MYSA BOD Meeting
September 18, 2002

Present: S. Bloom, S. Gorman, J. Scarpaci, N. Hart, J. Burrill, T. Filippetti, C. Goldstein, J. Linnehan, R. Frongillo, R. Braney, J. Gondek, D. Conway.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was declared present.

Acceptance of July BOD minutes

Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Nancy Hart 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. John Burrill asked for clarification of the status of the Bovenzi sale – it's on course for an early November closing.

Reports of Program Managers

- State Cup – John Burrill's report was submitted via email and is appended to these minutes. He added that the search for a Cup Registrar was ongoing.
- Instruction – Carl commented on the prior year figures reconciling revenue and course registrants. Since the prior year figures were drawn from several sources, there was some question as to their accuracy. Dean commented on the heavy course activity that had taken place in August, including the Coach Education Week. The development Coaches also attended the KNVB training sessions. He outlined the framework of a new project – development of a coherent progression training program, from U6 thru U14. He expected to have a working draft in a couple of weeks. John Burrill asked if there was a way to go back and evaluate how effective sessions like Model Training might be. Dean indicated that was difficult to do. John Burrill indicated that MAPLE would be interested in a MAPLE day with top level clinicians – probably be more effective than trying to involve clubs individually. Skip Gorman commented on Tim Castle's continued absence – four meetings in a row and six of the last nine, plus absence from the budget development process. *Skip Gorman moved to vacate the position of Vice President of Instruction. Seconded by Nancy Hart.* Discussion followed. John Burrill once again commented on the concept of moving to a member-at-large approach for BOD members generally. Motion to vacate the VP of Instruction position PASSED unanimously.
- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported that planning for next year district program was underway. Some thoughts of redistricting. Expects to be formalized within a month or so. She added that there were 23-25 teams entered for the Tide American Cup, scheduled for Oct 6 in Framingham. Jim Gondek reported in Ray Robinson's absence on the Big Apple tournament – it will be located in Chelmsford on Sept 29 and he is presently lining up teams.
- TOPS – Jim Gondek noted that Joe Nagle was in contact with a group from Lowell. That group expressed interest in coordinating a regional event. John Linnehan indicated he might be able to assist with fields if needed.
- ODP – Jared Scarpaci provided a tryout update. Two Sunday dates in October (20th and 27th – Elm Bank) were added. He also handed out a suggestion list compiled from a recently completed survey, and outlined a concept of 5 hours of community service as part of ODP scholarship award.
- SYRA – Sid Bloom indicated that a decision to select a candidate to fill the SYRA vacancy was getting close. Rich Frongillo discussed the personnel changes that were taking place within the referee community. Also, there were more entry level courses given during the summer. He said that Massachusetts was about 50% compliant on the assignor certification and that this program was good for referee education and programs.

Financial Overview

Carl Goldstein reported expenses are down and revenue is up. Healthy balance sheet for the fiscal year is projected. The audit process is about to begin.

FY 2002/2003 Budget Process

Carl Goldstein outlined the process that had been undertaken and provided an overview of the FY 2002/2003 budget that was being recommended by the Budget Committee. A series of clarification questions were raised and answered. John Burrill suggested that a stipend projected for the VP of ODP be increased to $500 monthly, funded by the ODP Program. *Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by John Burrill, to accept the budget as proposed.* PASSED unanimously.

Fee Increase for Instructional Courses

Jim Gondek indicated that the adopted budget contained fee increase assumptions for several of the instructional courses and that the BOD needed to approve the increases. *John Burrill moved that the fee per participant for the E,F, G, Specialty Clinics and Model Training Sessions be increased by $5. Nancy Hart seconded.* Motion PASSED unanimously.

ODP Coach Selection

Jared submitted his list of coaches recommended for the OPD Program. Jared addressed the complaint raised by the MAPLE Commission that objected to assignment of certain coaches at or close to the same age group as their club teams. Considerable discussion took place as to the ability to set coach assignments two years removed if a proposed ODP coach also coaches club. *Carl Goldstein moved that the BOD adopt, effective immediately, a policy that requires, at a minimum, a two-year age separation in ODP assignments from any club coaching assignments. He further moved that the BOD adopt the list developed by Jared based upon the two-year age guidelines, and that if any changes had to be made, they could be approved by email vote. John Burrill seconded.* Discussion followed. Jared felt the policy should begin next year. John Linnehan felt that Carl's motion should be split to allow separate votes. *John Linnehan moved to split the vote. Skip Gorman seconded.* The motion to split the vote FAILED by a 5-2 vote (yes: John L and Jared; no: Skip, Carl, Terri, John B; Nancy). A vote was then taken on Carl's main motion and the motion PASSED by a 4-3 vote (yes: Carl, Terri, John B and Nancy; no: Skip, Jared and John L).

Video Project

John Burrill provided an update on the video project. Moving into the editing phase. We were still trying to get Mia Hamm to act as narrator.

Bad Standing

Jim Gondek provided an overview of organizations that had still not affiliated, and organizations that still had not paid the additional $.50 fee increase assessed by US Soccer. *John Linnehan moved to place these organizations in bad standing if they remain unaffiliated or refuse to pay. Nancy Hart seconded.* 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. No discussion.

New Business

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gondek for Steve Smoller, Secretary

<u>Addenda:</u>

September 16, 2002

Executive Director Report – August 2002

A substantial portion of the office activity during the month of August has been devoted to the Fall 2002 registration process.

- August registrations were due in mid-August. To facilitate affiliations we offered organizations the opportunity to pay an invoiced amount, then submit the actual registration paperwork and a final accounting. Only about 30% of the organizations took advantage of this approach. One of the things we discovered was that this approach actually increased workload in the office as we often spent time dealing with questions on how the number we invoiced was determined.
- In conjunction with the registration processing, we worked with the several tournaments that were set to run on Labor Day. The tournament directors were extremely helpful in helping us get organizations affiliated. As a result, all Mass teams that participated in Mass sanctioned tournaments were affiliated.
- We have also been working with the Leagues, providing them with updated reports of affiliated organizations. This will continue through the end of the month. By the 18th, we will identify any unaffiliated organizations for possible bad standing action.
- The office also worked on the administrative aspects of getting ready for ODP tryouts that began this month. We will have registration support at all of the tryouts.
- Coach education activity remained at high levels throughout August and the early part of September. With a number of our instructional staff unavailable due to other coaching commitments, this has presented us with a challenge to adequately cover all courses. It appears October will remain busy as well.
- We are planning to enhance professional development in a couple of areas. We want to find Access training to increase our database capabilities. In addition, one of our employees has expressed interest in learning Spanish.

With respect to more global issues:

- The due diligence period for the Bovenzi sale has expired. Their deposit has been turned over to us. There are a few issues that need to get resolved, but the parties have agreed in principle to the terms. Tentatively we are looking to close on the sale no later than the early part of November.
- I continue to work with prospective sponsors for the complex. We should see the draft of one sponsor agreement within two weeks. A formal sponsor packet has been developed and this will be used to further promote interest in the soccer complex.
- Gatorade has dropped their sponsorship of state associations, looking instead to make more effective use of where their marketing dollars are utilized.
- Budget activity has been a major focus over the last few weeks. A new process this year was developed and the steps leading to the development of the budget was made more formal. This should provide a good base for budget development in the future.
- We will be sending between eight to ten representatives to the Region 1 meeting in October.

<u>State Cup Report for September</u>

September 17, 2002

To All:

1. Total # of applicants for the 13's & 14's is 105 up 20% from last year

2. Search for Registrar continues

3. Challenge round matches in fall
   Entry round played by 9/30 - 11 games
   Challenge Round 1 - October 5, @ 4 locations throughout state - 30 games

Challenge Round 2 - October 26 @ 4 locations throughout state - 16 games

Respectfully submitted,

John Burrill
National Cup Commissioner