

**Mass Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting March 19, 2016  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Leominster, MA**

**Call to Order**

Bob Trudeau, President of Mass Youth Soccer, called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

**Introductions and Welcome**

Bob Trudeau welcomed the membership to the AGM and took a few minutes to introduce Mass Youth Soccer board members, staff members and league presidents in attendance. Bob extended a broad-based thank you to the many parties involved in a whirlwind year of changes in the soccer community during 2015-2015.

**Guest Attendees**

From Bownet, Mark Botterill described the new partnership with Mass Youth and the benefits of Bownet portable goals.

From Copa America Centenario, Venue Director John Cunningham described the upcoming national tour June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> whereby ten of the final sixteen teams from last World Cup will visit ten sites across the nation. The following games will be featured at Gillette Stadium:

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Chile v Bolivia

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Brazil v. Peru

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Quarterfinal match

From Affinity Sports, Account Executive Kimberly Kiledjian described the new partnership with Mass Youth.

**Credential Report and Establishment of a Quorum**

Bob Trudeau then asked for a credential report. The total membership represents 390 voting members (organizations), 857 votes representing organizations, leagues and board members. Attendance of 7.5% of voting members, 29 members, represents a quorum.

There were 45 member delegates present, representing 157 votes. A quorum was determined to be present to conduct business. A majority vote for the meeting was established as 79 votes, and a 2/3 majority vote was determined to be 105 votes.

**Approval of the 2015 AGM Minutes**

Lou Teixeira moved, seconded by David Martinez, that the membership approve the minutes from the March 2015 AGM. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**Reports of Officers**

Financial Report for 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year Presentation of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget

**Financial Report**

Derek Smith, Treasurer presented the Financial Report and reviewed the statement of activity & proposed budget. The Financial Report was divided into two segments: review of the audited report for

the fiscal year ending October 31, 2015, followed by review of the Board approved proposed budget for fiscal year 2016.

### **Directors' Reports**

All Directors' reports appear in the booklets that were distributed at the registration desk.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

The ED Report is located in the AGM booklet. In addition, Mike Borislow spoke to the membership regarding reorganization of functions within the office and field staff, as well as a new member (replacement) to the instructional staff. Mike Borislow added some additional comments about Mass Youth's technical staff which was recognized by US Youth Soccer as having the best coaching staff in the nation. Some effort was necessary this year to bring various insurance policies up to date, including for directors, officers, crime, and liability policies. From a compliance standpoint, approximately 16,000 adults have completed adult registration, the processes for which have been enhanced as a result of coordination with DJCIS (Mass Department of Justice Criminal Information Systems).

Additionally, Mike Borislow reported on plans to centralize and audit required constitutional documents, etc.

Mike Borislow reported on US Soccer and US Youth Soccer's changes in instructional programs. As a result of an exclusive partnership with NSCAA, Mass Youth has been able to bounce back from the resulting financial impact of the changes more quickly than some other states.

Mike Borislow also reported on the banner year for TOPSoccer and 2015 being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, recognizing Ray Robinson's efforts in this area.

With respect to the player development initiatives from US Soccer, Mike reported on a succession of consultations with US Soccer addressing the impact and tweaks/changes including goal sizes, age groupings (Mass Youth going to class year for recreational programs and club level programs going to calendar year), Recognize to Recover ("R2R") guidelines and implementation of heading policies, etc.

#### **Election of Officers**

Bob Trudeau turned the meeting over to Mike Borislow, Mass Youth Soccer Executive Vice- President and Steve Smoller, chairperson of the Nominations Committee, who, after identifying the members of the Committee, presented the election slate to the membership.

#### **The Nominations Committee members are:**

Steve Smoller

Brad Shores

John Carver

Nancy Hart

Mike Po

Single candidate for Secretary/Clerk (Caryn Goulet)

Motion by Ted Ritchie, second by Brad Shores to nominate by acclamation Caryn Goulet.

### **Director Candidates**

Dave Boloz  
David Dalrymple  
Caroline Foscato  
David Martinez  
Dana Santilli

The first ballot was for the four open and available B-level Director positions, and the winners by majority vote were as follows:

Dave Boloz  
David Dalrymple  
Caroline Foscato  
Dana Santilli

For the remaining C-level Director position, motion by Lou Texeira, second by Jeff Chambers for David Martinez and approved by a voice vote.

Prior to voting, David Amidon explained the voting procedure to the membership. In order to be elected, a candidate needed to receive a majority of the available votes at the AGM until all four positions were elected. If a position was still open, but a majority vote was not obtained by a candidate, even though their vote tally may be the highest among the remaining candidates, the candidate was not elected and a new ballot vote needed to be taken.

Mass Youth Soccer staff acted as vote counters for the elections. The independent observers of the vote count were Nancy Hart and Brad Shores.

**Jeff Chambers moved, seconded by Ted Ritchie that the election ballots be destroyed. Motion passed on a voice vote.**

### **Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws**

Next order of business was a change to Constitution 2.0 Charitable Purpose; No Discrimination as submitted via proposed version included in materials. An affirmative statement on inclusiveness is recommended to acknowledge a change consistent with US Soccer's recently accepted By-Law 7 ("Funding"). Bob Trudeau explained the reasons for the change proposal. **A motion to approve the constitution change was made by David Amidon, second by Jeff Chambers. The motion was approved by a greater than 2/3 vote.**

Next was a consideration of changes to By-Law section 7. **A motion to approve the By-Law change was made by David Amidon, second by Jeff Chambers. The motion was approved by a majority vote, as recognized by the chair that greater than 79 "yes" votes were cast.**

Discussion ensued with a question of the location of fees if they no longer appear in the By-Laws. Mike Borislow indicated that fee structures would be reflected in at least two locations on the website. A request from the floor was for consistency in the name of the fee as reflected in the Treasurer's report.

Next was a consideration of changes to the membership fees, including inclusion of the \$5 assessment. **A motion to ratify and confirm the \$5 risk management assessment for the 2015-2016 year and to continue into the 2016-2017 year was made by David Amidon, second by Tony Luongo (a motion that had been previously voted and approved by the Board of Directors).** Discussion ensued about the minimum

state requirement for any adult 18+ to conduct a CORI, including the impact both pro and con. A call to move the question resulted in an attempt at a voice vote, the result being inconclusive, so a ballot vote was taken. **The original motion was approved by a vote of 100 - 62 in favor.**

**The last motion was to approve \$3 player membership and \$5 adult membership fee increases for the 2017-2018 year by David Amidon, second by Lou Texeira.** David explained that there has not been player and/or adult membership fee increases in more than sixteen years. He further explained the need to cover increases in operating costs, to cover risk management initiatives and compliance, noting that the organization is currently operating on a waiver of our loan covenant due to revenue shortfalls. **The motion was approved by a greater than 2/3 vote.**

### **New Business**

During vote counting, Mass Youth Soccer Technical Director Ian Mulliner explained the recent changes in US Youth Soccer coaching course offerings and the new National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) course offerings through Mass Youth Soccer.

### **Good of the Game**

As a gift of appreciation for his many years of service to Mass Youth Soccer and his leadership as Past President of the Association, National Chair for TOPSoccer Ray Robinson was recognized.

Adjournment

Bob Trudeau thanked the membership for their attendance and participation in the 2016 Mass Youth Soccer AGM. Bob noted that Mass Youth Soccer is held in high regard both at the regional and national level, and it is only through strong and vigorous membership participation that the Association can sustain that status. **Bob requested a motion to adjourn, so moved by Jeff Chamber, seconded by Ted Ritchie. Motion approved by voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 1: 45PM. Respectfully submitted,  
*Caryn Goulet*

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Secretary/Clerk  
Mass Youth Soccer Association