

MYSA BOD Meeting  
February 20, 2002

Present: S. Bloom, N. Hart, T. Laine, J. Burrill, S. Gorman, R. Robinson, J. Linnehan, T. Filippetti, C. Goldstein, T. Castle, J. Nagle, S. Smoller, R. Frongillo, R. Braney, C. Callaghan, D. LaVersa.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was declared present.

**Acceptance of January BOD minutes**

Thom Laine moved, seconded by Skip Gorman to accept the minutes. PASSED unanimously.

**Reports of Program Managers**

- State Cups – (see report in addenda)
- MTOC – John Linnehan reported the tournament is confirmed at Umass for June 21-23.
- Instruction – Tim Castle reported that the courses are still going strong, weekdays as well as weekends. The Symposium had excellent presentations, but the attendance was disappointing. It was approximately half of last year". Tim said they don't know why the attendance fell off. Sid Bloom reported that Tim Castle, Brett Jacobs and Glenn Cristofori made a good presentation at the Adidas Workshop in Atlanta.
- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported the districts program has ordered uniforms and is having a meeting in two weeks. The Tide Cup will be held October 27 in Framingham.
- Indoor – Terri Filippetti has started visiting the indoor facilities in order to improve communications. She is planning an indoor tournament next February-March.
- TOPS – Joe Nagle had nothing to report.
- ODP – Thom Laine reported more scholarship applications are coming in this year. He is placing more emphasis on fund raising activities. He has scheduled a meeting at the training center to discuss the scouting process for Spring and incorporating the development program April Heinrichs introduced for the national team. The issue of what happens if he runs out of scholarship money and has to turn players away came up. Thom said he would come to the board for more money if that occurs.
- Referees – Rich Frongillo reported recertification clinics are almost done and over 4000 referees have registered.

**Big Apple Tournament 2002**

Ray Robinson proposed running the tournament again this Fall. He felt the cost would be about \$5700. The tournament involves teams from the inner city and Queens, New York who come here at their own expense. Last year we had seven teams from New York and fourteen local teams. John Burrill moved, seconded by Thom Laine, that Mass Youth Soccer appropriate \$6,000 for the Big Apple Tournament with Ray Robinson in charge of the event. Motion PASSED 10-0-1.

**Financial Overview and Audit**

Carl Goldstein reported the auditor came in and conducted the audit. Carl has reviewed the draft report and the revenue summary.

**Constitution and Bylaw changes**

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws. It approved the changes required for housekeeping and compliance with US Youth Soccer, but turned down proposals to change voting members on board and establishing open directors' positions on the board.

**Under 12 at State Cup**

John Burrill moved, seconded by Thom Laine, to eliminate U-12 from State Cup and regional play effective 2002-2003 playing year. John added that there would be a U-11 friendly tournament and a U-12 tournament to seed the upcoming U-13 groups for the following year. Two regions have already discontinued U-12 play. The motion PASSED 10-0-1.

### **Continuing Education for MTOC/State Cup Coaches**

Sid Bloom indicated he'd like to institute a way to have coaches at this level attend clinics annually much like referees are required to attend. Tim Castle suggested establishing a committee representing MTOC, State Cups, and Instructional to see how best to proceed. John Linnehan will bring the idea to the leagues committee.

### **Sponsorship of Mia Hamm/Salem State College Bronze Circle Series**

Sid Bloom reported that Salem State College has an event coming up where Mia Hamm is appearing. We were invited to help sponsor the event. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Thom Laine that we donate \$1,000 to the Salem State Bronze Circle Series. Motion PASSED unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- John Burrill distributed a proposal for the video project submitted by the producer/scriptwriter. The projected total cost is \$30,000. John Burrill moved, seconded by Thom Laine, that we proceed with the project as proposed. It was noted that Region 1 and US Youth Soccer are both interested in funding the project, and this has been placed on the agenda for the US Youth Soccer general meeting. Carl Goldstein offered an amendment to proceed only if funding is made available. This amendment was not seconded. After further discussion, the motion PASSED 8-3.
- Instructional course breakdown – the development coaches are doing a larger portion of the courses.

### **New Business**

- ODP coaching appointments. It was reported to the board that after it had appointed two development coaches as the head coaches for U-13 (boys and girls) and two development coaches as assistant coaches for these teams, Dean Conway made the four coaches all co-coaches, and their contracts were re-written. Sid Bloom re-affirmed the vote of the board. The executive board will further investigate this action which seemingly contradicts the direction of the board.
- Mediation prior to hearings  
Dennis LaVersa stated that many appeals could and should be settled in another manner. He is trying to mediate before the hearings and wants to host a course on mediation for league representatives. Dennis wants feedback from the board on this. He needs fifteen attendees to hold a course. John Linnehan will bring the idea to the leagues committee.
- TOPS Grant  
Joe Nagle is applying for a grant and has to indicate what Mass Youth Soccer is willing to give as part of the process. He asked if Mass Youth Soccer would waive registration fees for TOPS players.
- John Burrill reported that the priest in Liberia to whom we shipped our surplus equipment sent us a thank you letter with pictures of the kids wearing the uniforms we donated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

