

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
February 1, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, J. Linnehan, D. Martinez, T. Rivet, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith & B.Trudeau (14)

**Absent:** N. Hart and L. Tarquinio (2)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow (1)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Debrief on MYSA Workshop**

Bob and Mike shared comments, observations, and thanks to those involved in the event. Although initial hopes were for attendance of 250+, the total attendance exceeded 400. Individual sessions ranged in size as much as 160 people. Broad-based thank you's and surveys will be sent out electronically later this week along with links to the presentations and NSCAA diploma retrieval processes. Plans are already underway to repeat the event in the future.

**Strategic Board Initiatives and Priorities (Roles and Functions)**

Bob Trudeau noted that February was the desired target for the initial report from each group on the top seven priorities. Mike Borislow reported that work has commenced on several of the priorities amongst the assigned committees. Mike noted that every odd month will be for regular Board reports and every even month will be for Strategic Initiative reports. As an example, one specific activity underway is a schedule of Affinity webinars for registrars and CORI submitters. A suggestion was put forth for Board members to consider taking the DOC course through the NSCAA to help better understand "best practices."

**Treasurer's Report**

Derek provided and reviewed the Fiscal year-end reconciliation as of October 31, 2016.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Dana Santilli to approve the January minutes as amended. Motion approved unanimously.**

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**Executive Director Report**

Mike reported on a recent partnership with Suffolk University's entrepreneurial division which will support needs for the GOALS program. Mike also reported on a long overdue need to replace some ceiling tiles at the state office. Additionally, Mike reported on recent and upcoming conversations with the Federation with Youth Soccer associations to collaborate on better defining pathways for the youth of soccer in America, coaching education standardization, and supporting the recreational base of the sport.

**President's Remarks**

Bob Trudeau reported on the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for Board nominations for the upcoming openings for Executive VP and (4) Directors and the appointment of Russ Wolf as the new SYRA. The upcoming AGM will take place beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel, Leominster.

**For the Good of the Game**

Caroline Foscatto expressed thanks to Bob and Mike for the advancements to-date on strategic initiatives.

**Motion by Jared Scarpici, second by Jeff Chambers to adjourn at 9:25 PM.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

Caryn Goulet, Secretary

## Michael Borislow

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**From:** Michael Borislow <mborislow@mayouthsoccer.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:22 PM  
**To:** 'Caroline Foscatto'; 'Caryn Goulet'; 'Dana Santilli'; 'Dave Boloz'; 'Dave Martinez'; 'David Amidon'; 'David Dalrymple'; 'Derek A Smith'; 'Howie Blatt'; 'Jared Scarpaci'; 'Jeff Chambers'; 'John Linnehan'; 'Luci Tarquinio'; 'Nancy Hart'; 'Ray Robinson'; 'Robert Trudeau'; 'Russ Wolf'; sdbloom18@aol.com; 'Steve Smoller'; 'Tara Petricca'; 'Ted Ritchie'; 'Tom Rivet'  
**Subject:** RE: Board Meeting Update  
**Attachments:** proxy form.doc; BOD Mission Statements Exercise.docx

As a follow up to tonight's board call, and mostly for the edification of those who could not be on with us, here are the Cliff Note version of what took place and some assignments.

- Discuss AGM Reports and Procedures
  - Just a few suggested corrections to some reports
  - Podium speakers will be President, ED, TD, Treasurer and SYRA
  - It was suggested that we post a sample Proxy Vote letter. I have attached a sample for your consideration.
  - Derek will remind our members of the fee increase that becomes effective with the Fall 2017 season.
- Update on Town Select League from Jeff Chambers
  - Jeff provided an update on the early success of the TSL
  - A motion was made and seconded to (paraphrase) "Continue to operate the Town Select League as modeled/piloted during the 2016/17 soccer year in the 2017/18 soccer year for any newly added regions. In addition the inclusion of the 13U and 14U age groups will be made to those regions operating during the 2016/17 soccer year. Motion passed 8-0-1
- Discuss Mission and Vision Statement project.
  - Briefly reviewed the attached document.
  - Asked all board members to get their ideas and thoughts flowing.
  - Assignment: Look at the draft Mission Statements, Vision Statement and "We believe in..." sections. Create your own, suggest or edit what's there, etc. Provide these to me prior to the April meeting so that we can start to move past draft phase and into finalization.
- Update on Strategic Initiative – Director of Soccer Development program
  - Provided brief overview of this specific initiative
  - Official kick off will be at April 22 Revs game – more information to come
- Other
  - Motion made and seconded to recognize Nancy Hart for her many years of dedicated service to our association as a Board Member. Motion unanimously passed.
  - Request for further discussion regarding providing our members access to education and training on sportsmanship, diversity, inclusion and other similar topics.

I believe I captured the key items discussed.

Mike.

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**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
April 5, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, R. Moo, T. Ringler, T. Rivet, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, and B. Trudeau (12)

**Absent:** D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, D. Smith, and L. Tarquinio (4)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, T. Ritchie, and S. Smoller (3)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Introductions**

Many thanks to departing Board members John Linnehan, Nancy Hart, and Dave Martinez for their many years of dedicated service and effort on behalf of the thousands of member children across Massachusetts. Welcome to new Board members Roger Kahlon, Rachele Moo, and Thomas Ringler.

**Executive Board**

As a backfill to John Linnehan's position on the Executive Board, nomination by Caryn Goulet, second by Jeff Chambers for Dana Santilli. Approved by acclamation.

**Strategic Board Initiatives and Priorities (Roles and Functions)**

Bob Trudeau noted that Board of Director membership changes also necessitate changes in assigned roles and responsibilities. Bob asked for Directors to submit via email by April 21, 2017 any desired changes in assignments paying particular attention to those needs vacated by departing Board members.

**SYRA Report**

Mike Borislow reported on Russ Wolf's recently submitted report as well as his recent meeting with Russ, Terri Filipetti, Levon Akoghlianian, and Steve DeLeo in anticipation of the upcoming State Cup activity. In summary, Mike shared Russ's updates on the Youth Development ID pilot, modified certification programs, recertification numbers, assignment prioritizations, and adult registrations / cards.

**Mission Statement Exercise**

Mike will put the collective Mission, Vision, and We Believe contributions in a shared Google doc for Directors to contribute thoughts and finalize by the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bob reviewed the report Derek provided for actual results for the four months ending February 28, 2017.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Thomas Ringler to approve the February minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.**

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**Executive Director & Strategic Initiatives Reports**

Howie Blatt reported on progress on the strategic initiative: **“Revitalize the Coach Education Director program with meetings, conferences, etc.”** specifically, recent activity involving Suffolk University’s Capstone Project (along with 15 other companies). Howie presented the progress to-date on the “Director of Soccer Development” (DSD) program launching on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Revs game for nominated candidates from Mass Youth’s 300+ member organizations. Recommendations may be made directly via the Mass Youth website.

Additionally, Mike reported on a recent meeting with the Federation of youth council members. Collaboration ensued re: better defining pathways for the youth of soccer in America, coaching education standardization, and supporting the recreational base of the sport. In addition, Mike reported on the Federations new “Integrate to Grow” Fund (\$3M) earmarked to fund initiatives in increments of \$2,500 to \$100K that will grow membership (yielding results in 2-3 years).

Ted Ritchie reported on work with the Boston Soccer Collaborative during the past six weeks, including: launch committee, website ([www.BOSsoccer.org](http://www.BOSsoccer.org)), infrastructure, and funding.

Caryn Goulet reported on the recent Region 1 & Region 3 combined TOPSoccer Symposium in NC.

**President’s Remarks**

Bob Trudeau reported on recent visits to Essex and Nashoba Vally league meetings and topics covered: Affinity, credentials, coaching education materials and reference plans on the Mass Youth website, Town Select League (TSL) pilot, Workshop, and the upcoming launch of the DSD program. Re: adult registrations there are 22,619 registered adults as of today. Bob asked for volunteers to participate on a Suspension Committee for a recent case as well as noted that pictures and bios for Board of Directors are next up for the website.

**For the Good of the Game**

Ted Ritchie commented on the new Board. Caryn reported on 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls Night Out in partnership with the Boston Breakers on 4/9/17 in Wilmington.

**Motion by Jared Scarpici, second by Ted Ritchie to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

Caryn Goulet, Secretary

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
May 3, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, R. Moo, T. Ringler, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquinio, and B.Trudeau (13)

**Absent:** C. Foscato, T. Rivet, and D. Santilli (3)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** T. Ritchie (1)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Current Events**

Discussion took place regarding current soccer events taking place in the state, region and on a national level. Ideas were shared on how Mass Youth Soccer can prepare to be in a position of strength, how to better meet our member’s needs and how to provide market competitive services.

**TSL League Update**

Bob Trudeau noted that 250+ grade 5/6 players registered for Spring TSL resulting in ten teams playing (4) full-length season games and a June 11<sup>th</sup> final event. Tryouts for Fall ’17 will begin in May. Additional qualified resources will be needed to run tryouts and coach teams. One of the biggest concerns about growing the TSL is field availability. There was consideration discussed for making DSP the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of TSL and eventually progress into a Massachusetts Youth State Soccer League in Fall ’17.

**Mission Statement Exercise**

Will be presented at the June meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bob reviewed the report Derek provided for actual results for the four months ending March, 2017.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Derek Smith to approve the April minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.**

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**Executive Director & Strategic Initiatives Reports**

Ted Ritchie reported on work with the Boston Soccer Collaborative during the past six weeks, including: launch committee, website (www.BOSsoccer.org), infrastructure, and funding.

**For the Good of the Game**

Ted Ritchie commended the active involvement and diverse background of the new Board.

**Motion by Jared Scarpici, second by Ted Ritchie to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
June 13, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Goulet, T. Ringler, T. Rivet (by phone), D. Santilli (by phone), J. Scarpaci, D. Smith (via phone), L. Tarquinio, and B. Trudeau (10)

**Absent:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, C. Foscatto, R. Kahlon, and R. Moo (5)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, S. Bloom (by phone), R. Holliday, S. Smoller, R. Wolf, and T. Ritchie (6)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Current events update:**

- NSL – although has committed to affiliate as a league with US Club, supports their club organizations participating in MYSA State Cup (just like NEP and NPL league club organizations).
- Note: NSL does not require its club organizations to become members of US Club.
- Note: As an affiliate of USYS, Mass Youth must register every player with USYS regardless if they ever experience a USYS activity (State Cup, ODP, etc.); however. Additionally, as a direct associate of US Soccer, Mass Youth can directly register non-USYS players with the Federation for an added cost.
- FYI: Steve Gans, a Boston-based attorney with significant soccer experience has declared intentions to run against Sunil Gulati February 2018. His personal and family experience started in Mass Youth's systems and programs and also proceeded through to MA-college and semi-pro play.

**Project Conclusion:** the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Mission Statement project has been ongoing for two months, and

**Motion by Caryn Goulet, second by Jeff Chambers to adopt new Mission and Vision Statements for the organization (below). Motion approved unanimously.**

**“Mission Statement:**

Massachusetts Youth Soccer, a nonprofit educational and service organization, is dedicated to the ongoing development of youth soccer players, coaches, referees, clubs, and leagues in an inclusive, safe, affordable, and fun environment.

**Vision Statement:**

Massachusetts Youth Soccer supports US Soccer's efforts to make soccer the preeminent sport for all children, creating a lifelong passion and love for the game.”

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Caryn Goulet to adopt guiding principles in support of the Mission and Vision Statements for the organization (below). Motion approved unanimously.**

**“We Believe in:**

- Leadership driven by fair play and sportsmanship;
- Affordable and inclusive player development;
- Commitment to education of coaches, referees and clubs;
- Promoting a fun, safe, and healthy soccer environment.”

**Executive and President Remarks:**

Bob brought up the existing policy regarding term limits and advisory boards for review and discussion. Mike distributed information and policies regarding abuse prevention and training.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bob reviewed the report Derek provided for actual results for the four months ending April, 2017.

**Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Thomas Ringler to approve the May minutes as presented. Motion approved by majority.**

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**Executive session began at 8:39 PM and concluded at 9:18 PM.**

**SYRA Update**

Russ Wolf reported that he empowered the assignors across the state to recommend officials for State Cup, ODP, and Regionals. Note: Byron Morataya (Clinton) and Elizabeth McDonald (Chestnut Hill) will be representing Massachusetts at ODP regionals, with the potential to go to nationals. Megan Lund (Needham) will attend as an alternate.

**Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Ted Ritchie to adjourn at 9:31 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
July 12, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, T. Ringler, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, L. Tarquinio, and B.Trudeau (10)

**Absent:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, R. Moo, T. Rivet, and D. Smith (6)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, R. Wolf, and T. Ritchie (3)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Current events update:**

**TSL** - In preparation for its second season, Jeff Chambers provided an update on the status of the program. He reviewed the 50% increase in registrations and shared ideas on how the upcoming Fall season can be a strong one. Discussion ensued about marketing and recruitment efforts and the need for critical mass. Additionally, there was further discussion about opening up to new areas of the state and other ways to promote the program.

**Leagues and PDI** - Bob Trudeau reported on discussions with league leadership regarding adaptation and implementation of US Soccer’s Player Development Initiatives.

**Executive and President Remarks:**

Now having updated the mission and vision statements for Mass Youth Soccer, the next strategic initiative to focus on is “Enhancing and increasing our Marketing reach to better tell our story” and “Increased meetings with our constituents throughout the state.”

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bob reviewed the report Derek provided for actual results for the four months ending May, 2017.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by David Dalrymple to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion approved by majority.**

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**SYRA Update**

Russ Wolf reported on efforts to empower assignors to recommend officials for State Cup, ODP, and Regionals. Mike noted Russ’ personal engagement and the manner in which he has embraced the position has already yielded positive change.

**For the Good of the Game**

Bob reported on a situation at Regionals whereby an FC Stars coach volunteered to man the sidelines for the opposing team in a championship game when the team’s coach was detained due to traffic. The FC Stars coach could have refused and accepted a win by forfeit (due to the competition rules) but instead chose to let the kids play!

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Jared Scarpaci to adjourn at 9:31 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
August 9, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, R. Moo, T. Ringler, D. Santili, D. Smith, and B. Trudeau, (10)

**Absent:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, T. Rivet, J. Scarpaci, and L. Tarquinio (6)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, R. Holliday, T. Ritchie, and S. Smoller (4)

Meeting conducted via Conference Call. A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

**USYS AGM Update:**

Bob Trudeau and Mike Borislow reported on the USYS vote and decision to collapse regional governance groups following a one-year run out period. Mike also reported on vision and efforts to unify and standardize events and tournaments across the nation in contrast to the diverse range of events managed by the regions (currently affecting less than 5% of the MYSA membership). Additionally, leveraging a recent relationship with Target, the national office will likely resume hosting regional events such as the former Kohl's Cup. Mass Youth has an opportunity to create an annual such event that could mirror the national office's tour event, thereby providing continuity of expectations amongst the membership when the national tour comes to our region.

**Strategic Initiatives Update:**

SA1 – Mike reported that, with the mission and vision statements complete, the next phase involves identifying Mass Youth's core business, customer(s), and the programs and services to be prioritized.

SA2 - Rob Holliday reported on marketing and communications efforts including those in support of TSL players and coaches. Email, social media, website, and direct campaigning have increased. Similarly, the Mass Director of Soccer Development (DSD) program and increased touch points with town-based CORI submitters and registrars have brought the state association closer to town-based members.

SA3 – Jeff Chambers and Bob reported on the TSL noting that coach and player recruitment continues and one last tryout will be held in the coming weeks. Maureen LaRoche has picked up many coordination duties for the TSL. Acknowledgement and thanks were noted for Jeff's extensive efforts to get the league up and running.

SA4 –

SA5 – Rob reported that approximately (75) DSD's are enrolled and have participated in the Revs event and webinars. Views of the videos are ranging between 100-125 and the feedback is very strong. The next upcoming event is August 24<sup>th</sup> at which programming will be geared toward relating the US Soccer initiatives. In addition there are plans for (5) regional DISD events beginning in the Fall. Tom, Carli, and Lloyd follow-up with DSD's personally following each events.

SA6 – Jared and Howie have made some progress on the pathway and soccer landscape effort. Given that Mass Youth is a US Soccer state affiliate unencumbered by an existing affiliation with USYS, efforts can be made to educate town-based organizations in advance of contrary grassroots level activity.

SA7 – Caroline Foscatto reported on progress to connect underserved communities focusing on leveraging the upcoming “Breaking Barriers” workshop as part of the Mass Youth Soccer workshop. The database is 400+ of community and association contacts, political leaders, and influencers across the state.

Mike and Rob volunteered to put together a list of reference items for those Board of Director members conducting road shows to town and league board meetings. It was noted that Board members should be regularly reporting back from league meetings and actively listening and asking the membership “how can we help?”

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Derek reviewed the actual results for the five months ending May, 2017.

Approval of the June minutes was tabled to the September 6, 2017 Board meeting.

Bob noted that the first Mass Youth Soccer night at the New England Revolution is taking place Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, including stadium access for match play 1:15pm-5:15PM. Last year, NH held participated in this event and sold 4,500 tickets and nearly 70 teams. Board members are asked to help staff the event.

Rachel Woo has been recently appointed to the USSF National Referee Committee.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by David Dalrymple to adjourn at 9:15 PM.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
September 6, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, D. Dalrymple, C. Goulet (via phone), R. Moo, T. Ringler, D. Santili (via phone), J. Scarpaci, D. Smith (via phone), and B.Trudeau, (11)

**Absent:** J. Chambers, C. Foscatto, R. Kahlon, T. Rivet and L. Tarquinio (5)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow and R. Holliday (2)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**CORI/Background Checks:**

Mike Borislow reported on recent membership interest the performing background checks beyond the Commonwealth of Massachusetts required CORI guidelines to include more expansive checks (e.g. including other states). Mike will conduct some comparative research across other youth sport organizations, MIAA, and other states.

**Term Limits:**

Bob Trudeau led a requested discussion to revisit by-law 1.03.04 addressing Board term-limits. The recommendation was made for the previously named ad hoc committee and Executive Committee to bring recommendations to the next meeting. Note: the next AGM is scheduled for March 10, 2018.

**Strategic Initiatives Update:**

**SA1 – Mission, Vision and Identifying who we are** – No update at this time

**SA2 – Marketing, Communications and Membership Relations:** Bob Trudeau reported on progress on marketing and communications efforts, specifically as it relates to MYSA presence through email, social media, website, and direct campaigns. Mike noted that opportunities exist to reach our constituents, build rapport, and better understand what our member organizations want from MYSA. Mike suggested coupling Road Show visits with regional DSD events to include key topics of discussion along with Q&A's. The list of topics discussed in sub-groups will be assembled for discussion at the next meeting, sent out to the member organizations and survey them their preferred topics to be covered.

**SA3 – Leagues meeting needs of towns/clubs:** No update.

**SA4 –Standardization of League policies, rules and Procedures, Develop best Practices:** No update.

**SA5 – Director of Soccer Development, Technical Staff and Coach Development Delivery:** No update.

**SA6 – Player Pathway, Player Development Best Practices:** Jared and Howie have made further progress on the pathway and soccer landscape effort, including a draft of the pyramid/tiered pathway model. Given that Mass Youth is a US Soccer state affiliate unencumbered by an existing affiliation with USYS, further efforts can be made to educate town-based organizations in advance of contrary grassroots level activity.

**SA7 – Inner City and Underserved Community Programs:** No update.

**Motion by David Dalrymple, second by Thomas Ringler to approve the minutes from July and August. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Derek reviewed the actual results for the five months ending July, 2017. Discussion ensued about the challenge for the Technical Dept to deliver coach education courses until Grassroots, NSCAA, and USSF courses are solidified.

**Executive Director's Report**

Mike noted that the Mass State Cup is a qualifier for US Nationals, and as such discussed recent collaborations with a the various leagues in the state to participate provided of course all USYS guidelines are followed.

**President's Comments**

Bob noted that the first Mass Youth Soccer night at the New England Revolution is taking place Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, including stadium access for match play 1:15pm-5:15PM. Last year, NH held participated in this event and sold 4,500 tickets and nearly 70 teams. Board members are asked to help staff the event.

**Coastal Youth Soccer Futsal League**

Mike advised the Board that the state office has received an application for affiliation with Mass Youth Soccer from the Coastal Youth Soccer Futsal League. The organization was developed to offer off-season training and games in the sport of futsal. While operating within the Coastal Youth Soccer geographic footprint, the futsal league is a separate organization from CYSL. Mike shared copies of the application and all supporting documents provided with the application. All Mass Youth Soccer and Massachusetts state requirements for affiliation/registration as a non-profit organization have been fulfilled.

**Motion by David Dalrymple, second by Thomas Ringler for Board approval of the affiliation of the Coastal Youth Soccer Futsal League with the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion by David Dalrymple, second by Jared Scarpaci to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
October 4, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, C. Goulet, R. Moo (via phone), T. Ringler, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith (via phone), and B. Trudeau, (10)

**Absent:** D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, R. Kahlon, T. Rivet, J. Scarpaci and L. Tarquinio (7)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow and S. Smoller (2)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**U.S. Soccer AGM**

During the January 2018, an election for U.S. Soccer President will take place, among other things. Bob reported on a new by-law requirement imposed by U.S. Soccer's Nominations and Governance Committee effective September 17, 2017 (e.g. each candidate must submit three letters of support from member organizations in order to be considered. As background, Sunil Gulati has served three four-year terms and is seeking a fourth. Bob reported on the MYSA Board's Executive Committee's decision to provide such a letter for Massachusetts-based Steven Gans in order to afford him the opportunity to be on the ballot.

**Term Limits:**

Bob Trudeau continued the previous month's discussion regarding by-law 1.03.04 (ratified during March AGM) addressing Board term-limits. Final recommendations will be reviewed at the next meeting. (Note: the next AGM is scheduled for March 10, 2018.)

**State Referee Administrator (SRA)**

Bob reported that State SRA, Del Rainho stepped down effective October 1st. We thank Del for his service to the MSRC and to Mass Youth Soccer. The SRA is a joint appointment by Mass Soccer (Adult) and Mass Youth Soccer per US Soccer Federation Policy. The SRA serves as the chair of the Massachusetts State Referee Committee (MSRC) and oversees registration, recruitment, coordinating with Directors of instruction, assessment and assignment, as well as communications with the US Soccer Federation Referee Committee. In concurrence with Mass Soccer President, Andy Weiss, Bob approached Peter Kokolski, who accepted the SRA role. Peter is a former MLS referee and has a long history of significant contributions to the Massachusetts referee community.

**MOTION by Jeff Chambers, second by Dana Santilli to endorse the nomination of Peter Kokolski (the current SRC Director of Assessment) as State SRA. Motion was approved unanimously.**

### **Junior Referee Academy Program Proposal**

Jeff reported on collaborative efforts to develop a larger pool of well-trained referees through a state-managed program. Jeff is working with Nigel Bright, State Director of Instruction, Ellie Nassif, State Director of Mentoring and Development, and Peter – all with the MSRC, to develop a proposal. Jeff received unanimous approval by the Board to continue such work.

**Motion by Dana Santilli, second by Thomas Ringler to approve the minutes from September. Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Derek reviewed the actual results ending August, 2017. Derek reminded everyone that next month's meeting is critical for reviewing and making budget recommendations for fiscal year beginning November 2017.

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

Mike noted that CORI administration is progressing as expected, but interest in potentially expanding the breadth of background checks currently being conducted. Bob spoke about initial conversations with Verified Volunteers for a five-year check.

Bob reminded everyone of their receipt of their updated credentials. As a reminder, adults get a full three years under an active credential (so as it would not expire during a season. Lastly, Bob reminded everyone to heed the expiration date of their credentials and take the appropriate action well-prior to

**Motion by Thomas Ringler, second by Jared Scarpaci to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
November 1, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto (via phone), C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, R. Moo, T. Ringler, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquinio (via phone), and B.Trudeau (15)

**Absent:** T. Rivet (1)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, R. Holiday, I. Mulliner, S. Smoller, and T. Ritchie (5)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**ODP Announcement from USYS**

Ian Mulliner provided historical background on the ODP National Championship series, (originally sponsored by Adidas) and the recent decision by USYS to cancel the national championship. Ian added that, although the National tournament is cancelled, the ODP program in Massachusetts continues to focus on elevating/developing the “best of the best” through ID camps and destination tournaments. Further, the Massachusetts ODP program provides an enviable “player pathway” in comparison to the boys and girls Academy programs, ID2, etc. such that there are limitless local and regional partnerships that exist.

**Proposed By-Law Change**

Bob Trudeau continued the previous month’s discussion regarding by-law 1.03.04 (ratified during March AGM) addressing Board term-limits in preparation for the AGM scheduled for March 10, 2018.) **Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Dana Santilli to recommend approval at a special meeting for changes to by-law 1.03 (Term Limits) as presented. Motion approved by majority vote (14-0-1).**

**2017 Budget**

Mike Borislow made special mention of Derek Smith and Tara Petricca’s outstanding efforts to put the budget together along with a descriptive narrative, noting the short window with which they had for preparation given the late receipt of needed information from the Federation and other sources. Derek noted that this is the first complete year with the player fee increase. Discussion ensued about considerations for a longer term strategy surrounding the Progin Park fields and Bob took under advisement creation of an ad-hoc committee for this purpose. **Motion by Caryn Goulet, second by David Dalrymple to approve the budget as presented. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by Derek Smith to approve the minutes from October. Motion approved by majority (14-0-1).**

**State Cup**

Mike reported on the challenges to garner interest in State Cup as it has traditionally existed. He also reported on recent efforts to utilize dual-registration to help the NEP

and NSL to participate and qualify for the East Region's championship. As a matter of history, each state has traditionally tried to put their best team forward to compete at the highest level possible regionally and nationally, however organizations like the DA, ECNL, ENPL, NPL, NEP, NSL and US Club's State Cup all compete with this initiative.

**Strategic Initiatives Reports**

SA1 – As submitted.	SA5 – As submitted.
SA2 – As submitted.	SA6 – As submitted.
SA3 – No update.	SA7 – No update.
SA4 – No update.	

**Mass Youth Soccer Workshop**

Discussion ensued about Board member attendance and support for the event, and a reminder that registration is now open. Note: the Workshop awards will be held on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and the workshop itself will take place on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – all at the Boston/Newton Marriott.

**President's Report**

Bob reported on the Eastern Region meeting at which activity is forging ahead with the North Atlantic Soccer League (NASL). Bob also led discussion surrounding the December Board meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report**

Derek will present the actual results ending September 2017 at the December meeting.

**For the Good of the Game**

Bob advised the Board that Massachusetts has two finalists for National recognition at the upcoming USYS Workshop at the United Soccer Coaches Convention January 2018 in Philadelphia, PA: Kevin Brothers (Woburn) for Volunteer of the Year and Caryn Goulet (Wilmington) for TOPSoccer Coach of the Year.

**Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Jeff Chambers to adjourn at 9:25 PM.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
December 6, 2017**

**Present Board Members:** D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, R. Kahlon, R. Moo, T. Ringler, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, L. Tarquinio and B. Trudeau (14)

**Absent:** T. Rivet and D. Smith (2)

**Non-Voting Members/Staff:** M. Borislow, R. Holiday, I. Mulliner, E. Nassif, R. Robinson, S. Smoller, T. Ritchie and R. Wolf (8)

**Guests:** Blue Star Sports' - Kim Kiledjian and Jim Parent (2)

A quorum was declared present and President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Massachusetts Referee Committee Update**

Russ Wolf provided an overview of developments and changes from Mass Ref. As an example, deliberate changes made to the assignments for final matches for State Cup, Districts, ODP, and MTOC were well received. Noting that a target retention group is the 18-25 year olds, Russ spoke to the shortage of referees, attributing it not to registrations/certifications, but to the increase in matches. As an example, it was noted that one additional adult (16+) referee per town per week would substantially satisfy the town-based league needs. Russ also reported on desires to upgrade the MassRef website / social media and continued collaboration with the Leagues Committee. The annual Mass Ref banquet will be held Sunday, January 7, 2018 at the Hampton Inn, Natick. Last, Russ also reported on the joint committee decisions to hold off on any governance changes until after the election of a new President for US Soccer.

Jeff Chambers reported on a joint working session on November 19, 2017 that yielded some plans for regional monitors, local instructors and peer mentors targeting <14 prospects to build the pool with well-trained and supported candidates (potentially with the former "Grade 9"-like training.) Expressed desires by the working group include a centralized registration system, sponsored/discounted uniforms, and connectivity with the DSD program. A presentation session will take place at the Mass Youth Workshop for purposes of educating as many as possible about the goals of the program.

**Blue Star Sports demo of US Soccer Connect** (a platform to connect state, league, club, and referee organizations as well as teams, tournaments, and coach education through single sign-on and single identities.)

State organizations currently or moving towards using Blue Star include CalNorth, NJ, New Mexico, AZ, OH South, CT, MD, and DE.

**Motion by Jeff Chambers, second by David Dalrymple to approve the November minutes as amended from Board discussion. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Partnership Change**

Mike B. announced a decision to enter into an agreement with New Balance to become the official uniform & apparel provider for Mass Youth Soccer. (WeGotSoccer remains the official goals/equipment provider and Soccer.com will continue as our official soccer uniform provider.)

**Mass Youth Soccer Workshop**

Reminder that the Appreciation Night awards will be held on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and the Mass Youth Soccer Workshop will take place on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – all at the Boston/Newton Marriott.

**President's Report**

Bob reported that the US Youth Soccer East Region has accepted the Mass Youth soccer proposed 2018 State Cup concept.

**For the Good of the Game**

Bob noted how difficult the past 18 months have been and Mike B. shared at the staff meeting how it is analogous to playing a match primarily “in the defensive third” and the positive transition that appears underway with improved relationships, collaborations, and progress to us moving into the midfield and towards the attacking third.

**Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Jeff Chambers to adjourn at 9:18 PM.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caryn Goulet*