

Mass Youth Soccer Board Of Directors Meeting  
May 15, 2002

Present: S. Bloom, S. Gorman, J. Nagle, T. Castle, J. Linnehan, R. Robinson, T. Laine, J. Burrill, T. Filippetti, S. Smoller, J. Gondek, R. Braney, C. Callaghan, G. Cristofori.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. A quorum was declared present.

### **Acceptance of April BOD minutes**

*Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Thom Laine 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. The report was accepted as submitted.

### **Reports of Program Managers**

- State Cup – submitted via email.
- MTOC – John Linnehan thanked John Burrill for being very helpful with securing the Umass facilities.
- Recreation – no report. We discussed the Tide Cup tournament
- Instruction – Tim Castle reported the season is in progress, so there is no instruction going on. Tim and Dean will evaluate the development coaches and report back to the board. Sid Bloom questioned the timing of the email notice for the regional coaches education meetings and also wanted to know what the associated costs would be.
- Indoor – Terri Filippetti revisited the safety issue of indoor facilities. The physical condition of the various facilities and policing the age groups teams are placed into are concerns. Ross Weaver had suggested to Terri it might be time to get out of the indoor soccer business.
- TOPS – We applied for a US Youth Soccer grant. Joe reported his problem is that parents assume we have a program with almost every town. When they learn they will have to travel to a town that has a program or establish a program they run into problems with local organizations that don't want to get involved. Joe feels he needs help from a higher level to support a push to the town organizations to form a TOPS program. John Burrill suggested we run a full-page ad in every issue of the Bay Stater promoting the TOPS program. *Action item: compose a letter from Sid Bloom and Joe Nagle and an ad for the Bay Stater.*
- ODP – Thom Laine submitted his report via email. Thom added he would have a report on Ryder Cup and Border Cup for next meeting.
- SYRA – no report.

### **Financial Overview**

A revenue summary was mailed to board members prior to the meeting. Forecasts are on target. Invoices for fees and underpayments on registrations will go out soon. Bay Stater ad revenue is higher than anticipated.

### **Indoor Program**

*John Burrill moved, seconded by Thom Laine that we eliminate any formal involvement with indoor soccer. Based on previous discussion and the fact these are private businesses, we should walk away. Motion passed unanimously. A letter will be brawn up with John Davagian to mail to the membership and the indoor facilities.*

### **Dual Roster issue**

The bylaws currently preclude multi-rostering for over 14 year old players. John Burrill wants these kids to be able to play on a MAPLE roster and a State Cup team roster. *John Burrill moved, seconded by Thom Laine, to modify section 201 of the Mass Youth bylaws to permit multiple rostering of players over the age of 14 who are rostered to a team entered in the MAPLE league for those players to play on a separate team declared for State Cup. The motion passed unanimously and takes effect immediately, to be ratified at the next general meeting.*

## State Cup Fall Play

John Burrill proposed having 13 and 14 year olds challenge rounds be run in the Fall. This would alleviate the crunch of challenge games in the Spring and lessen conflicts with the Spring town leagues. *Steve Smoller moved, seconded by Thom Laine that we support John Burrill's proposal to schedule the 13 and 14 year old challenge games in the Fall if possible.* Motion passed unanimously.

## Fall Registrations

(Jim Gondek to insert his comments on this item)

## 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.
- Open action item: John Linnehan will bring feedback from the leagues committee on the idea of establishing a committee representing MTOC, State Cups, and Instructional to see how to proceed with a continuing education program for coaches. – still open, John was not aware he was to get feedback on this.
- Skip Gorman distributed a draft of the schedule for the February workshop.

## New Business

- Web Site – Cindi Callaghan asked when the calendar is updated, since March was still up. John Burrill requested we get a rolling calendar for the year at board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

## Addenda:

### Executive Director Report – April 2002

As might be expected, office activity has heightened with the start of the Spring league play and the related activities. Here is a summary of office related activities:

- Although we have moved past our traditional busy season for instructional programs, we continue to see interest in coach license programs. In addition, plans are already underway for Mass Youth Soccer's second annual Coach Education Week in August, with Tara generally being the primary contact for those inquiries.
- The ODP program is in full swing. Uniforms were ordered, received, screened, sorted and delivered to the teams far earlier than had ever been done. This was not without its own set of glitches, however, as socks and GK shirts are back-ordered, but expected in time for Rider. The office typically ensures all necessary rosters, forms, room reservations, etc are provided to the Region to support the program. Finally, we also coordinate production of the Boys and Girls book.
- Most Spring registration is done. The final registration report from the organizations are due May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are about to begin the process of invoicing organizations for the additional \$.50 we are required to pay US Soccer. We have an agreement with US Soccer to delay payment until we collect these funds.
- We are also engaged in a project to identify organizations that have not reported U6 or U8 players. These will be contacted in the coming weeks to determine their status, and to find out if we need to initiate discussions with local Parks & Rec, etc.
- Our efforts to manage *The Bay Stater* database is proving to be successful, measured by a significant decrease in return postage/address corrections we received from the last issue.

- With Memorial Day approaching, we are seeing increased activity in permission to travel requests from Massachusetts teams looking to travel to tournaments out of state.
- The office is also committed to support State Cup and the production of electronic forms required by Region 1. Working with John Burrill, we have identified a process that should allow us to meet the Region's requirements.
- District Select uniforms have been received, sorted and sent to the screener. They are expected back in early June and will be distributed to the teams.

On a more global front:

- I have been working with Ray Cabral on our summer player development clinics. Two weeks are planned in August.
- Discussions are ongoing with potential sponsors; a couple of meetings have been scheduled for the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I attended a Soccer Start Summit in Dallas in April. US Youth Soccer is committed to pushing this program forward and they are developing a new Soccer Start manual. Region 1 is very active with ongoing programs.
- The next issue of *The Bay Stater* will hit the streets on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Three special supplements are planned – Club section, State Cup section and MTOC section. Advertising generated by the office exceeded \$40,000.
- Discussions are ongoing on land issues, both with the potential purchasers of the land and with parties looking to provide some form of financial support for a proposed facility.

#### State Cup Report

To all

1. Total applications for cup 2002: 296
2. Total games to be played 164 challenge round matches ; 208 round robin matches and 56 semis and finals ( quarters for the 12's)
- 2A As of today 2 rounds ( of 3) of challenge play have been completed.
3. We will use 16 fields at UMass and have 2 additional fields for the Amherst youth program so they can run as well
4. Refereres will be housed at Hampshire College
5. Costs at UMass up considerably over last year
6. Ticket program with Revs continues this year for cup winner and runners up
- 7 16 state champions and 1 wild card ( girls 12) will represent Mass Youth at Region 1 championships in Niagara Falls New York

r/s  
John Burrill

#### ODP Report May 2002

The Mini-Camp has been set. Ron finally heard from Region 1 and apparently the coaches had been contacting Jim instead of Ron but the upside is the coaches are set Rich has booked them rooms and the day is all sorted out. The girls' side was set several weeks and Ron will work with Jason on making sure all the sessions go according to plan. Rosters for our teams for Rider Cup have been sent to Region 1. Coaches are picking the teams for Rider and have completed their selections or will shortly.

Scholarships have all been awarded. I instructed Rich to send letters to all the requesting families notifying them immediately. He has done that. We had several more requests than last year but the individual dollar amounts were a bit less overall. Jim and Rich found some funds that we had not originally included in our budget figures. This allowed us to follow the directive from you all of last year and be sure no player was denied for financial reasons. In other good news related to the budget, preliminary discussions with Jim and Rich indicate that the ODP budget is again in the black. I won't make any predictions at this time relative to a surplus but things look good.

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We have replaced Jackie Shannon as Glenn's assistant. Jackie asked to step back from ODP coaching for this year. After a phone conversation with her I agreed. We have also appointed an assistant to work with Mike Kersker. He is Kenney Finn and has worked with Mike at Mike's own expense for the past few years. Kenney has always helped out and does a very good job working with Mike.

I have been in contact with Jared and am asking him to step in on more and more of the decisions. He has agreed to and has begun working out his Fall tryouts. The dates are in *The Bay Stater* and he will post more definitive information on the website over the next few weeks. Jared has also agreed to take responsibility for the U-19 teams. He will be submitting a letter to Jill soon for her to mail to our past boys and girls U-17 teams.

Thom Laine