

MSYSA Board Meeting
Minutes
March 16, 2011
221 5th Avenue, S.E., Glen Burnie, MD

The following members were present: Ben Neil, Arlene Rodway, Linda Norton, Matt Libber, Bill Quinn, Mike Basileo, Ray Greenberg, Gina Clapp, Gerry DiBartolo, Rich Fabrizio, Scott Estlick, Mark Cantor

Additional Attendees: Marie Langford, Bill Stara, Carmen Juliano, Victor Della Mea

Not in attendance: Bob Deegan, Mark Molloy, Cliff Walcott, Rich Ruiz

President Ben Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The March Minutes were approved as presented (Gina motioned and Arlene seconded).

Ben Neil – President

Ben introduced Victor Della Mea, from Hagerstown and FC Frederick, and asked that he be accepted by the Board to fill the remaining position of Member-at-Large, the seat left vacant with the resignation of Joe Barger. Linda motioned and Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Vice President – Arlene Rodway

Arlene reported on the Presidents' Cup and receipt of 35 applications. The schedules are complete. The Cup will be held the weekend of April 9-10 at the Harford Polo Grounds (5 fields on Saturday and 3 fields on Sunday have been reserved). Regionals for this event will be held Memorial weekend in Saratoga Springs, NY.

1st Vice President – Matt Libber

Matt reported on the issue of the Bays team, removal of a U18 Boys team for failure to submit their roster from the Cup, and the first State Cup match to be held Thursday night at Blair H.S. (BSC vs. FC Frederick U17B).

2nd Vice President – Gina Clapp

Gina's report will be deferred to Bill Stara, as he will report on ODP.

3rd Vice President – Cliff Walcott

Absent – no report.

Registrar – Michael Basileo

Mike reported on two affiliate applications, Chesapeake F.C. and Pipeline Soccer Club. After discussion and review of applications, motion to accept by Mike and Linda seconded. Motion carried. Mike also noted that in Article 3, Section 2, of

the sample By-Laws provided on our website regarding non-voting members needs to be reworded.

Secretary – Linda Norton

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer – Bob Deegan

Marie presented the Financial Reports in Bob's absence. If there are questions, please contact Bob.

Regional Commissioners –

No reports.

**Director of Coaching – Bill Stara
Olympic Development Program**

Bill presented the resume of Austin Grace as an assistant coach replacement of the U15B ODP team. Bill noted that Austin holds a C License. Gina moved to accept and Ray seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion of the older ODP age groups took place – past, present and future of these age groups. Bill offered an abbreviated program for the girls of the U16-U17 age groups. Bill proposed six training sessions – from there, a team would be selected to attend Rider. This would greatly shrink the cost for these age groups for girls. The boys' team numbers are fine at this time. Discussion ensued and the U17 girls would have a modified ODP program.

Bill reported the interest in ODP in the U13 age group was tremendous. He has planned for next Spring to have abbreviated sessions in different districts in the state. There will be six training sessions with the objective of fielding pools of 30 players to find the top players in the state.

Coaches and fields are needed for Regional U12's. Discussion on player pool limits followed. It was decided to change the wording "Sites for Training". Gerry DiBartolo suggested we should have the best coaches for the U12 age group. Bill will rewrite the proposal, taking into consideration the suggestions brought forth tonight.

There is a meeting on March 22, 2011 at River Hill H.S. for the parents of players who will attend the International trips.

Coaching License

Bill mentioned that we need a method to verify coaching licenses. Bill pointed out an increase in the number of coaches without licenses. After some discussion, he will address this policy at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Bill reported that Coaching Instructor John Dingle is on a 90-day suspension, subject to issues brought forward at in the February 2011 meeting.

Executive Director – Marie Langford

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 13, due to the absence of many members who will be attending the International ODP trips.

SYRA – Craig Peterson

Absent – no report.

Good of the Game – Arlene asked for financial support of the Kicks Against Breast Cancer tournament. Discussion ensued regarding the amount to donate to this cause – \$5k was decided. Linda motioned and Matt seconded donating \$5k to the Kicks Against Breast Cancer tournament. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.