

Mass Youth Soccer Board Of Directors Meeting  
August 21, 2002

Present: S. Bloom, S. Gorman, J. Scarpaci, N. Hart, J. Burrill, T. Filippetti, C. Goldstein, J. Linnehan, R. Robinson, J. Nagle, S. Smoller, R. Frongillo, R. Braney, J. Gondek, G. Cristofori.

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM. A quorum was declared present.

**Acceptance of July BOD minutes**

*John Burrill moved, seconded by Skip Gorman to accept the minutes. PASSED unanimously.*

**Executive Director's Report**

Jim Gondek's report was submitted in advance via email, and is appended to these minutes. Carl Goldstein had some questions on the revenue figures for the instructional courses. John Burrill asked whether the members have been billed for the \$.50 per member we owe the federation – they have.

**Reports of Program Managers**

- Instruction – Glenn reported on education week at Harvard elementary school. He anticipates a big month of September for courses.
- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported the districts tournament went well, and she is now working on the Tide American Cup, scheduled for Oct 6 in Framingham. Ray Robinson reported the Big Apple tournament will be located in Chelmsford on Sept 29 and he is presently lining up teams.
- TOPS – Joe is in contact with a group from Lowell. There has been no progress on activities for summer or fall. Chevrolet gave TOPS \$1,000.
- ODP – Jared Scarpaci reported all the latest information has been posted to the web page. Surveys went to 250 players/parents who were in the program this year. Jared is reviewing the responses. Glenn reported he has been scouting prospects, and has a list of names of players who will be invited to the tryouts. Jared announced the program now has a slogan, "Pride in the Program."
- SYRA – Rich Frongillo announced there is a new director of assessors, Andy Weiss. There is a new treasurer for the referee committee, Rob Akie of Dedham. The selection process for a new SYRA is nearing conclusion. The 2003 registration process is underway. Region 1 has requested Massachusetts refs for the Deerfield call back tournament in July.

**Financial Overview**

Carl Goldsteing reported expenses are down and revenue is up.

## **FY 2002/2003 Budget Process**

Carl Goldstein updated the board on the budget process. Budget hearings have been scheduled, and the schedule had been distributed to program managers. Managers will present their budgets, then the committee will meet to compile the data and prepare a final budget for the board.

## **Request for contribution**

John Burrill reported the priest from Liberia, to whom we donated old equipment last year, is back in the area. He thanked us for our contribution and asked us to sponsor a child at their academy for this year. The cost is \$100 per child per year. *Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Terri Filippettii that we take \$1,000 from the MyTeam scholarship funding and use it to sponsor ten children.* Motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

- Open action item: John Linnehan will bring feedback from the leagues committee on the idea of a mediation clinic back to this board. – still open. John is exchanging email with a contact in Atlanta on this subject. Will report back with some information. – this will be a topic at the coaches' workshop in February

## **New Business**

- Skip Gorman reported on the events and results at the USSF/USUS annual meetings in San Francisco. Region 1 is forming a directors' league – a premier division offering summer league play to compete with the Super Y league. There will be a premier division and a division 1, playing June-July with a championship determined in August. The amateurs are now called Adult Soccer. The issue of small sided soccer was resolved with strong recommendations by the national coaches that small sided soccer, starting with 3v3, progressing up to 6v6 at U-12 be strongly encouraged. Skip's complete report is in the current Bay Stater.
- John Burrill announced that Cindi Callaghan has resigned as State Registrar. He suggested a dual designated registrar – one in the office and the other one designated for State Cup registration, for which State Cup would provide a stipend.
- Jim Gondek raised the issue of time regarding ratifying a new SYRA if selection is made before the next meeting. Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Jared Scarpaci that an email vote by the board to ratify Sid's appointment of an SYRA would be in order. Motion passed unanimously,

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

Addenda:

August 19 , 2002

Executive Director Report – July 2002

It seemed that the summer passed far too quickly. In recent weeks, the office has been focused on gearing up for the start of the fall 2002 season and the new soccer year. A brief summary of activity for the past month follows:

- The District Select Tournament at Devens was completed in early August. The office prepared for that event by working with Nancy Hart to help make sure all necessary materials were available.
- During August, the Instructional Staff conducted their second annual Coach Education week. All registrations for this flowed through the office. We had a total of more than 220 coaches who attended these events (1 D; 2 E; 3 F, 2 G, plus H.S. course).
- Ray Cabral organized a player development clinic at UMass Dartmouth. We had 52 attendees in our first effort. Early reports are that the sessions were well received.
- Registration information is starting to flow into the office. In an effort to facilitate affiliation, we invoiced all organizations based upon last year's first registration report. The organizations were given the opportunity to pay this amount and be considered affiliated (still need to provide other data later) or to submit the formal registration package. Based upon results to date, only about 15-20% of the organizations took advantage of the "invoice" method; the remainder followed standard registration procedures.
- A follow-up invoice for organizations that still owed the additional \$.50 US Soccer fee was mailed. We expect to reconcile this by the end of the month.
- The new office copiers were installed. This allowed us to begin generating approximately \$1,000 monthly in lease savings. In addition, the new copier will allow us greater flexibility and generate manpower savings when sending out folded material.
- Office tasks are being re-adjusted somewhat to account for Al Cosentino's disability absence. Thus far, we have been able to handle the adjustments.

On more general matters:

- We have worked with Hammerhead to establish the process to allow our members to submit forms on line and also submit payments electronically. This should be active by the end of the month and most forms will be converted by the end of September.
- The special corporate meeting to approve the land sale has been scheduled and the meeting notice was sent to all organization presidents and Board members.
- Sid Bloom, Skip Gorman and I attended the US Soccer/US Youth Soccer Annual General Meetings. The relationships between the youth and the Federation have improved dramatically in the last couple of years. There were no controversial issues.
- I continue to follow-up with potential sponsors/supporters for the proposed soccer complex. One agreement (beverage sponsorship) is currently being drafted.