

## **Mass Youth Soccer Board Of Directors Meeting**

*March 20, 2002*

Present: S. Bloom, S. Gorman, N. Hart, T. Filippetti, T. Laine, J. Burrill, G. Goldstein, J. Linnehan, S. Smoller, J. Gondek, G. Cristofori, J. Davagian.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. A quorum was declared present.

### **Acceptance of February BOD minutes**

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

### **Land Update**

John Davagian explained the process of our hiring Meredith & Grew to sell our land, and expressed some concerns with their conduct. John reviewed the various proposals brought to us by Meredith & Grew for selling either all of the land or portions of it. John then explained the benefits and drawbacks of each proposal. Discussion followed on the decision of selling all of the land or retaining a portion on which to build a scaled down version of the original fields site plan. John Burrill suggested we wait till next month to make a decision. *Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Skip Gorman that we develop the various scenarios of the sale to present to the membership.*

We will need more information on the two offers being strongly considered in order to accomplish this. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The report was submitted in advance via email and is appended to these minutes. The report was accepted as submitted.

### **Reports of Program Managers**

- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported the Tide Cup will be October 6 at Merchant Road Fields in Framingham.
- Indoor – Terri Filippetti had nothing to report.
- ODP – Thom Laine reported the region 1 symposium took place, and Massachusetts was the best represented state. The Boys' ID Camp will have some changes. The curriculum will be based on team needs. The teams won't be seen at ID camp by the regional coaches. Thom Laine announced he will not be a candidate for re-election at the AGM.

### **Financial Overview**

Carl Goldstein distributed the latest set of financial reports for the board's review.

### **Video Project**

John Burrill reported that the producer attended the Indiana Youth Soccer annual meeting/workshop. She has already filmed some material. Larry Harmon from US Youth Soccer has reported that they like the project.

### **Old Business**

- John Linnehan will bring feedback from the leagues committee on the idea of a mediation clinic back to this board.

## **New Business**

- The AGM is this Saturday.
- Todd Smith is still in hospital and can have no visitors. A special email address is being set up by the Revolution.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

## Addenda:

### **Executive Director Report – March 2002**

Project activity as well as activity relating to the start of the Spring 2002 season has resulted in a full schedule for office and support staff. Here are some of the highlights:

- The office has provided support for a series of instructional events – regional coaching symposiums, the annual instructional symposium and a growing number of coach license courses.
- We have prepared for the Annual General Meeting. Notices were sent to all league and organizational presidents announcing the meeting and providing the agenda. This was followed by a release earlier this month with the AGM booklet. Ballots have been prepared. Finally, we will be working with Steve Smoller to have registration sign-in sheets available.
- Registration information for the Spring 2002 season has begun to be received. This week we began the process of notifying all League registrars of those organizations that have affiliated to date, and we are providing them with affiliation figures to allow them to assess if the numbers make sense relative to the number of teams they have entered.
- The project to update our KidSafe records is ongoing. We are working with the organizations to provide them with a list of coaches who have submitted KidSafe forms and we are securing additional forms as needed. In addition, we have commenced refilling with the state to secure updated CORI reports. The cumulative effect of this project is not only to update the status of all adult volunteers, but to allow us to thin out our organization files by shredding old forms.
- Meredith & Grew have put out a “call for offers” and the submission deadline was Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. In essence, they are attempting to solicit bids on the property from all interested parties and to facilitate a review in total rather than on a case-by-case basis. The summary will be presented March 18<sup>th</sup> at a meeting at John Davagian’s office. The Executive Committee will review this prior to the Board meeting, and the Board will have an opportunity to discuss on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Activity on the web site continues to remain strong. A separate activity report will be prepared for the BOD meeting for informational purposes. A World Cup Contest for both kids and adults has been designed where the entry form appears on the web.
- The latest issue of the paper will be mailed on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. It represents one of our largest issues ever (72 pages). Billed advertising exceeded \$30,000.
- I have been working with Ray Cabral to finalize plans for two week-long summer clinics. One will be held at UMass Dartmouth and then other will be in Central Mass at The Habitat. Both give us the opportunity to go indoors in the event of poor weather, something that caused us a problem last year.
- I will be attending a Soccer Start Summit in Dallas on April 12-14 to determine how our inner city initiative can draw from the national program. US Youth Soccer is funding all costs associated with this summit.