

Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
January 6, 2016

Present: Board Members: D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, N. Hart, J.Linnehan, D. Martinez, T. Ritchie, T. Rivet, R Robinson, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquino, and B.Trudeau (12)

Absent: None

Non-Voting Members/Staff: M. Borislow, R. Holiday, and S. Smoller (3)

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

AGM VOTING PROCEDURES AND PROXIES

David Amidon reported on research and recommendations as it relates to Mass Youth’s AGM voting processes. Given the short notification period before the upcoming AGM, the current recommendation by the work group (including Steve Smoller and Caryn Goulet) is not to make any changes, but for one that: **Motion by Dave Martinez, second by Nancy Hart to request the membership to adopt a single rule suspension for the 2016 AGM, only. Specifically to drop in successive ballots for Directors the lowest vote getter from the preceding voting round. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

US SOCCER CONCUSSION AWARENESS RECOMMENDATIONS

Mike Borislow reported on US Soccer’s recent “Recognize to Recover” initiative and pending direction from US Soccer to mandate concussion awareness training. More information will be forthcoming upon release from US Soccer. Currently, Essex, South Shore, BAYS, and Pioneer Valley leagues require coaches to annually certify in concussion awareness.

US SOCCER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Mike reported on recent visits to leagues and clubs with information about the mandates that were issued by US Soccer. The MAPLE league expressed its intentions to implement format changes (7v7 and 9v9) and calendar year mandates beginning Spring 2016. The current recommendation from the leagues committee is for MTOC-eligible leagues to adopt the format changes effective Fall 2016. In addition, the leagues committee recommends renaming divisions of play by grade instead of using UXX designations effective Fall 2016.

Acceptance of Board Minutes for November 2015

Motion by Dave Martinez, second by Jeff Chambers to approve. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Mike reported on the need for Mass Youth to change its non-discrimination policy at the upcoming AGM and presented a recommendation, which represents change to the Constitution. **Motion by Dave Dalrymple second by Jeff Chambers to endorse the recommendation as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. Appearance as part of these minutes will serve as formal 60-day notice (in compliance with section 9.01 of the Mass Youth Constitution) of the appearance of such recommendation as a change to the Constitution for voting at the March 16, 2016 AGM.**

Financials

Derek Smith noted that December financials will be sent out next week and year-end statements (fiscal year resolution) will begin soon thereafter.

Instructional Programs / Technical Director Report

As provided. In addition, ODP started last weekend at Forekicks, Marlboro. Future reports will appear under the Technical Director's report.

Communications Director Report

Rob Holiday reported that the new website has been underway for some time, and is currently under review by the Mass Youth staff. In addition, outreach efforts are underway with current and previous sponsors as well as other projects to better engage the membership, including plans for an online magazine.

Events and Programs Coordinator Report

As provided.

National Championships Report

As provided.

Facilities Report.

Mike Borislow reported on the successful shutdown of the fields as well as a recent incident in which a vehicle drove through the gate on Route 70.

Leagues Committee

No update. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2016.

Districts/Recreation Report

As provided.

Outreach (TOPSoccer) Report

As provided.

SYRA

N/A.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

Mike met with Natick hosted meeting where 10 other town organizations were present and Needham youth soccer associations. Bob attended the MAYS AGM as well as the Boston Soccer Summit.

President's Remarks

Bob reported on a meeting that he and Mike attended in November that included the Concussion Legacy Foundation and Positive Coaching Alliance. In addition, Bob attended the Mass Adult league meeting and reported on some collaboration ideas, including informing youth soccer players about the up-line options for them in the adult leagues when they age out of youth soccer. With respect to the SRA appointment, Bob noted that an agreement was reached between Mass Youth and Mass Adult league to extend Del Reinho's appointment through December 2017. **Motion by David Dalrymple, second by Jeff Chambers to ratify that decision. Motion approved unanimously.**

Congratulations to Ray Robinson, Steve Smoller, Rich Filipetti, and Rich Savignano for being inducted into the Mass Youth Hall of Fame.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 2016 for individuals wishing to be considered for open director positions at the upcoming AGM currently include the following: Class B (Ray Robison, Dave Dalrymple, Dave Boloz, Caroline Foscatto, Dave Martinez, and Caryn Goulet).

Old/New Business

Bob reported that the Nominations Committee has been comprised of: Steve Smoller, Nancy Hart, John Carver (Nashoba Valley Pres), Mike Po (MAYS), and Brad Shore (Essex). The 2016 AGM will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2016. Nancy Hart reported that South Shore Soccer league decided to utilize Affinity for league registrations beginning Fall 2016.

For the Good of the Game

Bob reported that Copa America is coming to the states, including three games at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro.

Motion by Nancy Hart, second by Jared Scarpaci to adjourn at 9:02 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
February 3, 2016

Present: Board Members: H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, N. Hart (via telephone), D. Martinez, T. Ritchie, R. Robinson, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquino, and B. Trudeau (14)

Absent: D. Amidon, J. Linnehan, and T. Rivet (3)

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

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

AGM VOTING PROCEDURES AND PROXIES

Bob Trudeau thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in securing candidates for the six openings: Caryn Goulet for Secretary and Dave Boloz, Dave Dalrymple, Caroline Foscatto, Dave Martinez, and Dana Santilli for Director positions.. The deadline for submitting petitions is February 26, 2016.

PLAYER FEES

Bob noted the April 2015 review of risk management with the Board and the leagues, and the resulting decision to partner with Affinity Sports. When it was rolled out to the leagues nearly one year ago, a player fee increase of \$1 per player per year for three years was included (noting that the last time a player fee was increased was in 2001). Nearly ten months later, the original fee assessment recommendation still remains valid. After conferring with the Leagues Committee this Sunday, the option posed to the membership at the AGM may include choices: 1) \$1 per player per year for three years beginning 2016/2017, 2) \$1 per player per year for three years beginning 2017/2018, or 3) \$3 per player in the 2017/2018 year.

US SOCCER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Mike reported on the recent Leagues Committee meeting at which US Soccer mandates were discussed. Noteworthy is that US Club and several USYS clubs in Massachusetts have chosen to expedite implementation for the 2016/2017 year instead of treating it as the transition year. As Mass Youth and its leagues/clubs move toward the calendar year groupings for the 2017/2018 year, Mike noted that to help towns/clubs begin the transition, common language in registration forms/processes and disclaimers. The MAPLE league expressed its intentions to implement format changes (7v7 and 9v9) and calendar year mandates beginning Spring 2016. The current recommendation from the leagues committee is for MTOC-eligible leagues to adopt the format changes effective Fall 2016. In addition, the leagues committee recommends renaming divisions of play by grade instead of using age group designations effective Fall 2016.

No updates from US Soccer regarding the final interpretation of the initially published heading guidelines.

MULTIPLE ROSTERING & USE OF CLUB PASS

Mass Youth introduced the concept of the Club Pass several years ago, but it was never implemented by the MTOC-eligible leagues/clubs. Recent interest (including from MAPLE) and research has yielded a recommendation to change the Mass Youth policy 4.02 (distributed). **MOTION BY JEFF CHAMBERS, SECOND BY DAVE DALRYMPLE to accept the proposed policy change as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Acceptance of Board Minutes for January 2016

Motion by Nancy Hart, second by Dave Martinez to approve. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Mike reported that tree clearing has begun for access and may be complete next Spring. He also reported that a small strip plaza has been approved for the area further down Route 70. Lastly, Mike reported on progress by the working group to get water and sewer run down Route 70.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials for the two-month period ending December 31, 2015 (noting that fees run on a playing year even though financials are captured on a calendar year). Derek also noted that the Adult Registration Fees only capture Affinity activity beginning September 2015 since many adult registrations lagged.

Technical Director Report

As provided.

Communications Director Report

As provided.

Events and Programs Coordinator Report (Fields, Hotels, & Contracts)

As provided.

National Championships Report

As provided.

Facilities Report.

As provided.

Leagues Committee

No update. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2016.

Recreation Report

As provided.

Instructional Programs

As provided.

Outreach (TOPSoccer) Report

As provided.

ODP Report

Provided but not included.

SYRA

No update.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

David Dalrymple reported having visited two clubs and the major topics have been the US Soccer mandates.

President's Remarks

Bob thanked the Mass Youth staff for organizing a first class Awards Banquet (especially Rob, Lynn, and Terri). Bob also thanked Rob and American Eagle for the new website, which is a great improvement. Lastly, Bob reported that a renewed effort to define the roles and responsibilities of the Board will resume again soon.

Old/New Business

No report.

For the Good of the Game

Bob asked about tickets sales and packages for the upcoming Copa America competitions. No update. Bob closed mentioning the Essex County event last weekend at which Mike Borislow was honored (in absence) with a Service Award to the league.

Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Derek Smith to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
March 2, 2016

Present: Board Members: D. Amidon, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, N. Hart, J. Linnehan, D. Martinez, T. Rivet, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquino, and B. Trudeau (14)

Absent: H. Blatt, T. Ritchie, and R. Robinson (3)

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

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

US SOCCER RECOGNIZE 2 RECOVER (“R2R”) HEADING RECOMMENDATIONS

USYS is mandated to follow the R2R guidelines issued by US Soccer on January 5, 2016 as part of its player safety campaign. Specific to the heading recommendations contained in the guidelines, Massachusetts is one of a dozen states that operates with a dual-age group structure, making adoption of the guidelines difficult. **MOTION BY JEFF CHAMBERS, SECOND BY CAROLINE FOSCATO to adopt R2R heading guidelines effective immediately, including for dual-age group programs which incorporate U11 and younger. Motion was passed unanimously. MOTION BY DEREK SMITH, SECOND BY NANCY HART to modify Law #12 to additionally apply to players otherwise prohibited from heading in games, but who, in the opinion of the referee head or attempt to head the ball. Motion was passed unanimously. See attached.**

AGM PREPARATION VOTING PROCEDURES AND PROXIES

David Amidon noted that, since the March 19th AGM is less than 21 days away, no more Board of Director nominations can be accepted. The Nominating Committee has reported the following final candidates who will appear on the ballot and for voting to proceed as prescribed: Dave Boloz, Dave Dalrymple, Caroline Foscatto, Caryn Goulet, Dave Martinez, and Dana Santilli. Bob Trudeau asked for volunteers to help with the various administrative duties necessary for the check-in and voting, including for the constitutional revision and by-law changes being introduced. Dave Martinez requested helpful guidelines for the website to aid those organizations who may be interested in proxy voting.

PLAYER FEES

As an update, Bob Trudeau reported that the Leagues Committee supports the recommendation of an increase of \$3 in the per player fee be instituted beginning the 2017/2018 year. By way of background, during an April 2015 risk management review with the Board and the leagues, a player fee increase of \$1 per player per year for three years was included (noting that the last time a player fee was increased was in 2001). The following fee increase options were subsequently posed to the Leagues Committee and will be posed to the membership at the AGM: \$3 per player starting with the 2017/2018 year.

TOWN OF LANCASTER & PERIMETER FENCING/PARKING

Mike Borislow noted some general discussions underway with the town and neighbors to better deter violations of vehicle and foot traffic signs and rules. Town of Lancaster has basically required Mass Youth Soccer to install a full front property fence in order to deter any dropping off on Route 70, Old Union Turnpike or from the car dealership lot.

Acceptance of Board Minutes for February 2016

MOTION BY NANCY HART, SECOND BY DAVE MARTINEZ TO APPROVE. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Mike reported that US Soccer is hosting meetings for state Executive Directors to discuss recent recommendations and mandates. Mike also reported that he and Ray Robinson are working with Affinity to carve out TOPSoccer players and volunteers as part of its own "league" in terms of registrations through Shareview.

Bob called the meeting in to Executive Session at 8:20 PM and came out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials.

Technical Director Report

None provided.

Communications Director Report

None provided.

Events and Programs Coordinator Report (Fields, Hotels, & Contracts)

None provided.

National Championships Report

None provided.

Facilities Report.

None provided.

Leagues Committee

No update. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2016.

Recreation Report

None provided.

Instructional Programs

None provided.

Outreach (TOPSoccer) Report

None provided.

ODP Report

None provided.

SYRA

Travis Coleman reported that MSRC had its quarterly meeting on February 29, 2016 and that the last recertification sessions are nearly complete (there is a reported 6-8 week lag on badges). Regional squad selections are underway and an ODP academy is being considered. The MSRC's awards banquet is being moved to January 2017. At a recent meeting in Boston, attending FIFA referees reported interest in an elite referee training/mentoring program.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

None provided.

President's Remarks

Bob directed Board members to view the new website and send in a headshot to Rob Holliday for inclusion ASAP. Bob also mentioned that the Appeals Committee and Suspension Panel have been very busy lately. Caroline Foscatto and Lloy Urbina will be attending the US Soccer Foundation's Urban Soccer Symposium next month. Lastly, Bob reported on plans to move forward on the objectives, definitions, roles, and responsibilities of the Board.

Old/New Business

No report.

For the Good of the Game

Mike shared the new US Soccer logo and packaged mailing distributed last month.

Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Derek Smith to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

March 5, 2016

To: All Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Member Organizations (Towns, Clubs, Leagues)

From: Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors

Re: Mass Youth Soccer's Adoption of Recognize To Recover Program Heading Policies

Effective immediately, the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors has voted in and will implement the following policy and modified laws of the game for heading. *This requirement is for all Mass Youth Soccer affiliated activities, including but not limited to, Mass Youth Soccer affiliated member organization league play, practices and tournaments.*

Mass Youth Soccer's current Concussion Protocol remains in effect pending further adoption by the Board of US Soccer's Recognize to Recover (R2R) program initiatives. Mass Youth Soccer will post and appropriately distribute any additional changes, stemming from the R2R program, to rules, policies, guidelines, etc. when determined and as timely as possible.

HEADING

For all Mass Youth Soccer and all Member Organizations the following will be adhered to

Heading Not Permissible

- a) Players by Age
 - (1) All players age 10 years old and younger, regardless of what age group program they are playing in, shall not engage in heading either in practice or in games.
- b) Programs by Age Group
 - (1) All players in single year age groups of U11 programs and younger shall not engage in heading either in practice or in games.
 - (2) All players in dual year age groups which incorporate a U11 program (e.g. U11/12) shall not engage in heading in games. Training is permissible for player age 11 and 12 per limitations noted below.

Limited Heading in Practice, No Limit in Games

- a) Players by Age
 - (1) For all players between the ages of 11 and 13, heading training will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per week with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week. No limit of heading in games.

Heading Training

Mass Youth Soccer and all Member Organizations are to inform all coaches to teach and emphasize the importance of proper techniques for heading the ball.

Heading Infraction

For those players designated as not being permitted to head a ball in games as identified in the above section *Heading Not Permissible* the following modified law 12 will apply.

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:

- Deliberately heads or attempts to head the ball.

If, in the opinion of the referee, a deliberate header or attempt to head occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

If, in the opinion of the referee, a player does not deliberately head or attempt to head the ball, then play should continue.

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
May 4, 2016**

Present: Board Members: D. Amidon, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, T. Rivet, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquino, and B.Trudeau (12)

Absent: H. Blatt, N. Hart, D. Martinez, and J. Linnehan (4)

Non-Voting Members/Staff: T. Ritchie, and S. Smoller (2)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Bob Trudeau kicked off the meeting with an introduction to new Board member, Dana Santilli.

US SOCCER RECOGNIZE 2 RECOVER (“R2R”) RECOMMENDATIONS

In the ongoing evaluation and application of R2R guidelines issued by US Soccer on January 5, 2016 as part of its player safety campaign, Bob reviewed the revised policy circulated by Mike Borislow. **MOTION BY DEREK SMITH, SECOND BY JEFF CHAMBERS TO APPROVE. Motion was approved unanimously with the noted request for clarifications.**

Bob Trudeau called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:30 PM and the meeting came out of Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

Board Member Roles and Functions

Bob Trudeau introduced a revised matrix of recommended programs, initiatives, functions, and roles based on feedback from Board members to-date. Bob also noted that the effort to scrutinize the existing documentation as it relates to each program, initiative, function, or role is incomplete. To move forward, it was suggested to:

- Apply a standard format for the collection of the necessary information and set the deadline for submission as next month’s Board meeting.
- Acknowledge in the documentation process that some programs, initiatives, functions, and roles are more strategic than others in the process.
- Align the programs, initiatives, functions, and roles consistent with the association’s mission statement.

Guidance from the Executive Committee was requested for those programs, initiatives, functions, and roles that are newly added.

Acceptance of Board Minutes for April 2016

MOTION BY DAVID DALRYMPLE, SECOND BY JEFF CHAMBERS TO APPROVE as amended. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

None provided.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials.

Technical Director Report

As provided via email.

Marketing & Communications Director Report

As provided via email.

Programming & Events (incl Fields, Hotels, & Contracts)

As provided via email.

ODP

For future board meetings, ODP report will be included in the Technical Director's report.

National Championships Report

None provided.

Facilities

As provided via email. Additionally, Bob provided an update on the concession stand.

Leagues Committee

None provided.

Recreation Report

None provided.

Risk Management

None provided.

TOPSoccer

Caryn Goulet reported two upcoming events coordinated with the help of Rob Holiday (7/17/16 with the Boston Breakers and 10/23/16 with the New England Revolution). In addition, Caryn reported on a returning program in Middleboro (Fall 2016), as well as three new organizations interested in starting a TOPSoccer program: Bridgewater, South End Soccer, and New England Rush. Lastly, Caryn and Ray Robinson are working with Affinity Sports to pilot registration amongst some established TOPSoccer organizations.

SYRA

None provided.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

In follow-up to previous reports about the Soccer Summit, Caroline Foscatto additionally reported forward-thinking progress on the topics of player/referee training, development, and growth. Bob commented on the impressive cooperative efforts of the attending leaders.

Old/New Business

No report.

For the Good of the Game

Jeff Chambers reported on efforts by Peabody Youth Soccer to coordinate a moment of silence in honor of Brian Caron, a GU10 coach who lost his life in a tragic accident before the season. The event took place at a game between Reading and the Peabody team at which the Reading team additionally presented each player on the Peabody team a rose.

MOTION BY JARED SCARPACI, SECOND BY DEREK SMITH TO ADJOURN AT 9:05 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
July 6, 2016**

Present Board Members: H, Blatt, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Goulet, N. Hart, J. Linnehan, D. Martinez, T. Rivet, D. Santilli, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith, L. Tarquino, and B.Trudeau (13)

Absent: D. Amidon, D. Boloz, and C. Foscatto (3)

Non-Voting Members/Staff: S. Bloom, R. Holliday, I Mulliner, and S. Smoller (4)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

Changing Soccer Environment

Mike Borislow led a discussion about the latest developments and ideas impacting Massachusetts' members.

Board Member Roles and Functions

Bob Trudeau recommended tabling the discussion until the August meeting.

Acceptance of Board Minutes for May 2016

MOTION BY NANCY HART, SECOND BY DAVE MARTINEZ TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED. Motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

None provided.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials and reported on the status of the association's bank covenant.

Technical Director Report

As provided via email.

Marketing & Communications Director Report

As provided via email.

Programming & Events (incl Fields, Hotels, & Contracts)

As provided via email.

National Championships Report

As provided via email.

Facilities

As provided via email.

Leagues Committee

As provided via email.

Recreation Report

As provided via email.

Risk Management

As provided via email.

TOPSoccer

As provided via email.

SYRA

None provided.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

None provided.

Old/New Business

Nancy Hart suggested that the Leagues Committee promote the Kohl's Cup. Jeff Chambers reported on advancements of activity with the Mass Ref committee regarding developing and mentoring younger refs.

President's Remarks

At the Board's direction, Mike clarified that the expansion of the Technical Department's operational breadth will be immediately undertaken by Ian Mulliner.

For the Good of the Game

John Linnehan reminded the Board about MTOC coming up June 24th – 26th and invited all members to attend and/or volunteer.

MOTION BY NANCY HART, SECOND BY DEREK SMITH TO ADJOURN AT 9:15 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
August 3, 2016**

Present Board Members: H, Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, C. Goulet, J. Linnehan, D. Martinez, D. Santilli (via phone), D. Smith (via phone), L. Tarquinio, and B.Trudeau (12)

Absent: D. Amidon, N. Hart, T. Rivet, and J. Scarpaci (4)

Non-Voting Members/Staff in attendance: M. Borislow, S. Bloom, T. Ritchie, and S. Smoller (4)

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Board Initiatives and Priorities

Mike Borislow led a discussion about the survey results submitted by the Board (15 respondents) and next steps.

Board Member Roles and Functions

The recommendation was for any discussion of roles and responsibilities be tabled until after the initiatives and priorities are better established.

By-Law Change/Recommendation

Ted Ritchie reviewed a proposed by-law change that would establish specific election dates for Leagues Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions and better define a league representatives role and authority at Leagues Committee meetings, consistent with the League's Committee's recommendations. **MOTION BY DAVE MARTINEZ, SECOND BY JEFF CHAMBERS TO PUT THE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE ON THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. AFTER DISCUSSION, ADDITIONAL MOTION BY DAVE MARTINEZ, SECOND BY JEFF CHAMBERS TO APPROVE THE BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive Director Report

Nearly four weeks earlier than expected, one of the wells at the complex has gone dry and another is being rationed. Even with the drought, the fields are doing OK. There is a lot of green amidst a few brown patches. Mike then reported on the DRAFT, newly modified Player Development Initiatives published by US Soccer.

Mike Borislow called the meeting into Executive Session at 8:51 PM and came out at 8:54 PM.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials.

Technical Director Report

None provided.

Marketing & Communications Director Report

None provided.

Programming & Events (including Fields, Hotels, & Contracts)

None provided.

National Championships Report

None provided.

Facilities

None provided.

Leagues Committee

None provided.

Recreation Report

None provided.

Risk Management

None provided.

TOPSoccer

None provided.

SYRA

None provided.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

None provided.

Old/New Business

None provided.

President's Remarks

Bob Trudeau reported on the US Youth Nationals in Frisco, TX last weekend and the regional/national meetings. In the Region 1 meeting, the Chair Natalie Schwoeble and Vice Chair Burt Wilkes were both re-elected. At the USYS AGM, John Sutter stepped down as Chair and Jesse Harrell was elected. The fiscal year 9/1/16-8/31/17 budget was presented at \$17.1M with a planned deficit of \$888K was voted down at the AGM. The deficit was attributed primarily to the loss of the Kohl's sponsorship and added expenses to the National League. A contributing factor to the rejection of the proposed budget was the elimination of funding to the ODP national championship tournament.

US Soccer President Sunil Gulati offered to ask US Soccer for the money to fund the ODP championship, after which the AGM membership voted on a revised budget proposal, contingent on US Soccer funding of the ODP tournament and approved the budget. Lastly, Bob reported on a presentation by USYS CEO Chris Moore entitled “A New Path Forward” explaining some of the obstacles facing US Youth Soccer such as marketing efforts of US Club and AYSO which far exceed USYS. He focused on the strategic planning underway to overcome the obstacles and promote the US Youth Soccer brand. He also reported that Blue Star would be the centralized registration platform for both US Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer in the future. Chris Moore also reported on the Per Person Per Year data that reflects very little to no change in income while simultaneous increases in expenses/cost.

For the Good of the Game

Bob also reported on the USYS National games, noting that this was the first year in recent memory that Massachusetts did not have a team represented. Lastly, the USWNT won their first group stage game against New Zealand with a score of 2-0.

MOTION BY DAVE MARTINEZ, SECOND BY DAVID DALRYMPLE TO ADJOURN AT 9:36 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

Caryn Goulet
Secretary

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
September 7, 2016**

Present Board Members: D. Amidon, C. Foscato, C. Goulet, N. Hart (via phone), J.Linnehan, D. Martinez, T, Rivet, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith (via phone), L. Tarquinio, and B.Trudeau (11)

Absent: H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, and D. Santilli (5)

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 7:02 PM.

Strategic Board Initiatives and Priorities (Roles and Functions)

Mike Borislow led a discussion about the consolidation / delineation of survey results / rankings previously submitted by the Board, including next steps.

By-Law Change/Recommendation

Bob Trudeau led a discussion about the previously moved by-law proposal that was initially recommended by the Leagues Committee, noting that it will be included on the AGM agenda.

Motion by Nancy Hart, second by Dave Martinez to approve July minutes. Motion approved unanimously. Motion by Nancy Hart, second by Dave Martinez to approve August minutes. Motion carried 9-0-2.

Executive Director Report

Mike Borislow reported on the recent Stars Cup Labor Day Tournament and the resulting parking issues, noting that a post-op meeting will be taking place soon to suggest changes. Mike also reported on progress Tom Goodman and MAPLE are making on infrastructure, operational, and logistics changes, including new opportunities for crossover play with CT. Mike also reported on information about internationally-born players.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials.

State Cups Report

As provided.

Events Report

As provided.

ODP Report

As provided.

District Select Program Report

As provided

Facilities, Hotels, & Contracts Report

As provided

Instructional Programs Report

As provided.

Marketing & Communications Director Report

As provided.

TOPSoccer

The 2016 statewide TOPSoccer Jamboree will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Shawsheen field complex, Wilmington.

SYRA

None provided.

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

Caroline Foscatto and Bob Trudeau reported on recent meetings they attended.

Old/New Business

John Linnehan reported on his intentions to rekindle a statewide Sportsmanship Committee. Mike reminded the Board about the upcoming Mass Youth Soccer Workshop on Saturday, January 28, 2016 Mass Youth Soccer Workshop, registration for which opens on September 13, 2016.

President's Remarks

Bob Trudeau reported on progress for the Town Select League (TSL) for which Jeff Chambers has been taking the lead. Jeff has been extremely busy coordinating the vast amount of activities for the approximately 280 players and 14 teams across four TSL groupings. Now that tryouts have concluded, rosters and coaching assignments will be coming out soon and the first jamboree is coming up at the end of September. Bob also reminded the board of the annual awards; nominations for which are due by September 20, 2016. Bob also reported that we are up to 13,000+ adult registrations. Mike reported that 344 out of 380 leadership reports have been submitted. Bob also reported on House Bill 1690 (allowing for young referees to be compensated), which is in Committee for its third reading. Jeff Chambers has been active monitoring the Bill's status, including a pre-primary meeting with Representative Spiliotis. After the Mass Primary concludes, the hope is to gain significantly more traction.

For the Good of the Game

Tom Rivet shared with the Board that Ryan Malone, a Chicopee Youth Soccer native, is now playing internationally in Germany. Bob also reported on USMNT success.

MOTION BY JARED SCARPACI, SECOND BY DAVID MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN AT 9:14 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

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Secretary

**Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
October 5, 2016**

Present Board Members: D. Amidon, H. Blatt, D. Boloz, J. Chambers, D. Dalrymple, C. Foscatto, N. Hart, J. Linnehan, D. Martinez, J. Scarpaci, D. Smith and B. Trudeau (12)

Absent: C. Goulet, T. Rivet, D. Santilli and L. Tarquinio (4)

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

A quorum was declared present, President Bob Trudeau called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Emergency Action Plans

Executive Director Mike Borislow advised the Board that he and staff are working with one of our insurance providers, Marsh & McLennan, to develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Lancaster facility. The Plan will address topics including medical emergencies, facility regulations and guidelines, public safety, fire emergency and inclement weather. The Plan is currently in draft form, subject to final revisions. Mike estimates the plan will be ready to share with the Board prior to year-end.

The Board also discussed the adequacy of our current shelter situation at the Lancaster facility. It was noted that the pavilion office uses an accurate internet technology to monitor severe weather, utilizes an early warning system to get as many people as possible to their cars in advance of severe weather moving in and removes any equipment stored in a shelter to make adequate space to shelter visitors still on the complex.

Donations

Bob Trudeau led a discussion of weather related events in the past few months that resulted in devastating flooding in West Virginia and Louisiana. He recommended the Board consider making donations to the flood relief accounts set up by the respective state soccer associations to assist their membership with flood recovery. It was suggested that the priority should be to assist Louisiana as Mass Youth Soccer representatives attending the Region I Championships in West Virginia had raised a significant amount of funds passing a donation bucket at field to field during the Championships. **Motion by Jared Scarpaci, second by Jeff Chambers to donate \$1,000 to the Louisiana Soccer Association for membership flood relief. Friendly amendment offered by John Linnehan to adjust the amount(s) to \$500 for Louisiana Soccer Association and \$500 for West Virginia Soccer Association. Friendly amendment accepted by originator of the motion. The amended motion was approved by a vote of 5-4-3.**

“Who are We” – Step 1

Mike Borislow led the Board through a SWOT Analysis exercise (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) with the Board dividing into four break-out groups to discuss each analysis topic. Individual group ideas and feedback were recorded and shared among the full Board. Next steps include cataloging the responses, creating a

survey for Board prioritization and linking the SWOT Analysis priorities with the Board Strategic Initiatives for additional discussion at the November meeting.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

**Motion by Nancy Hart, second by Dave Martinez to approve September minutes.
Motion approved unanimously.**

Executive Director Report

Mike Borislow reported to the Board that NSCAA instructional coaching courses are currently in a holding pattern as the courses are being revised to reflect the current progression from small-sided to full-sided competition. The situation is impacting the Technical staff's ability to offer course options to the membership.

Financials

Derek Smith reviewed the distributed financials for the first 10 months of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2016.

State Cups Report

No report

Events Report

No report

ODP Report

No report

District Select Program Report

No report

Facilities, Hotels, & Contracts Report

No report

Instructional Programs Report

No report

Marketing & Communications Director Report

No report

TOPSoccer

No report

SYRA

No report

Board Members Reports on Club Visits

Mike Borislow recently attended a South End Soccer Board meeting to share ideas on organization and governance. South End Soccer is experiencing significant growth and is seeking best practice solutions and the organization adjusts their programs and services to support their growth.

President's Remarks

Bob Trudeau reported on the following:

- Status of the Annual Awards Nominations process. The nominations deadline has been extended to November 7, 2016 to give the membership additional time to submit nominations. For 2017, nominating process will be moved to a spring season timeline to increase the visibility and promotion of the awards nominations process.
- Requested Board assistance in promoting the January 28, 2017 Mass Youth Soccer Workshop.
- Requested Jeff Chambers provide a brief summary of the status of the Town Select League.
- Reminded the Board that the recent completed Kohl's Cup recreational tournament was the final year of Kohl's sponsorship. The Board needs to decide how it wants to plan and proceed with a recreational tournament in 2017 and beyond.
- A follow-up meeting to support House Bill H1690, legislation that will allow young referees (12,13 years old) to be compensated for their work has been scheduled with Rep. Speliotis at the MA State House on October 19th. Mike, Bob, Jeff Chambers and Ed McDonald, President of BAYS will attend.

Old/New Business

David Dalrymple raised a concern that the recent USYS electronic media messages on age groups are causing confusion among the town based leagues. He recommended the Board develop a counter-message to clarify the USYS messages to the membership.

For the Good of the Game

Jared Scarpaci spoke about MYSA & ODP alumnus Andrew-Wheeler Omiunu, who is featured on the cover and has a feature article written about him in the October edition of the New England Soccer Journal. Congratulations, Andrew!

**Motion by Jared Scarpaci, Second by David Martinez to adjourn at 9:19 PM.
Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Trudeau for

Caryn Goulet
Secretary