

Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
June 16, 2004

Present: S. Bloom, C. Goldstein, J. Scarpaci, R. Robinson, S. Gorman, T. Filippetti, J. Linnehan, S. Smoller, C. Pacilio, J. Burrill, J. Utter, P. Irwin, M. Singleton, R. Braney.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. A quorum was declared present.

**Approval of May board meeting minutes**

**Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Jared Scarpaci to accept the minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director report**

The report was submitted via email and is appended to these minutes. Also appended are reports from the Office Manager, Director of Coaching, and Marketing Director.

John Burrill added an update on the Hirsch situation, which is in bankruptcy court. The judge will determine the winning bid for the property in dispute. The judge recognizes our right to the well.

Mike Singleton added to DOC report that Laura Ray has been hired as a development coach.

**Program Managers**

- State Cup – report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
- Leagues Committee – John Linnehan reported the playoffs for determining MTOC teams is underway. Everything else is ready.
- Outreach – report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
- ODP – Jared reported ID camp is in July. There were evaluators at State Cup and will be at MTOC. Last night Jared hosted an ODP forum. The attendance could have been better, but Jared feels some good information was exchanged.
- SYRA – John Utter reported State Cups went well. Two referees went to the ODP tournament finals: Shem Stygar and Nick Malatesta.

**Land Committee Update**

Paul Irwin reported he and John Burrill have recommended Gale Associates for the design engineer position. They were the lowest bidder and have excellent credentials and references. They are currently negotiating a contract. Once the contract is complete, the board will be asked to ratify the appointment. John Burrill noted he needs authorization to spend up to \$250,000 for the permitting process. **Steve Smoller moved, seconded by Skip Gorman, that the board authorize John Burrill to spend up to \$250,000 for phase one through three of the permitting process.** Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding fund raising, the Neoscape video is ready. They have prepared a book to make a presentation to Citizens bank and will be updated for future presentation.

**Web Site update**

Catherine presented the latest update of the web page

**Privacy Policy**

John Burrill reported that of all the state associations contacted, none have a privacy policy in place. In light of advice of counsel, it was determined we should not adopt one at this time, but to continue to offer the “opt out” option for registrants.

## Investment Policy

The executive board met with three potential investment counselors, and all of them recommended we establish an investment policy. John Burrill prepared a policy and presented it. **Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Ray Robinson that we adopt this policy.** Motion passed unanimously.

## Background checks on adult volunteers

John Burrill recommended Mass Youth do a nation-wide background check. We currently do just a statewide check, and John feels this is insufficient. Estimated cost would be \$2 per adult. John will put together a proposal for the next annual general meeting. There will be information provided in this fall's registration packets informing the membership we intend to propose establishing this policy at the 2005 AGM and it will require all adults to provide their social security number for the background check.

## Old Business

- Logo  
The board voted 4-3 to adopt the new logo with a line under the text inside the state outline.

## New Business

- USYS new roster size -- John Burrill reported US Youth Soccer approved a 22 player pool roster that would allow 18 players from the pool on the game roster. Clarification is needed regarding which programs and competitions this new rule will apply to. There is a lot of confusion regarding if this applies to the ten competitive leagues in Mass Youth or just State Cup eligible competition.
- 8v8 for U-12 division -- John Burrill proposed to the leagues committee that they add this to MTOC. They responded that they would be reluctant to do this unless MAPLE also offered 8v8. MAPLE would have to be aware of what their competition, such as Super Y, was offering. It was stated that the only way this will work is if there is a mandate from USSF covering all programs. Paul Irwin stated MAPLE would be willing to offer 8v8 for U-12 and see if the membership wants it.
- U-10 player hit by goal post – John Burrill reported the player's family has retained counsel. This incident should be used as a reminder to all organizations to make sure goal posts are secured or the games should not be played. Referees must also be reminded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

## Addenda:

### 1. Executive Director Report

Registrations. We have topped last year in registration revenue and still have not reached the end of the road. We continue to find organization who have failed to register all their folks. We are working to bring all under the tent. The new database has been very helpful in this endeavor.

Neoscape. This project is nearing completion

Wagner – Has received his basic permit to construct the facility and will begin on Monday, June 14

I am investigating the addition to the building. In discussions with Mike, we will make it large enough so that we can hold CED meetings here and even run a G course. I will secure prices and advise.

Kids Safe. We continue to battle to get dates of birth from all organizations in order to due CORI checks. An ongoing problem.

Tops. We are starting to identify contacts in various communities and will begin the push to generate interest in this program.

Citizens Bank ball program. We have reached agreement on the communities and the numbers and it looks like 38,000 soccer balls will be distributed. I will provide a complete listing of the communities

Eurosport. T-shirts for MTOC have arrived. T-shirts from Chevy Cup will be here in July.

Gale Associates – the executive committee has selected Gale Associates to the design engineer for the field project. The name will be put before the board for ratification. The contact is presently under review.

Harper. John Davagian and I met with Stephen Harper. They still want to buy some of our land, land we will never use, for the purpose of putting in a road to their sand & gravel operation. We told them to make us an offer.

Discussions have begun to replace Chevrolet as our automobile sponsor. I will keep the board informed as we go along.

John Burrill

## **2. Mass Youth Soccer DOC / Instructional Program Report –June 2004**

Our staff assisted the City of Cambridge in hosting a sports festival day for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the city of Cambridge.

We have assisted both City Kicks and NE Scores in their festivals and helped coaches at the Roxbury Y with coaching education as well.

Towns who wish to secure our coaches for consistent work throughout the fall are being asked to sign contracts so that we can insure full staffing for their needs.

Tara has secured three sites for the August Coaches Education Weeks and other course requests have already begun to come in.

Curriculum workshops were not well attended and we will have to push back curriculum development to the CED meeting in November.

Work has begun on reviewing, revising, and updating the current coach licensing courses, “G” thru “E”. Course manuals will be revised and updated as old supplies become exhausted.

Ray is no longer on salary and will be doing courses as a part-time staff coach.

We have offered the third Development Coach position to Laura Ray from Cortland State University in NY. We are awaiting confirmation of acceptance or denial.

The instructional staff had a staff get-together/retreat towards the end of May. Given the extensive hours and extra projects the staff has put in over the winter, it was a way to show appreciation and was extremely well received by the staff.

The first annual Mass Youth ODP mini-camp included 4 girls’ region staff coaches, 2 boys’ region staff coaches and Jeff Pill representing girls’ national staff. In addition, Len Zaichowsky, a sports psychologist who has worked with the Celtics, Calgary Flames, and many other top athletes came in to give a sport psych talk to all players. HPS performed speed and agility testing and I gave a nutrition talk during the weekend in addition to the soccer field activities. We have heard great responses from all involved and our ODP staff represented us well.

During state cup this past weekend we had close to 20 coaches working as ODP evaluators. They focused on the U12 and U13 age groups. Team coaches had positive things to say about the process and we will look to evaluate how many scouted players actually attend tryouts in August in determining the effectiveness of the effort.

I will provide you a report on the standard of play and of trends of play throughout the state upon completion of state cup, MTOC, and regionals.

Our teams will have competed in the annual ODP tournament by the time of this meeting. I will report on results directly at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Singleton / Howie Blatt

### 3. Marketing Director Report- June 16, 2004

#### *New Materials-*

There are now new thank you cards and envelopes available for the office staff and BOD. They are located in the mailroom. I am also in the process of creating new in house business cards to cut back on costs.

US Youth Soccer has created new TOPSoccer parent guides, we now have 500 in our mailroom to distribute to new and existing programs.

The *Free Kick* June issue will be sent out Friday June 25th and story deadline is Friday, June 18th. This issue will be smaller due to the new web site deadline goal. If you would like to add any articles or information to this list let me know. Below is the tentative story list:

- (1) State Cup Results
- (2) ODP Rider Cup Results
- (3) Injury Prevention- HPS
- (4) New Assabet End of Season Tournament
- (5) Hamilton-Wenham Strikers Kick for Cancer!
- (6) *Coach's Clipboard*
  - a. Upcoming Coaching Events
    - Coach Education Weeks
    - National Youth License Course
  - b. Coaching Tips
  - c. DVD review
  - e. Coaching Course Schedule- link
- (7) *Soccer News Blurbs & Blips (me)*
  - New Mass Youth Web Site!
  - Bay Stater*- Administrator & Coaches Editions
  - HPS Summer Program
  - Club Development Manual
  - Attitudes Are Contagious now in Spanish
- (8) *Approved Tournaments*- link
- (9) *referee Courses*- link ([www.massref.net](http://www.massref.net))

The next *Bay Stater* (Coaches & Administrators) issue is coming up this July. All advertising and article deadlines are July 22<sup>nd</sup> and it will be published July 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Website Update:*

The homepage template has been approved and the Synthenet design team is now working on creating the inner page template. Web content assignments have started to stream in. A portion of these pages have already been sent out to Synthenet. I am plugging away with editing, update, and reorganizing our current pages for the new site. This process has turned out to take longer than expected. The projected finish of the site is end of July so I am putting most other marketing projects on hold until this gets done.

Catherine Pacilio

### 4. Special Programs: Monthly Report for June 2004

- 1) Hingham TOPSoccer was launched and had a successful start
- 2) Wakefield Soccer agreed to a meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Bob Bilicki, met with Ariel Greer and Brian Callanan, Founding Directors of B&A Group, LLC. They have a business transporting & providing services and activities to people with developmental disabilities.

They are connected with Wakefield Soccer Association and Wakefield Challenger Sports and are seriously considering becoming part of TOPSoccer in Massachusetts Youth Soccer.

Follow up with MA Youth insurance ad review hold – harmless policies related to TOPSoccer.

3) Needham Youth Soccer agreed to have Bob Bilicki provide a presentation to the attendees of the annual meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

From all accounts the reception was extremely positive and agreements were made to have a follow up discussion with Needham “Parents Advisory Committees” of children with physical and mental disabilities.

4) New England Revolution, meeting with Craig Tornberg scheduled for Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM to review and discuss details for the TOPSoccer Jamboree late spring 2005.

Bob Bilicki

**5. State Cup Report**

**SATURDAY**

**Y- June 19**

Semi-Finals

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| 8:00 AM  | B15 | Suns v South Shore United            |
| 10:00 AM | B18 | Greater Boston v Galway              |
| 12:00 PM | B14 | Juventus v Suns                      |
| 2:00 PM  | G17 | Inter Bandits v Charles River United |
| 4:00 PM  | B16 | Inter Bandits v Juventus             |
| 6:00 PM  | B17 | Greater Boston v Nor'easter          |

**Brockton**

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| 8:30 AM  | G16 | Crusaders v Mass Premier Soccer     |
| 10:30 AM | B14 | Greater Boston v South Shore United |
| 12:30 PM | B19 | Tri Valley Eagles v Inter Bandits   |
| 2:30 PM  | G18 | Stars of Mass v Boston Blast        |
| 4:30 PM  | B17 | FC United v Mass Premier Soccer     |

**Mansfield**

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| 8:30 AM  | G14 | South Shore Selects v Charles River |
| 10:30 AM | B18 | Boston Blast v Suns                 |
| 12:30 PM | G18 | Spirit v KICS                       |
| 2:30 PM  | B13 | Dragons v Inter Bandits             |
| 4:30 PM  | G15 | Nova v Inter Bandits                |

**Holyoke**

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| 8:00 AM  | B15 | Western United v Crusaders           |
| 10:00 AM | G16 | South Coast v Fuller Hamlets         |
| 12:00 PM | B13 | Western United v Greater Boston      |
| 1:45 PM  | G15 | Western United v South Shore Selects |

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**SUNDAY -**

**June 20**

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| 10:00 AM | G13 | South Shore Selects v Aztec         |
| 12:00 PM | G13 | Stars of Mass v Western United      |
| 2:00 PM  | B16 | Western United v South Shore United |
| 4:00 PM  | G17 | Mass Premier Soccer v Spirit        |

**UMass/Amherst**

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| 3:30 PM | B19 | Western United v Mass Premier Soccer |
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Schedule  
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change

**TEAM SUMMARY**

|                      | <b><u>Girls</u></b> | <b><u>Boys</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Aztec                | 1                   |                    | 1                   |
| Boston Blast         | 1                   | 1                  | 2                   |
| Charles River United | 2                   |                    | 2                   |
| Crusaders            | 2                   | 1                  | 3                   |
| Dragons              |                     | 1                  | 1                   |
| FC United            |                     | 1                  | 1                   |
| Fuller Hamlets       | 1                   |                    | 1                   |
| Galway Rovers        |                     | 1                  | 1                   |
| Greater Boston       |                     | 4                  | 4                   |
| Inter Bandits        | 2                   | 3                  | 5                   |
| Juventus             |                     | 2                  | 2                   |
| Kics SC              | 1                   |                    | 1                   |
| Mass Premier Soccer  | 3                   | 2                  | 5                   |
| Nor'easter           |                     | 1                  | 1                   |
| Nova                 | 1                   |                    | 1                   |
| South Coast          | 2                   |                    | 2                   |
| South Shore Select   | 3                   |                    | 3                   |
| South Shore United   |                     | 3                  | 3                   |
| Spirit of Mass       | 2                   |                    | 2                   |
| Stars                | 2                   |                    | 2                   |
| Suns                 |                     | 3                  | 3                   |
| Tri Valley Eagles    |                     | 1                  | 1                   |
| Western United       | 3                   | 4                  | 7                   |
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|                      | 26                  | 28                 | 54                  |