discussed that the schedule had been published and that it would create more of an issue to change it now.

Bob made a motion to move the older age groups to the earlier or middle time slots and not play the late games.

Bill Quinn seconded the motion.

Discussion – none.

Vote: Did not pass

Gina Clapp – 2nd Vice President

International Trips are gearing up for the end of the month. Bill will report further on ODP.

Cliff Walcott – 3rd Vice President

No Report

Mike Basileo – State Registrar

No Report

Claire Filemyr – Secretary

Not Present

Bob Deegan – Treasurer

Bob reviewed the organizations financial reports. Bob noted that the mortgage payment needs to go against our loan.

At Large Members and Regional Commissioners

No Report

New Affiliations

Name Change: LUYAA to Alliance Soccer Club

Bill Stara – Director of Coaching

MSYSA has been approved to host a National C License in August at the Soccer Association of Columbia.

International Trip dates are April 17 – April 25.

Rider Tournament teams will be announced on May 4th.

Bill presented a new program called Project 100+. The program is to identify and train the top 100 U12 players from across the state. This program would be the expansion of the current ODP program.

Victor made a motion to accept Project 100+ as presented.

Gina seconded

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

Bill presented a proposal to increase the goalkeeping staff with an assistant GK coach for each gender due to a low coach to player ratio.

Linda made a motion to increase the goalkeeping staff with an assistant GK coach for each gender to come into effect next seasonal year.

Cliff seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed

Ray Greenberg – Adjudication

Anthony McPeak will be considered in good standing with MSYSA on April 19, 2011.

Attilio Zerilli's suspension was upheld by USSF.

Reginald Gipson filed a grievance with USSF against MSYSA. USSF will have to make a determination whether or not the grievance is in compliance with the USSF Bylaw 704.

Craig Peterson – SYRA

Not Present

Unfinished Business

Concussion Bill was passed and is awaiting the governor's signature. MSYSA will come up with policy to ensure that all USYS teams in Maryland are aware of this bill and are covered under this law.

New Business

MSYSA received correspondence from WAGS asking to consider amending Rule 224, Player Eligibility of the National Championship Series Rules. It was stated: U9 – U19 rostered travel players within one club, participating in a cup-qualifying league, shall be allowed to guest play on any team within their club, for which they are age-qualified, using a club pass system.

-U9-U11 players may only guest play on U9-U12 teams for which they are age-qualified.

- A player may only play on one club team per day.

-A player may only play for a team in a National Championship competition if the player was named to the team's roster for National Championship competition.

-Guest players are not allowed in any National Championship competition. Guest players, using the club pass system, found to have played in a National Championship competition will cause any games in which the guest player participated to be forfeited.

It was noted by Mike B. that leagues that allow guest players are not Cup qualifying leagues and it seemed that WAGS wanted to change this. It was also mentioned that we needed the definition of a Cup Qualifying League. There was a fair amount of discussion based on the interpretation of what WAGS wanted to do. A portion of the board thought that the amendment was changing a National Championship Rule (which was noted that we couldn't). Mike B and Ray stated that Kathie should consult with the National Championship Committee. Due to the confusion, Ben tabled the discussion and said that he would ask Kathie Diapoulis for clarification.

Executive Director

Marie explained that the Nominating Committee would be selected and put in place for the 2011-2012 election. The following positions are up for election:

President

1st VP

Registrar

Treasurer

North Commissioner

South Commissioner

Central East Commissioner

At Large Member – Victor Della Mea

At Large Member – Fish

The Nominating Committee consists of: Cliff Walcott, Mark Cantor, Rich Fabrizio and Gina Clapp, Chair. Marie encouraged Executive Board to put the word out on the End of Year awards, Erick Quisgard Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Young Referee of the Year.

Marie presented the Executive Board with a SOW for the AV set-up in the board room. She explained that not only is the board room used for monthly board meetings but also used by coaching education, referees, cup, and regional host meetings. Having AV capability will ultimately save the association money.

Good of the Game –

None

Ben called an Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Langford
Executive Director, MSYSA