

MSYSA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
December 15, 2010  
221 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, S.E., Glen Burnie, MD

The following members were present: Ben Neil, Arlene Rodway, Matt Libber, Scott Estlick, Bob Deegan, Linda Norton, Mike Basileo, Ray Greenberg, Gina Clapp, Gerry DiBartolo, Alan Buster, Rich Fabrizio, Mark Molloy, Gary Schneehagan, and Rich Ruiz

Additional Attendees: Marie Langford, Bill Stara, Craig Peterson, and Carmen Juliano

Not in attendance: Joe Barger, Mark Cantor, Mark Molloy, Mike Sidlak and Cliff Walcott

President Ben Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The November Minutes were approved as presented.

**Ben Neil – President**

Ben and Marie noted that for the convention, NSCAA passes for entire event will be available to MSYSA Board of Directors. The date of the convention is January 13-15.

Information regarding the funeral arrangements for Cliff Walcott's daughter was made available. Arlene Rodway made a motion to donate \$500 to the memorial fund – Linda Norton seconded. Motion passed.

Marie called our attention to the Christmas tree; there are gifts for the entire Board. [The Adidas jackets are very special and all the members of the Board were thrilled with their gift.]

**Executive Vice President – Arlene Rodway**

Arlene reported that the rosters for the Presidents Cup can be changed up to one day before Nationals.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Matt Libber**

Matt presented the proposed State Cup referee contract and new Cup rules. The referee contract is new and for one year due to the revised tournament format. Basically, we will now have single game fees (big ticket item - 25% premium to be paid by the teams). It was proposed to revise the wording to "Single State Cup game". Matt moved to approve the contract – Ray Greenberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt handed out copies of the new State Cup rules for 2011 and pointed out the changes from last year are highlighted in yellow. Teams can either select their participation in either the State Cup or the Presidents Cup. The roster freeze date is March 9, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. The fields for the Finals and Semi-Finals will be checked and reported to the Board. In addition, cost of the fields and forfeits was discussed. Ray Greenberg moved to approve the State Cup rules. The motion did not pass, as it was decided edits would be sent to the Matt by Friday, noon, 12/17. Matt would then provide updated rules to the Board by Friday evening incorporating the edits. This would give all an opportunity to review the new rules and circulate to member clubs over the weekend. It was decided that Monday, 12/20, the rules would be voted on via email. The applications for these competitions would go live on January 21.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Gina Clapp**

Regarding ODP tryouts, Gina reported she received many compliments from the parents. In addition, there is a parent meeting on Thursday that she will attend.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Cliff Walcott**

Absent.

Ben mentioned that the Indoor tournament will be cancelled due to lack of teams applying.

**Registrar – Michael Basileo**

Mike discussed the Disney tournament guest player issue and proper travel form with Youth Leagues.

**Secretary – Linda Norton**

Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer – Bob Deegan**

Bob handed out the Balance sheet with a year comparison, profit and loss statement 3-month financial comparisons. As always, Bob presented the financial information and took the time to explain in detail what the reports are really telling us.

**Regional Commissioner – Alan Buster**

Alan reported on the Kohl's Cup held on November 20. This year, there were 122 teams participating. Alan would like to expand the field of entries next year and accept more teams.

**Director of Coaching – Bill Stara**

Bill reported having received permission from Region 1 to have 3 U13 teams – both boys and girls teams can all go the Ryder Cup. Bill also reported on the ODP tryouts.

**Risk Management – Mike Sidlak**

Absent

**Adjudication – Ray Greenberg**

Ray reported on two appeals: Mr. Zerilli submitted an untimely response to USSF and MSYSA submitted a motion to USSF to exclude Mr. Zerilli's untimely response from consideration by the Appeals Committee. Joe Rieck request for referee reinstatement – request denied. Both emails were presented in Ray's report. In addition, Ray presented the MSYSA Adjudication Manual and suggested this be published on the MSYSA website in January.

**SYRA – Craig Peterson**

Craig reported on the development of a referee mentoring program – starting with 20 members and the recertification of up to 37 more. With this mentoring program, he expects there will be improvement of referee coverage in league games. This program will be funded by the Referee Committee.

**Executive Director – Marie Langford**

Marie reported that MSYSA has a new sponsor, Veridian Energy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.