
Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. A quorum was declared present.

Field of Dreams update – Gale Associates
Bill Seymour of Gale Associates brought the board up to date on the progress of the field development project. Bill briefed the board on the permitting process which is underway. The plan calls for 5 full sized fields with synthetic turf and 11 additional grass fields.
Parking – there are approx. 400 spaces in the main lot with a gravel surface and an additional lot with approx. 200 spaces. There are 3 areas for handicapped parking. There is an additional lot with approx. 260 spaces with approx. 126 overflow spaces.
There will be two buildings, one for storage, administration, toilets, and food with a pavilion, the second for administration, food and toilets.
There will be an on site septic system.
There will be passive recreational facilities containing a nature trail of approx. 1 mile and a picnic area.

Approval of December board meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director report
The report was submitted via email and is appended to these minutes.

Director of Coaching Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Director of Marketing Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Reports of Program Managers
State Cup – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
Leagues Committee – John Linnehan asked if Gale Associates could brief the leagues committee on the project.
Recreation – Nancy Hart reported the districts uniforms are in. She is still seeking a girls’ administrator.
Outreach – nothing to report.
Financials – Carl Goldstein reviewed the budget variance report.
ODP – Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. Jared Scarpaci added that there was a snag with the U-17 age group. In error, they accepted all who tried out instead of the 25 each as planned. Alternative training is being planned to be offered to those accepted in error.
SYRA – nothing to report.
Workshop and AGM – Skip Gorman reported everything is running smoothly. Tony Di Cicco will be one of the clinicians. The Awards Luncheon will run from noon to 2:00.
Audit Report
Carl Goldstein distributed the auditor’s draft report.

22 Player Roster Limit
At the Adidas national workshop, the national council will vote on expanding rosters for national cup competition. Region 1 favors this for only 17 and above age groups. The consensus of the board was to agree with Region 1’s position.

Old Business
- Selection of vendor for national background checks – John Burrill recommended we use Backgroundchecks.com. They will not require social security numbers. Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Nancy Hart to follow the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business
- Financial statements from the leagues. John Burrill suggested we require financial statements from the leagues. John Linnehan will discuss this with the leagues committee.
- US Youth workshop. Session assignments were distributed to those who are attending. Reports are required.
- Mandatory licenses for travel team coaches. Mike Singleton reported that many states are currently requiring E licenses for U-11 and U-12, and D licenses for U-13 and above. He feels we should adopt similar requirements. This is not intended to affect recreational coaches.
- Online registration. Synthenet is progressing with developing a story board. They are customizing for organization rules. A committee will be established to evaluate proposals from prospective suppliers of online registration systems.
- The February board meeting will be cancelled due to the Adidas workshop conflicting with the date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller,
Secretary

Addenda:

1. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Field Project
Our 1st hearing before the various town of Lancaster boards was Tuesday, January 11 and was before the Conservation Commission

Refinements in the parking lot continue. Also discussions with the Harpers continue on a solution to our overflow parking needs as well as their access and use of the road.

Water
We now have two new wells on our property. Full pump tests will be run to determine the amount of flow. Keeping our fingers crossed, the flow may well be sufficient enough so as not to require a holding pond for our irrigation needs. Pump tests will be later this month and I will keep you all advised.
Harper. All discussions regarding sale of additional land have been tabled. We will deal strictly with the access and parking issues. Also Harpers are submitting a proposal for all the earthwork.

Hirsch. Gould now has approval from the Lancaster Planning Board for a road through the property. He now is seeking a wetlands crossing, which he should receive. He has until March 15th to close on the sale. It still looks very good for us to recoup all monies due to us.

Auditor. Carl and I met with the auditors, reviewed the preliminary report and things are coming together.

R/S
John Burrill

2. Monthly Progress Report Richard Braney - Office Manager
December 2004

ODP Programs:
Pool Teams: As of 12/31 there was only $22,000 outstanding. This year to insure that all pool fees are paid prior to completing the first indoor session, Kate and I will attend the session and collect the money from the parents in attendance.
Team Administrators: All but the girl’s U14 administrators were selected. A meeting with the remaining administrators was held in December. The meeting was conducted by Kate Murphy and Administrative Handbooks were distributed to all.
Advertisement Book: Liz Smiles has accepted the responsibility of assembling the book. A small stipend will be given to her.
This will truly ease the burden previously placed on the staff.

REGISTRATIONS:
Spring Registration: For the first time this package will be sent out via e-mail to all registrars no later than January 14.

Office Procedures:
New Auditors- The auditing team will meet with Carl Goldstein and the staff early in January to discuss the results of the audit.
Phone System- The problems we have experienced have to attributed to Verizon and their outside wiring. We continue to experience some short downtime. We will continue to monitor. While we did complete the bid process, we found that there would be no cost savings. Also given that the problems were due to Verizon, there would be no change should be change vendors.
ADP Payroll- This was put off until January. We continue to have annoying problems with each payroll. We will look to install an internet product in December that should eliminate many of the errors that have thus far been experienced.
On Line Credit Card Usage- Due to unknown challenges this should go live in January.

3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 1-05

Skills Academy is now up and running for year two. Currently we have seen a 12% increase in enrollment and have received early positive feedback.

Earlier this fall we began to give out t-shirts to all coaching course enrollees and that has been received extremely well. Expect to see a few more Mass Youth logos on the fields this spring.

Publicity for the FA Youth Course has begun and we expect it to fill up fast.

The Portuguese Federation Director of Coaching would like to begin talks about working on collaborative education programs and we will investigate that potential this spring.

We have published a progressive coaching curriculum for the U6 through U12 age groups. This curriculum is online and we are encouraging all towns and clubs to use it as a foundation for their coaching development. It is hoped this statewide curriculum will help provide more consistent coaching within organizations and also help ensure baseline standards.

Mario, Darren, Laura, and Mike have attended the NSCAA Convention in Baltimore and will report on any matters of significance at the board meeting.

Darren recently completed the B course and is awaiting his results.
Last year, we began to promote the hiring of Director’s of Coaching (DOC’s) for organizations. Amherst and Holden now currently have DOCs on staff. Mariner and Easton are in the hiring process and Lexington is in the formative stages. Concord has a version of a DOC and both Taunton and Burlington are discussing the idea. This is a vital process in helping increase coaching education amongst recreational coaches and our youngest players. Mike is serving on the hiring and advising committee of a number of these towns. He has also helped with the construction of the job descriptions and been responsible for recommending qualified candidates for these positions. We will continue to support these towns, their DOCs, and their boards as they adjust into this new development and we will provide ongoing support for the DOCs as well.

ODP winter training has begun and is currently running at both Nichols and Atlantic Union Colleges.

Our girl’s ODP trip to Sweden is now tentatively scheduled for August in order to allow us to schedule better competition and connection with Swedish teams and families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

4. Report of Marketing Director January 2005

Grassroots
Over the past month I have had the pleasure of meeting with several other organizations. I visited with Southbridge Youth Soccer a couple of weeks ago. I was able to set up a meeting with when I presented at the MAYS league meeting. I was glad to have had the chance to get there because as it turns out, they were unaware of the majority of the resources we had available to them. Tim Cooke, the organization president is exciting to start getting his membership more involved. So as I was surprised at first, it turned out to be a worthwhile visit. The next organization I got to this past month was Winchester. As we all know, Bob is the president there, so I was of course happy to attend. Bob wanted me to touch base on the Kicks for Cancer program as his organization is constantly involved in doing whatever they can in terms of outreach programs. Everyone was very receptive to the information I had passed along and I know they will take advantage of this wonderful fundraising opportunity.

Upcoming Meetings:
Woburn Youth Soccer January 18th
Northborough Youth Soccer-February 7th
Bedford Youth Soccer February-date TBA
Salem Youth Soccer-February 8th
North Reading-February TBA

Free Kick
There will not be a Free Kick sent out this month due to the Bay Stater, the next issue will be sent out February 25th. I ask that if you have anything you would like to include or know of something that is worth me getting out there, please let me know a week in advance and I will be happy to include it.

Online Payment Process
I am still in the process of finalizing the online payment process. I have been in constant contact with Synthenet who has been working to come up with the best possible way to go about it. Once this is determined we are all set to go and we will be able to announce it to the public. It has taken a bit longer than anticipated; however I would rather have us take our time in setting this up to avoid any mistakes.

What’s coming UP?
The Boston Children’s Expo is scheduled for February 26th and 27th
We will have a Mass Youth booth there and Tara Pierce, John Burrill, and I will be in attendance, as well as some of the development staff. I have contacted the New England Revolution and they agreed to lend us an inflatable shooting area to have with us during the expo.

Laura Ray and I are starting to work on a PDP marketing plan in educating elementary, junior high, and high school gym teachers, classroom teachers and after school activity leaders. We will provide courses that will give the attendees the opportunity to receive Professional Development Points (PDPs) that can be used toward their re-certifications.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Longo
5. ODP January 2005

- First indoor ODP session has begun. There were a few little problems but for the most part they went off smooth.
- Parents seem to be happy with this year's program and they are even starting to ask what new surprises we have in store for this year. (none)
- The idea of sub-contracting the ad book duties seems to be working our well and the advertisements have started to role.

New ODP web page ordering link is coming soon.

Jared Scarpaci

6. State Cup Report 1/19/05

164 boys and girls U15 – U19 teams declared for State Cup 2005.

Girls 15
A total of 23 teams submitted applications and 8 teams were seeded on the basis of record – Cup and league play and other factors that the committee thought relevant. Seeds 1 thru 4 are seeded directly to the Round Robin next June. Seeds 9 thru 16 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 17 thru 23. The Challenge round will consist of 3 single elimination rounds.

Girls 16
A total of 22 teams submitted applications and 11 teams were seeded on the basis of record – Cup and league play and other factors that the committee thought relevant. Seeds 1 thru 4 are seeded directly to the Round Robin next June. Seeds 12 thru 18 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 19 thru 22. The Challenge round will consist of 3 elimination rounds.

Girls 17
A total of 19 teams submitted applications and 10 teams were seeded on the basis of record – Cup and league play and other factors that the committee thought relevant. Seeds 1 thru 4 are seeded directly to the Round Robin next June. Seeds 11 thru 16 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random drawing for Seeds 17 thru 19. The Challenge round will consist of 3 single elimination rounds.

Girls 18
A total of 16 teams submitted applications and 9 teams were seeded on the basis of record – Cup and league play and other factors that the committee thought relevant. Seeds 1 thru 4 are seeded directly to the Round Robin next June. Seeds 10 thru 14 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random drawing for Seeds 15 and 16. The Challenge round will consist of 2 single elimination rounds (no Round 1 games).

Girls 19
A total of 5 teams submitted applications and all teams were seeded on the basis of record – Cup and league play and other relevant factors
The Challenge round will consist of 1 single elimination round (no Round 1 or Round 2 games).

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Boys 16
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National Cup Director

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**REGION 1 DIRECTOR'S LEAGUE 2005**

- **B U14**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS
- **B U15**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS
- **B U16**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS INTERBANDITS
- **B U17**: JUVENTUS POST ROAD
- **B U18**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS

- **G U14**: --
- **G U15**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS
- **GU16**: WESTERN UNITED FC
- **GU17**: FC GREATER BOSTON BOLTS
- **GU18**: --
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
March 23, 2005


Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. A quorum was declared present.

Approval of January board meeting minutes
Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Steve Smoller to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director report
The report was submitted via email and is appended to these minutes.

Director of Coaching Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Director of Marketing Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Reports of Program Managers
State Cup – nothing to report.
Leagues Committee – John Linnehan reported the league presidents are getting ready for MTOC.
Recreation – nothing to report.
Outreach – report distributed at meeting.
Financials – Carl Goldstein reviewed the budget variance report.
ODP – Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
SYRA – there will be a male and female youth referee of the year selected.
Workshop and AGM – John Burrill reported the number of attendees is still poor compared to other states. John is open to suggestion on how to improve.

Field Complex update
John Burrill reported the Lancaster Planning Board’s next meeting will be next Monday night. The issue is traffic. The board appears to be supportive of the project.

On-line registration update
The committee is evaluating various proposals and will make a proposal to the board at the next meeting.

Old Business
• There was no old business.

New Business
• Carl Goldstein suggested we establish a task force to evaluate our election process and draw up criteria for candidates as well as analyze the election process. Sid Bloom will appoint the task force.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller,
Secretary

Addenda:

1. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  John Burrill

Field Project
We have now had 3 hearings before Lancaster boards. Two before the Conservation Commission, and our hearing has now been closed and an order of conditions will issue. We have had one meeting before the Planning board and a second is scheduled for the 28th of the month. The major issue appears to be parking, at least with one member of the board. This issue has been in the press and garnered a fair amount of attention.

Water
We are moving on two fronts for potable water. One, we are about to receive the OK from DEP for our well. The second is that we are talking with Wagner about tapping into their well and we may well swap some water by giving them water to wash their cars. I have talked with Norm Wagner and he is agreeable and we are leaving it to the engineers to work out the details.

Pump test has been completed on the irrigation wells and we are awaiting final test results on draw down, etc. The volume from the well is more than sufficient to handle our irrigation needs.

Harper.
Nothing new to report. We will meet with the Harpers in early April and attempt to resolve all outstanding issues.

Hirsch.
The hearing on Gould’s motion to extend time is March 15. The bank, the trustee and Mass youth are opposed to granting an extension of time. There is a second bidder who states that he is ready, willing and able to close on the property.

Auditor.
The auditors have submitted their final report and the management letter. The tax returns have also been sent to us along with the information we need to file with the Mass Attorney General’s office.

On-line registration
The committee has meetings with 6 vendors schedule over the next 3 weeks. Synthenet’s proposal is quite interesting and presents some real possibilities to us.

Goal Post Safety
I am having stickers made up and will send out to all organizations and ask that they affix to the goals.

2. Monthly Progress Report  Richard Braney - Office Manager
February 2005

ODP Programs:

Team Fee Billing: While the actual team members will not be selected until 4/1/05, we will mail to all of the pool members the team fee, Nichols College Weekend, Rider & ID Camp billing, the first week in March. This will serve as a reminder to all that these fees are due 4/1/05.

Virginia Beach BU16 Games: This team participated in matches to prepare for the National Title in March. The cost for each player will be assessed early in March.

Financial Aid Requests: All requests were received in a timely fashion except for one player. The total requests will be somewhere in the $27,000 range. The allotted budget is $22,000. The awards will be announced shortly after the team rosters are completed. This will allow us to re-distribute funds based on players who do not make the final team.

REGISTRATIONS:
Spring Registration: A second reminder was sent out to all club registrars in February. The final numbers for the fall were about 1,000 players fewer than last year. Due to our Access s/w we are better able to identify clubs that overpay and thus have credit balances due them.

Office Procedures:

Phone System- The meeting with Choice One was very productive. Choice One has placed our account on a critical list and is working with Verizon to establish specific contacts to be notified when we have problems. This should help in identifying the reasons for our outages with the T-I.

On Line Credit Card Usage- Due to unknown challenges this should go live in March.

Baystater Return Postage- It had been thought that since we have a Class 2 mailing permit, we had to have all undeliverable papers returned to the office. The cost for such was $.70 per paper. Each edition cost us between $1,000 to $2,000 each time the Baystater was issued. I had explored numerous avenues trying to limit this cost but to no avail. In February I again approached our Postmaster who also was concerned with what appeared to be a waste of money. With her help I was able to identify an electronic service that the USPS provides called Address Change Service. This will cost approximately $.20 for each paper that is undeliverable. I verified with Boston Offset, our publisher, that this service could be done with no additional charge by them. The documentation is quite lengthy but should be completed in March.

Health Insurance Benefit- Our open enrollment period begins 4/1/05 and we anticipate that Tufts will increase their premiums by 8-9%. With that in mind we will be soliciting bids from other providers. We expect to find other companies with similar benefits for reduced cost to both the employee and employer.

Marketing Director Report - March 2005 Julie Longo

Boston Kids Expo
In February 26th and 27th Mass Youth Soccer ran a booth at the Boston Kid’s Expo at the Bayside Expo Center. Last year we ran the US Soccer booth, so it was good to have our own, which enabled us to pass out many flyers/brochures. We had borrowed an inflatable area from the Revs. Though it was NOT easy getting in there, and taking it home, it was a huge hit among the children, and even adults!! We were fortunate to have eight ODP girls help out on Saturday, and an ODP boy and his mother help out all day Sunday. They were great help!

It was great to hear so many adults asking us how to sign their child up for soccer!! Sid did a great job at gathering signatures from the license plate petition. Combined with the signatures I anticipate to receive from the coaching courses, and 3v3 tournament, I to be near completion which will take us another step to receiving the actual plate. Thanks to John, Sid, Tara, and Rachel who all made weekend a lot easier!

Online Payment
Online Payment is now available to our membership. If you wish to view the payment forms, they are under ‘forms’ in the resource n. Several people have paid online in the past week or so and have done so successfully. The payment processing company we are , VeriSign, is fairly simple to manage thus far and will inevitably make for an easier payment process for all course/registration fees.

Undraising
have been seeking out local foundations who grant money to non-profit organizations. Though several people have been helpful in locating foundations to me, unfortunately we do not fit the criteria for most of them. However, this week I will be starting the proposal s with John to submit to the Fidelity Foundation.

REE KICK
Please let me know of anything you would like to include is this months issue. The Free Kick March issue will be sent out on March 25 and dry list deadline is the 22nd. Below is the tentative story list.

February Free Kick Story List
- Kicks for Cancer
- HPS Article
- City Kicks-(Jen Goff)
- The Game of Their Lives (movie)
- Coach’s Clipboard
- Coaching Tips
- Coaching Course Schedule- link
- Dvd Review
- Soccer News Blurbs & Blips
- Scholarship Fund
Advertise club tryouts in May Bay Stater License Plate
-Town Tidings
-Referee Courses- link (www.massref.net)
-3v3 Benefit Tournament Recap and Photos

Grassroots
Below are the next several meetings I will be attending this month. In addition to Marlborough’s board meeting, I will also be going to their practices, (where numerous teams will be present) to promote kicks for cancer, and out2news.

Shrewsbury March 13th
Bedford March 23rd
Marlborough March 31st and April 6th

Website Stats-February 2005

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January 2005-12,063
December 2004-11,035
November 2004-11,928

4. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 3-05

Darren and Laura attended the Region I Girls ODP coaches education symposium in Delaware and reported finding it informative and helpful in connecting with other coaches throughout the Region. Mario attended and presented at the Region I Boys ODP coaches education symposium in Delaware and reported finding it informative and helpful as well.

Mario and Mike are still working on creating an Inner City Soccer Festival in which we will bring together children from all areas of both to participate in a fun festival, with music, food and soccer. Pencil in May 14th as the date of this event. It will be held in Dorchester.

Tara and instructional staff coaches spent a lot of time both organizing and running the annual benefit tournament for another successful event. Julie also spent a lot of time on this project and Al helped things go smoothly the day of as well. We appreciate the support of Sid, Steve, Howie, and Terri in making the event successful. A special thanks goes out to John Utter and the volunteer referees.

We are currently discussing the process through which we will move our course registrations procedures online.

All of our GOALS sites from last year would like to continue this summer and some have asked for more weeks. Mike is working on staffing those currently and is determining the feasibility of extending of offerings for more weeks.

Julie recently sent out letters to corporations to begin promotion of our corporate camp program. Darren is finalizing plans to run camps for towns this summer.

Our 89 boys team lost their 2 games at the ODP National Championships in Plano, TX. The boys lost to Cal South 0-5 in their first game in a game that saw us miss open opportunities in the first half. This left us 0-1 at half. When our boys began to fatigue and push forward to even the game, the Cal South team took advantage and scored goals quickly. In our second game our team entirely dominated Georgia in the first half, but squandered many goal scoring chances and entered the half up 1-0. The 2nd half saw a back and forth game with both teams missing quality chances until Georgia pulled even on a PK. Unfortunately a bobbed cross resulted in the second goal and we pressed heavily, but again were not able to finish our opportunities. It was a great experience and education for our boys. Looking forward we will need to provide more and better training opportunities to any team going to this event as our fitness, speed of play and team organization (spatially) were our biggest weaknesses as a team. Our teams need training on full-size or close to full-size fields to provide adequate preparation to compete with other teams.
Our ODP team selections are being decided this week and notification will go out within the week. Our trip to Sweden for the youngest girls ODP teams was cancelled due to low player enrollment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

5. Report of Director – Olympic Development Program  Jared Scarpaci

March 2005 ODP

- Mario Prata was mentioned in Soccer America for going to Mexico with the U14 boys national team.
- Our 13/14 boys just came back from a trip to Portugal (Azores). Everything went very well and they had a great time. I would like to thank Mario Prata, Tucker Reynolds, Robert Sprague, and Author Demetrakopolis for all their work on the trip. We also had two guest coaches Todd West (Head coach at American University and Region u14 boys head coach) and Chico Chicourian a soccer legend who turned 81 years old while on the trip.
- The u16 boys went to Virginia to get themselves ready for nationals.
- Indoor training is coming to an end at the end of March and we will choosing outdoor teams at this time to begin outdoor training.
- Nationals?
- Tryouts dates are on the web, still looking for a place to have them.
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
April 20, 2005

P. Irwin Howie Blatt

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:03.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes  
Previous meeting minutes accepted

Executive Director’s Report –
Field update – things going smoothly, though traffic is still a concern to some.
Water – potable v nonpotable water. There exists a possibility of drilling a second well to augment the first well. Cost of the second well is approximately 15K
Drinking water – currently 4.4 GPM. Looking to use irrigation water for use in the toilets. If successful we would be set in terms of meeting the drinking water demand. Looking to free up 1 GPM for a potential Dunkin Donuts. “Things are percolating along and there are grounds for discussion”.
Harper Situation – land not being sold to a distributor. A future meeting is planned with Harper to see if land can be sold.

DOC Report – see attached
Possibility of an online course

Marketing Director – see attached
Scholarship

A question was raised as to whether a committee should be appointed in future years to award scholarship winners (to share in the workload, as Julie carried the burden this year).
Sid Bloom will appoint a committee of three persons in future years
Carl Goldstein asked about disbursement. Check will be paid after they receive their second semester’s bill.

State Cup
Terri Filippetti reported a Meeting is scheduled May 2 with UMass regarding future arrangements. Terri and John Linnehan will attend
No more golden goal at Regionals

League’s Committee – as submitted

Recreation – as submitted
“Tide Cup” (possibly Kohl’s Cup) will be the first weekend in October
**Director of Instruction**

Mike Singleton reported that the Instructional staff received new attire

**Treasurer**

Carl Goldstein reported that short term money up 3%
Long term down 3%
Other financials on track 7 months into the year

**ODP**

Jared Scarpaci reported that they start training on Mondays & Fridays, teams are set.
Participating in Border Cup, RI playday as well as the Nichols minicamp

**SYRA**

John Utte reported that ODP travel team chosen
Joanna Cloutier of Charlton and Brendan Orino of Rutland are this year’s Mass Youth Young Referees of the Year

**Fields Report** – as submitted

**Online Registration**

Committee is strongly recommending Sportspilot of Texas
Choice is between our own system (through Synthenet) or an off the shelf product (Sportspilot)

**Bay Stater**

*Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by Nancy Hart that we keep the current number of issues at four per year.* Motion passed.

9:19 Motion to adjourn

respectfully submitted,
John Utter for Steve Smoller

**1. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

John Burrill

**Field Project**

We have now had 4 hearings before Lancaster boards and our plan has been approved by a 5-0 vote. There are some conditions, which I will make known to the board once I receive a final draft of the language. I expect to receive that within the next week. We now have all the local approvals.
The big issue, which we discussed for over one hour, is traffic and the impact our complex will have. We have agreed to study the impact and have a report prepared and if traffic lights are warranted, then to have plans drawn up for those lights.

**Water**

This is now a critical issue and it is looking more and more as though it will be in our best interest to go to the state to get a permit for a drinking water well. The amount of excess from the Wagner well is an elusive target and even if we could squeak by, it would leave us no room if we ever wanted to have a real concession stand or we wanted to put a building with bathrooms at the quarry fields.

While going to the state will trigger all sorts of reviews, the best estimate is that our project can withstand the reviews and we have the time to get the permitting done.

Pump test has been completed on the irrigation wells and everything checked out just fine from volume to water quality to the effect of the draw down.

**Harper.**

Nothing new to report. We still need to schedule a meeting with the Harpers to resolve all outstanding issues.

**Hirsch.**

As reported earlier, the sale did not go through as planned on 4/12. A new buyer is not ‘on the clock’ and will close sometime during the week of the 25th. Even when the money and papers have passed however the bankruptcy court still needs to issue an order clearing up title. Once that occurs the proceeds will be available for disbursement. John D still needs to negotiate the final amount we are due, however this should occur about the same time the title is cleared.

Once we know the new owner, we can then negotiate the easement for the proposed drinking water well. We need some of the 220 ft radius from that land (all of which is in wetlands).

**On-line registration**

The committee has met with 6 vendors and considered several other proposals. The list has been brought down to 2 commercial vendors plus Synthenet.

2. Monthly Progress Report

Richard Braney - Office Manager

**ODP Programs:**

**Team Fee Billing:** All players were sent the final invoicing which is due by 4/15/05. As has been the practice in the past, no player will be allowed to participate in any event unless the appropriate fee has been paid.

**Virginia Beach BU16 Games:** These invoices were sent to the players as scheduled. Some concern was voiced by parents who felt it seemed high. Future teams will be told
the estimated expense in writing rather than verbally by the administrators. There was also problems due to some players traveling alone and or not staying with the other players but rather with their parents.

**Financial Aid Requests:** The awards were included and reflected on the statements sent to all parents 4/1/05. We have retained some funds for potential future need this season.

**Uniforms:** These are scheduled to be handed out to the players in early May.

**REGISTRATIONS:**

**Spring Registration:** Registrations were a bit slower coming in this March than in the past. Our total numbers were running just over 1,000 less than last year. We will be following-up with the clubs and league president to insure that the initial registration package is received early in April.

**Office Procedures:**

**Phone System:** These problems have ceased.

**On Line Credit Card Usage:** We successfully installed the s/w in March. We experienced several start-up problems which will be corrected in April. The ODP community has enthusiastically welcomed the opportunity to pay on line. We expect the system will speed up payments.

**Baystater Return Postage:** It had been thought that since we have a Class 2 mailing permit, we had to have all undeliverable papers returned to the office. The cost for such was $.70 per paper. Each edition cost us between $1,000 to $2,000 each time the Baystater was issued. I had explored numerous avenues trying to limit this cost but to no avail. In February I again approached our Postmaster who also was concerned with what appeared to be a waste of money. With her help I was able to identify an electronic service that the USPS provides called Address Change Service. This will cost approximately $.20 for each paper that is undeliverable. I verified with Boston Offset, our publisher, that this service could be done with no additional charge by them. The documentation is quite lengthy but should be completed in April.

**Health Insurance Benefit:** We were successful in obtaining a bid from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The net savings to both the employee and to Mass Youth Soccer, over what Tufts increase was going to be amounted to several thousand dollars over a 12 month period.

**3. Marketing Director Report**

**Julie Longo**

The deadline for the Student-Athlete Scholarships has passed and after receiving over fifty submissions, I have chosen both a male and a female winner. I would like to present the two winners to you and give you all a chance to look them over as I need your approval before contacting the winners and announcing it in the May Issue of the Bay Stater.

**Male:** Robert Uvanovic of King Philip Regional High School

**Female:** Kerry Honeycutt of Matignon High School

The 3v3 Benefit Tournament was held on the 20th of March at AUC. Fifty Four teams took part in the event, raising just about 4352 dollars after subtracting expenses.
Although it was hectic at times, we learned a lot and will certainly make the necessary changes/adjustments to make next year’s tournament that much more enjoyable for everyone taking part. Many thanks to those of you who helped out that day, it was greatly appreciated!

The development staff and I have begun to promote the Corporate Summer Camps. Mike and I met with Sandra Wakefield of Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield a few weeks ago and have so far set up a one day camp with their employees. Sandra is very eager about the day camp and is hopeful that it will lead to a weekly camp. We are continuing to follow leads and possible opportunities with others who have shown interest.

Laura and I have also just started to promote a new PDP program she has put together. The course provides 10 Professional Development Points for physical education teachers upon completions of the 10 hour course. They will receive their F license upon completion as well. We will hopefully be posting a blurb on the MAHPERD (massachusetts > association of health, pe, rec, and dance) website as well as something in their newsletter. We will also be meeting with superintendents to figure out the best way to tackle this project and successfully reach the PE teachers.

This past month I have visited several more organizations. On two different occasions I went to Marlborough Youth Soccer to meet with their coaches and introduce them to Soccer Kicks for Cancer and Out2News. Darren and I also attended the Bedford Youth Soccer Board Meeting.

There is a new instructional brochure, coaches’ safety checklist brochure, and player development flyer in the mailroom.

The Free Kick April issue will be sent out Friday April 29th and story deadline is Friday, April 22nd. If you would like to add any articles or information to this list let me know. Below is the tentative story list:

1. Kicks for Cancer
2. ODP mini camp
3. Corporate Camps/Summer Camps
4. HPS
5. Coach’s Clipboard
   - Upcoming Coaching Events
   - Coaching Tips
   - PDP Program
   - Coaching Course Schedule- link
   - FA Youth Course
   - Skills Patch

6. Soccer News Blurbs & Blips
   - Advertise club tryouts in May Bay Stater
   - District Select Tryouts
Copa Coca Cola
US Soccer Passback Program
Game Of Their Lives
License Plate

(7) Out2News
(8) Approved Tournaments- link
(9) Referee Courses- link (www.massref.net)

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**4. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT**
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

We are currently in conversations with other states, US Youth Soccer, and a couple of companies about developing an online G course.

The instructional staff has discussed its needs for online course registration and is awaiting the board’s decision on our online registration partner to determine the best course of action going forward to implement this.

Camps have been scheduled in Billerica, Medway and Chicopee and corporate camps are set up in Westfield and possible in Groton as well. We are under discussion with a few more locations for more camps.

Due to our restructuring of our courses we have seen a large increase in the number of people taking the G course and a decrease in those taking the F course. We will have to wait until a full year passes to see if people move on to take the F course to see how our restructuring has affected overall course attendance. Feedback from those having taken the G course has been overwhelmingly positive.

Mike has been asked by to conduct a “dropout/how to prevent it in youth sports” talk for all youth sports in Groton and will be conducting a positive coaching lecture for Braintree Youth Soccer as well.

A number of towns have expressed an interest in the skills patch award program we began promoting last year, Darren is currently designing patches to go with it since towns requested we create patches for them.
Skills Academy has wrapped up for another successful year and we are now working with Walpole, Methuen, Salem, Lexington, Burlington, Mansfield, Newton, and Concord on ongoing player/coach development programs through the spring. Additional towns are already asking us about programs for the fall.

GOALS staffing is continuing and we are geared up for this upcoming summer at the same sites we ran last year. Some have asked for extended weeks and we have fulfilled all weeks we can. We are also awaiting word back from a couple other cities to see if we can extend the program.

We are in the process of redoing our E course and manual.

Construction of a U13 to U19 statewide curriculum is in its beginning stages as well. Once it is complete we will have a full U6 to U19 progressive curriculum for all member organizations to use as they wish.

ODP outdoor practices are about to begin. We may have a U19 ODP group this year as well as we are trying to serve those players to the best of our capacity.

5. Leagues Committee Report
John Linnehan
MTOC
1. Everything is on track
2. Any U/12/13/14 conflicts will try to be worked out
3. Bills should go out the end of May
   I will provide Rich with the list.
4. All other league items are somewhat in order
   There is no revolution on the horizon, as of yet
5. see every one in May
   let the games begin !!!!!!

6. TOPSoccer
Meeting April 15, 2005 128/95 Rest stop – Arlington/Hanscom AFB
Attendees: John Burrill, John Cunningham

Update – Ongoing Development
Needham Soccer – Starts TOPSoccer 4/30/05 @ 4:00 PM DeFazio
Quincy Soccer – Attend Soccer Board Mtg- 4/25/05 @ 7:30 PM
New Bedford Soccer – contact Sean Medeiros (thanks to Bo-SCSL)
Billericia Soccer – ongoing communication
Wilbraham Soccer – ongoing communication
Wellesley Soccer – ongoing communication
Holliston Soccer – re-establish communication
Wakefield Soccer – contact & review insurance question.
Update – Database – Direct Mail to SPED programs
Review suggestion for an update - Website w/ J. Cunningham
PHOTOS - single image representing TOPSoccer in Massachusetts
Photo Releases received from J.Burrill
Attend current active TOPSoccer programs for Photo Ops
BAYSTATE – interview & follow-up w/ B. Lowe
Soccer New England – Interview & follow-up w/ Joyce Furio
TOPSoccer / Citizens Bank Partnership – Jennifer Schultz Team Velocity
TOPSoccer/ Middlesex League – agrees to host a venue for TOPSoccer @ Commissioner’s Cup – Mid June
TOPSoccer Jamboree – w/ N.E. Rev’s – 8/27/05 vs. D.C. United @ 7:30 kickoff –
  a. Contact C. Thornberg for ticket price and discuss further details
  b. Review w/ C. Thornberg – possibilities of a workshop within Gillette Stadium prior to Clinic
Connecticut Youth Soccer – Video – update on shipping
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
May 18, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:00.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Jared Scarpaci to accept the April meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added he is expecting a check for settlement on the Hirsch property bankruptcy sale next week. The post office is lowering its rate on return mail from Bay Stater. ODP payments are on schedule. Lancaster Planning Board has completed the site plan approval.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes

Marketing Director – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

League’s Committee
John Linnehan reported Nashoba Valley League will play 8v8 for all U-12. Since there are now at least four leagues with this format, 8v8 will be provided at MTOC in 2006.

Recreation
John Burrill announced Foley Stadium in Worcester is available for a recreational jamboree on the 1st Sunday in October.

Director of Instruction
Included in DOC report.

Outreach
The TOPS/Revolution proposal was discussed. This will provide a day long event including a workshop with the revolution, dinner, and tickets to the Revolution game. It will take place on Saturday, August 27. John Burrill is trying to make this a region 1 workshop, or, perhaps, even a national workshop/ Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by Steve Smoller that we allocate up to $13,000 for this project. Motion passed unanimously. The Needham TOPS program kicked off last Saturday. Next on the horizon are Newton and Wellesley. The Middlesex League is including TOPS in their playoff tournament.
Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed his budget comparison report. Things are relatively fine.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci reported that the Nichols College Weekend sleepover is coming up. Ryder Cup is 2nd weekend in June. Other than that, the program is winding down for the season.

SYRA
John Utter reported that the young male and young female referee of the year will be honored at the August 27 Revolution game.

Field Complex Funding & Development
John Burrill reported funding & development are moving forward. We will require approx. $6 million in debt. Region 1 will loan us $500,000. Ben Franklin Bank committed to a $4,500,000 loan. In order to be able to afford to carry this debt load, it was proposed we increase fees for players only in the amount of $3.00 effective Spring 2006. Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti to adopt the proposed fee increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Online Registration
There was discussion on the suggestions to either partnering with Synthenet on developing and marketing an online registration program or recommending Sports Pilot to our membership to subscribe at their option to that service. We could also do nothing.
After much discussion, Steve Smoller moved, seconded by Ray Robinson that we not recommend any specific program, but provide the links to those companies that made presentations to us to members who inquire about online registration. Ray Robinson seconded. The motion failed. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Steve Smoller, that we recommend Sports Pilot as our preferred vendor and look to future development of our own program. Motion passed.

Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy
Carl Goldstein reported this policy was recommended by our auditors. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Tim Murphy, that we adopt this proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller  
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report  
John Burrill  
Field Project
Waiting for final site plan approval from Lancaster Planning Board. Should receive this by May 19, 2005. I will file emergency response plan with the board by the end of the month, after review by police, fire and emergency response chiefs.

Meeting with Board of Health
1. The septic system. As we move into the phase of preparation of bid documents we need to have some issues resolved in order to properly spec out the work. One such issue is the size of the septic system. Our use is not defined by the title 5 regs. The closest use is a public park without shower facilities - that mandates 5 gal of water per day per user. We have calculated the average use to be 10 fields, 70 folks per field. When all the math is done, we have the size of our septic system. The board needs to bless that calculation. While I think they could bless this without input from DEP, they apparently are going to seek an advisory opinion from them on this.

This calculation also supports our decision to have 16 bathroom fixtures. We are planning for normal use, not our heaviest use. Apparently we could, and I caution could, be forced into having sufficient facilities for our heaviest use. If that happens, we will end up with lots of bathroom fixtures and few fields.

2. Use of irrigation water for the toilets. If approved, this would permit us to draw the drinking (and hand washing) water from Wagner and not have to put our own well in. Wagner's well can supply us that much water, but not enough to also run the toilets. This practice has been used elsewhere in the state, however the Lancaster board has never been faced with this request. I have the impression they will seek guidance from DEP on this one as well.

As an aside apparently in Lancaster all wells need a permit. We did not know this and did not pull a permit when we put in the one irrigation well. We were about to sink a second well, but now will hold up, permit the first and pull a permit for the second. Live and learn.

3. Use of porta johns for peak use of the facility. Lancaster permits the use of porta johns. Every time we want to use them, we will need a permit. Thus we wanted to get a read from the board if this was going to be acceptable to them. This one they did not seem troubled by, although they apparently have had trouble in the past with some folks use of them.

As we refine our strategy for the fee increase for field development and the making the facility available to the various leagues, we will have to determine how many fields we will have in use at any one time. If more than 10, we may well have to bring in porta johns, just a matter of convenience to the participants. Perhaps at some point we may consider 5 on a permanent basis at the quarry fields.

Given where we are in the process and the fact that the board of health only meets once per month, and takes the month of July off, we need to get these matters resolved by the
June meeting. The board is willing to work with use in an effort to get resolution on the issues.

The mere fact that the board of health is seeking some guidance from DEP does NOT put us or our project in their sights nor trigger the filing of an EIR (environmental impact report). However if it is determined that we need a permit from DEP, then we are in the soup.

Contractor
Meeting scheduled with major contractor. Bid documents being prepared by Gale should be ready within 10 days.

Water
Preparing to put in second irrigation well. Approval has been secured from DEP to put in and test a well for potable water; this is just in case.

Financing
Commitment letter from Benjamin Franklin Bank has been received and approval by Bank’s board of directors has been secured. Final terms still being negotiated. $4,500,000 (with payoff of Bank North - we also have a penalty clause in the Bank North loan)

Rate 5 yr FHLB to be determined at close, floor of 6.25%
Points 1 point to USDA ($40,500)
Ben Franklin costs $2,550.00
Term 30 yrs
Minimum bank deposit of $250,000. The bank is too far away to be our primary bank, so we will have to ‘park’ some funds there

Harper.
Nothing new to report. We still need to schedule a meeting with the Harpers to resolve all outstanding issues

Hirsch.
Closing has occurred and our check for the principal should issue by 5/13. Negotiations to occur with respect to interest, penalties and attorney’s fees.

On-line registration
See separate report

Fund Raising
Meeting to be scheduled with Polar Beverages. Awaiting presentation material to meet with Citizens Bank. Dunkin Donuts appears more doubtful, although we do have a proposal for the corporate office involving coupons. Trying to arrange meeting with Fidelity.

Citizens Ball program
Citizens is providing soccer balls for all Tops Soccer players this spring. Soccer balls will again be provided this fall. Discussions on which clubs will receive them will begin shortly.

Baystater
A big month for ads as revenue should be $60,000. Should be large edition with Cup, MTOC, District Select, ODP tryouts, Mass Recreation player jamboree are in the issue.

Anonymous Benefactor
We have an anonymous benefactor who will donate $3,000.00 for the Mass Youth Soccer Recreation Player Jamboree.
2. Monthly Progress Report  Richard Braney - Office Manager  
April 2005

ODP Programs:
Team Fee Billing: As of March 31 there are 43 players with a balance due. Only 6 players have not made arrangements to pay their outstanding invoices. These players will not be allowed to attend RI Play Day. 36 players have either made arrangements or have at least paid the team fee. None of these players will be allowed to attend any events that have not been paid for.
Uniforms: These are scheduled to be handed out to the players in early May.
Rider & ID Camp Fees- Initial payments were made in April.

REGISTRATIONS:
Spring Registration: April registrations ran ahead of prior year. In fact our year-to-date number is about 2,200 ahead. In May we will begin the process of identifying clubs that have not submitted their final numbers or are running significantly behind last year.

Office Procedures:
Baystater Return Postage-STILL PENDING- At the end of March we were waiting for Gannet to Provide an image of what the code will look like for distribution to USPS. They than will accept or deny with changes needed. We still anticipate this will be ready for our May issue.
Postage Meter- Two years ago the USPS mandated that all machines must be digital. They have implemented this over several years and our machine becomes outdated in December 2006. The current machine’s lease expires in September 2005. We are currently looking at several options and will make a recommendation in April as to which to choose.

3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howle Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

Discussion with companies and other states as to developing an online course continue. Once all bids and information is available, we will pass on more details.
Ongoing coach/player development programs continue in Concord, Newton, Salem, Methuen, Dartmouth, Mansfield, Burlington, Lexington, and Walpole. Brief programs have been run in Danvers, Rockland, and Townsend as well.
Mike has presented talks regarding player dropout and positive coaching style in Groton and Braintree.
Lexington and Westboro are now discussing the possibility of hiring Director’s of Coaching for their associations. If they do so, there will be over a half dozen towns that have done this in the past year. This is an encouraging sign that will aid in coach and player development throughout the state. The Instructional Program Staff is providing support and resources to the existing DOCs as they establish themselves in their respective programs. Eventually, DOCs will be encouraged to form a support network to share resources and provide mutual support.
We are investigating the possibility of adding graduate credit to our PDP course and have received word of interest from a group wanting to help promote our course offering.
GOALS sites are all set and we could still use a couple more coaches to work these camps. Particular needs are at the New Bedford and Fall River sites. We are setting up staff to scout State Cup and MTOC for ODP once again. Our ODP mini-camp runs this weekend at Nichols College in Dudley, MA. In addition to our ODP staff Region I Girls are sending Patrick Farmer, April Kater, Lisa Cole, Heather Kendra, and Brenda Van Stralen to work the camp. Region I Boys are sending Tom Lang and Dean Foti to work the camp. US Soccer is sending Jeff Pill and Bob Jenkins. With the addition of these quality coaches, this should be a great event.

Respectfully Submitted,

4. **Marketing Director Report-May 2005  Julie Longo**

**Partnership**

Mike and I are currently researching new possible ODP partners. Though we have been with High Performance Sports, Inc. for the past year or so, we feel it is necessary to see what else is out there. This does not mean we are cutting ties with HPS, simply we are looking to see if there is another program that may be more beneficial to our program. Also, with HPS having one location, it is difficult to serve our entire ODP community. As of now, we have narrowed the possibilities down to HPS, Sports-Rx Athletic Performance, and Catz. We have asked them to submit their information and then Mike and depending on the information received, Mike and I will be meeting with each group, and hopefully visiting their facilities soon after.

The Bay Stater- Is going to press this week, it is a very large publication

Next Free Kick will be going out June 30th.

**Workshop**

The workshop survey that I had created and posted on the website resulted in some decent feedback which I am sure we can benefit from. Though we received only twenty three responses, the feedback was surprisingly similar.

Of the twenty-three responses, 75% enjoyed the field sessions over the classroom sessions. When asked to rate the overall workshop on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best), 47% responded with a 4, 26% with a 3, 17% with a 2, 4% with a 1, and 4% with a 5 as well.

Only 8 people did actually attend classroom sessions. However, all but 1 said the information was useful.

For the 20 who attended field sessions, 13 commented on how well Diccico did, and 8 of them said that they did not enjoy Jenkins sessions at all. Three people said the Early Bird Rate was a great selling point

**Common Suggestions:**

Larger facility, especially for the Field Sessions

More Vendors

Lunch break during the day, so people can exchange ideas and talk

Free lunch

Focus on the younger age groups for the Field Sessions

Also, I personally had several people tell me they did not attend because they were unaware of the topics the field sessions were going to be on. I think we need to have the topics determined much earlier next time around so we can start publicizing the speakers along with their topics.
Website Stats
**Have not received my log analysis from Synthenet yet.

5. STATE CUPS REPORT  5/18/05
The Challenge Round phases are winding down and the U18s are playing their first Round Robin games as a self-scheduled match. Due to the rain, the scheduling has been a challenge to say the least. Rich has done a super job juggling referees and helping teams maintain their schedule.
The Round Robin for 13s-17s and 19s will be June 4th and 5th at UMass Amherst with two full days of play. Due to field work we will use 12 fields on the main complex and 4 fields behind the football stadium. Tentative schedule is available on the Cup website.
The Round Robin for the 18s (round 2 and 3) will be June 11th and 12th at UMass Amherst. Games will be played on the main complex. The U18 schedule is available on the Cup website under “U18 Brackets/Schedules”.
Venues for the semi finals on June 18th will be at the following locations (all turf):
UMass Lowell - 1 field
Framingham State College – 1 field
Lincoln Park/Lexington, MA – 3 fields
Venues for the finals on June 19th will be at the following locations (all turf):
Framingham State College – 1 field
Lincoln Park/Lexington, MA – 3 fields
Charles River United/Cheetahs G U13 won the tickets for the Revs’ game on July 27th

R/S
Terri Filippetti
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
June 15, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:05.

Mass Youth scholarship winners
Julie Longo introduced the winners of the first Mass Youth scholarships, Kerry Huneycutt, who will be attending Holy Cross, and Robert Uvanovic, who will be attending Northeastern.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by Howie Blatt to accept the May meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added he and Paul Irwin have met with Duncan Donuts and discussed vendor cards distribution program. They are interested in a ten-year plan for sponsorship. They also met with Polar Beverages who continue to be interested in being involved. The meeting with the Board of Health will be tomorrow.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes
Howie Blatt added there have been lots of requests for coaches’ training for the fall. Teacher continuing education units courses will begin in October.

Marketing Director – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri Filippetti distributed her report at the meeting. It was basically the schedule for State Cups tournament.

League’s Committee
John Linnehan reported MTOC will take place this weekend. All is ready.

Recreation
John Burrill announced the districts program is down in numbers in the lower age groups.

Director of Instruction
Included in DOC report.

Outreach
Bob Bilicki distributed his report at the meeting. The article in the BayStater has generated a lot of response. The TOPS Jamboree at the Revolution is getting firmed up. Bob is looking for financial support from Region 1.
Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed his budget comparison report. Things are relatively fine.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci reported that the coming events are posted on the web; all coaching positions are open again. Ryder Cup did not go as well as last year, although the younger teams did well.

SYRA
John Utter reported that one referee from ODP will advance to Kirkwood event.

Report of committee on Constitution & By-laws regarding election of board.
This committee was chaired by Mike Eschelbacher, who presented the proposed new procedure for election of the Mass Youth board of directors. This will require approval by both the board and the general membership. The proposal increases the size of the board to 18 members, adding 6 additional at-large directors, and staggering the terms in three-year increments. There will be a nominating committee and a process for screening candidates as well as soliciting nominations for board positions. **Steve Smoller moved, seconded by Jared Scarpaci** that the proposal be approved. **Carl Goldstein offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Skip Gorman, that we vote the concept first and then revisit the number of members and distribution of the at-large members.** This amendment passed unanimously. The main motion also passed unanimously. Discussion then came on the number of new members. **John Linnehan moved, seconded by Bob Bilicki, that we have seven at-large directors to coincide with the current seven ODP districts.** The motion passed 5 for, 3 against, 0 abstaining.

Discussion then came to section 111 suspension of members. This proposal would allow for suspending a member, particularly one whose actions pose a threat to the well being and safety of the remaining members. **Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Carl Goldstein, that we adopt the proposal.** Motion passed unanimously.

Field complex funding and development
Carl Goldstein explained the ramifications of debt service for the field development over a period of ten years, considering the possibility of a decline in registration and use of the field assessment funds. There was a comparison of scenarios with steady registration as well as projected decline. These scenarios are considerations in deciding whether or not to borrow up to $6 million to cover the project. Carl feels we can begin disbursing funds to the towns for field development starting in the first year. **Steve Smoller moved we borrow up to $6 million subject to approval of the $3 per player assessment by the general membership, seconded by Terri Filippetti.** The motion passed 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Online Registration
John Burrill reported that Sports Pilot has revised their proposal upon discovering their original proposal was not financially feasible. The consensus of the board was to continue to proceed with negotiating a contract with Sports Pilot.

**Old Business**
There was no old business.

**New Business**
- John Linnchan proposed Mass Youth consider mandating 8v8 play for U-12 age division. The consensus was not to mandate but to continue promoting and educating about the merits of this format. It was noted that this format will be added to MTOC next year. John Burrill said he would suggest districts also adopt this format for U-12.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

**Addendum:**

1. **Executive Director Report**
   **John Burrill**

   **Field Project**
   Board of Health
   The next meeting with the B of H will be on June 16. Concern docs exist over the state DEP position on use of porta johns. While no decision has been made, the preliminary indications were not favorable
   The matter of use of irrigation water for the toilets is also still up in the air

   **Contractor**
   Bid documents will be ready for review by June 16. The hold up has been the septic issues, issues regarding the building and the improvements to Old Union Turnpike.
   After a discussion with Bill Seymour, we will go ahead with what we have for the first round of bids. We anticipate two rounds with the second round occurring after we have reduced the field to 2 or 3 bidders, down from the expected 8-10.

   **Water**
   Preparing to put in second irrigation well. Approval has been secured from DEP to put in and test a well for potable water; this is just in case.

   **Financing**
   Commitment letter from Benjamin Franklin Bank has been received and approval by Bank’s board of directors has been secured. Initial application has been made to USDA and final application is in process.
   Had meeting with USDA reps and they saw no major road blocks in order to secure approval.
   We have also made application and submitted documents to regional director. Hopefully we can secure commitment letter within next 30 days.

   **Harper.**
   They are negotiating with separate party for a direct access route to their property. They may well have a P & S signed. Once they do, we will arrange meeting to resolve issues. It will be very good news if they have their own access.

   **Hirsch.**
John Davagian has submitted a bill to trustee for interest and attorney fees in connection with our debt. The totals approx. $80,000. A meeting will be arranged within next 10 days to settle our claim. Anything that looks like a penalty, we most likely will not be able to collect.

**On-line registration**
Discussions have begun with Sports Pilot regarding a contract. They are due to come back to us with some revised figures by June 10.

**Fund Raising**
Meeting to be scheduled with Polar Beverages for June. Meeting with Citizens Bank will also occur this month as well. Also Fidelity is looking more promising for a meeting as well.

**Baystater**
The issue has hit the streets. Due to errors on the part of the postal service, it appears likely we will not have a reduced rate on the returns for this issue. The postal service appears not to be the most efficient group going and several of their reps do not appear to understand their own rules, of which there are many.

**Leagues Committee**
Sid and I met with league presidents to explain proposed fee increase. While the reception was restrained at best, I think a majority of the presidents were supportive. They all need to go back to their respective boards to present the proposal. Sid and I offered to attend any of those meetings.

**Emergency Response Plan**
A plan has been prepared for the complex. It is currently under review by the local chiefs of police, fire and ambulance.
Other plans will have to follow, such as goal post safety, maintenance, trash, security.

**Tops day at the Revs**
US Youth Soccer has taken a pass on participating in the Tops festival. We will now approach region 1.

2. **Office Manager Report**

Richard Branley

**ODP Programs:**

**Accounts Receivable:** As of May 31 only 10 players had a balance due. All of these had paid through Rider Cup. Only ID balances are due and payment arrangements have been made.

**2006 Tryouts:** Steps are now being put in place to have the necessary personnel on hand to handle the administrative portion. This year for the first time we will have participants enrolling and paying electronically. This will allow us to build a data base with ease compared with prior years.

**REGISTRATIONS:**

**Spring Registration:** At the end of May we are running behind last year, 3,000+. It appears that we will continue to do so for the remainder of this year. We have started to follow-up with the organizations that have dropped greater than 10% in either players or adults. After reviewing their replies and prior year results we are beginning to better understand the reasons for this drop in registered members:

1. Duplicate Members—prior to the access software it was difficult to identify when clubs submitted payment for members previously registered by another club. We did not track the actual number of players but it seems to be higher than anticipated. The result has been credit balances on the organizations a/r.

2. Overpayments—In prior years we have had difficulty in monitoring overpayments by clubs. Beginning last January, with the installation of the access s/w, we have done a better job of identifying organizations that over pay, in fact sometimes duplicate payment is received. Between this reason and reason #1, we are currently carrying over $20,000 in credit balances. There have also been numerous refunds issued due to overpayments.

3. Reduction in adults—As a result of our contacting clubs about their apparent drop in membership, many are informing us that for the first time they are taking the time to review
the adult listing that is being sent to us. They are finding there are numerous coaches that
have not participated in recent years but were being left on the files submitted to us. In
addition they are telling us that as a result of the drop in players, there are fewer teams thus
fewer adults needed.

4. Reduction in players- Across the state we are beginning to see a slight decline in players, 3%
for the 7 leagues audited through May 31st. We expect that number to drop slightly and the
final decrease to be between 2-3%.

Fall Registrations: The fall package will be sent to all league registrars and presidents by the 17th of June.

STATE CUP:
This year Kate Murphy has taken over the complete task of the registrar duties in auditing rosters.

MTOC: As of May 31 only two leagues had not paid their tournament fees. This is a vast improvement
over prior years. We expect all to have paid prior to the tournament which will be a first. We contribute
this for two reasons; first cooperation from the league presidents and secondly the use of e-mail to
distribute the invoices directly to them.

Office Procedures:
Baystater Return Postage-We completed the necessary paperwork prior to the May issue, and were told
by the postal people that we were all set. Seems they forgot to tell us some other steps needed and the
result is that there will be fewer returns at the $.70 rate but not 100% as anticipated. We are continuing to
follow-up with the USPS to complete this matter. We have also spoken with NFocus, who prepares are
mail data base about other steps to be taken. They are suggesting another sort that they could do for about
$80.00 per issue that would further reduce the bad address issue. The real problem is that while we can
correct any bad addresses, if the club does not make the change as well, when they give us an updated disk it
will override any corrections that we have made.

Postage Meter- STILL PENDING - Two years ago the USPS mandated that all machines must be digital.
They have implemented this over several years and our machine becomes outdated in December 2006. The
current machine’s lease expires in September 2005. We are currently looking at several options and will
make a recommendation in April as to which to choose.

3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

Budget
To date this budget year we have run 64 G courses, 32 F courses, 7 E courses, and 2 D courses. In addition,
we have run 30 specialty clinics, and brought in $26K in additional player development revenue. This
compares to last year’s numbers at this time of 38 G courses, 57 F courses, 18 E courses, 3 D courses, and
5 Specialty Clinics (all part of 3 year plans). Player development revenue at this point last year was $13K.
You will notice some trend differences in the course numbers. This year we have begun requiring the G
course, which was not done previously. This has resulted in a rise in number of G courses and a drop in
number of F courses (people previously entered at the F course). Overall, the number of G and F courses
combined are steady from year to year so far. The question to be answered (likely in August and Sept) is
whether or not those who took the G will now return for their F. Further, you will notice a dip in the
number of E courses. This is the result of us enforcing the rule that people need a wait time in between their
F and E course. Previously people would take the G, F, and E course all back to back in the same week or
weeks. This increased the number of courses offered, but limited the amount of learning and applied
experimentation possible. The end result is that we have reduced quantity and hopefully increased quality.
The long term numbers will prove much more informative as to course and education trends in the state.

Lexington
Lexington has officially begun search for a full-time DOC. We are helping throughout this process to make
as easy as possible. Amherst has hired a new DOC, Chris Streeter, who we recommended to them and will
continue to work with to make sure all runs well.
FA Course
The FA course is upon us and all set to run at Emerson College beginning on June 20.

Goals
GOALS sites will begin at the end of June in some cases. Staffing is finalizing and we are all set for another year. I am going to ask sites if they might be interested in afternoon camps next year. This might increase our outreach and the number of children we connect with while allowing me to provide a full day of work for our coaches.

Mario helped out City Kicks at their annual Jamboree on June 7th.
Darren and Mike have been assisting securing teams to help US Soccer with the courses they run at Deerfield Academy this month.

The rain had a significant effect on our ongoing coach and player education programs. Fortunately we have been able to reschedule most of the cancellations leaving us with a loss from scheduled revenue of only $1500 for the season.

Nashoba, BAYS, Middlesex and Essex (rec) are now offering 8 v 8 at the U12 level in the Fall. WAYSA is currently playing 7 v 7. MAYS is discussing the possibility still and South Shore will offer 8 v 8 at U12 in the spring as well. The tide is rolling and our coaches are out to help any organization with the transition in any way possible—from setting up fields to educating coaches to explaining rationale to coaches and parents.

Nichols Mini-Camp went extremely well with both National Staff coaches for region I in attendance, as well as 5 staff coaches from Region I girls and 2 staff coaches from Region I boys.

We scouted all U12 (Andre Cup) and U13 (State Cup) games at UMass the weekend of June 4-5. We will also be scouting the MTOC tournament (U12 and U14) on June 17-19, as well as scouting the semi-finals of state cup and the top teams from U12 MAPLE (not at UMass).

Rider Cup was played over the weekend of June 10-12. Updates on results will be available at the board meeting.

4. Marketing Director Report - June 9, 2005
Julie Longo

PDP COURSE
Laura and I have been working on getting the PDP course up and running. I have been in contact with LSDO (Local Staff Development Opportunities) which is made up of the school districts of Foxborough, North Attleboro, Norfolk, Bellingham, Millis, & King Philip. The LSDO group has shown much interest in the program, and we are currently working out dates with Norfolk, and Bellingham. As of now, we are planning for two days during the week of August 8th and 29th. I have also been in touch with Bridgewater State, and am awaiting confirmation from them in regards to offering a graduate credit to go along with the 10 PDPs and F License. If we do in fact partner with Bridgewater, we will be adding 3 hours to the 10 hour course.

ODP PARTNER
After researching and contacting several different companies, Mike and I have finally narrowed it down to Sports-Rx and still HPS. Sports-Rx has agreed to offer their program, free of charge to our ODP program, at all four of their locations, including their BU site. Mike and I have a meeting with Dan McGovern of Sports-Rx on the Thursday the 16th. Here we will be able to further our discussion and focus, and see if what they have to offer is better than the services we currently have. High Performance Sports is of course still in the running as well. I was currently informed that they are opening up a new complex in Walpole. This is not something they have released to the public yet, however, the details are being finalized, and they plan on having it open for summer session. We should have a decision made within the next few weeks.

I have recently posted 10 articles/new blurbs (either from past Free Kicks or Bay States) on OUT2News. As I have mentioned in the past, please encourage the organizations you are involved with to utilize this online community based newspaper, to post game results, articles, or pictures. This is a FREE communication tool for all of our membership, and CAN BE a useful tool for Mass Youth as well!
The *Free Kick* June issue will be sent out Thursday June 30th and story deadline is the Monday before. 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. HPS
4. OUT2News
5. *Coach's Clipboard*
   a. Upcoming Coaching Events
      - Coach Education Weeks
      - FA Course Recap
   b. Coaching Tips
   c. DVD review
   d. Coaching Course Schedule- link
6. *Soccer News Blurs & Blips*
   - Bay Stater- Administrator & Coaches Editions
   - HPS Summer Program
   - Dial and Term Mom USA
   - Novice coach DVD
   - License Plate
7. *Approved Tournaments- link*
8. *Referee Courses-* link (www.massref.net)

The next *Bay Stater* (Coaches & Administrators) issue is coming up next month and it will be published July 20th.

**WEBSITE STATS**

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Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
July 20, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:12.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti to accept the June meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added the well testing has been completed, and the two wells yield 180 gallons per minute combined. John expects a decision from Duncan Donuts by mid-August. He also expects a decision from Polar Beverages around the same time frame.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes

Marketing Director – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

League’s Committee
John Linnehan distributed his report at the meeting, which recapped MTOC. It is appended to these minutes.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported this is the middle of the Districts season, and, so far, there are no complaints. The tournament will be held at Devens August 6-7.

Outreach
Bob Bilicki distributed his report at the meeting. It contained a report on the steering committee for the TOPS Jamboree to be held at Gillette Stadium on August 27. Bob reported he received 9 new inquiries as a result of the last article in the Bay Stater. Dr. David Tarr of Westford, who referees in the Middlesex League, donated his referee fees for the year to the TOPS program. Bob reported that he is moving to Virginia on August 1, but hopes to remain involved with the TOPS program.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed his budget comparison report. Things are relatively fine.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci reported that ID camp ends Friday. There were not many surprises. He has almost completed the hiring of coaches and reported he had the largest
pool of applicants since he became ODP director. He is considering requiring a B license for all coaches, including assistants. Tryouts will be held in August.

SYRA
John Utter reported that, at regionals, all our referees worked through the semi’s and three worked finals. Three referees were selected to go to the nationals.

Field complex funding and development
This subject was basically covered in the executive director’s report.

Special General Meeting
John Burrill reported that the special general meeting will be held at 2pm (with registration beginning at 1pm) at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlboro, MA.

Funding Request from City Kicks and New England Scores
John Burrill reported these two groups asked him if they should submit a grant application. There is no money in the budget for this year for this use. The consensus of the board was to have them submit an application and we can consider it at the next meeting.

Special General Meeting – Foundation
Ray Robinson suggested we do something about the Foundation in light of the proposed $3 fee increase being proposed at this meeting. Also, we should consider activating the real estate corporation that John Davagian set up as well. Ray suggested we have a special meeting to consider these two issues. Ray would like to see these two entities in place before the special general meeting. John Burrill will distribute copies of the paperwork that John Davagian prepared for these two entities to the board for their consideration and suggestions.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
- Marlboro head-butting incident
  John Burrill reported Marlboro Youth Soccer will hold a hearing in a few weeks to deal with the incident.
- John Burrill reported there is a change in CORI procedures required by the commonwealth of Massachusetts that will require a lot of additional work and reports. He will have to hire someone at least part-time to help.
- Sid Bloom reported the USYS annual general meeting will take place next week. There are 3 open positions for the board, VP, Treasurer, and Member-at-large.
- Skip Gorman reported that the region 1 annual meeting will take place in October in Newport, RI.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report
John Burrill

Field Project
We are closing in on having the bid package ready to distribute to about a dozen contractors. There has been some delay as we wait for test results on the second irrigation well. Those results should be in by July 15 and final design work can be completed on the pump station and piping. Once the package goes to bid, we will give the contractors 30 days in which to submit a bid. Once we receive and review the bids, we will decide on whether or not to have a second round of bidding with just the top 2 or 3.

Financing
Waiting on final approval from USDA. All information has been submitted.

Harper.
Had preliminary meeting. Harper is attempting to purchase a parcel which should provide him access to the quarry without going through our property. We will not know final outcome until early September. If Harper is successful, we will then wrap up negotiations with him.

Hirsch.
Waiting to hear from trustee if he will accept our proposal of interest and attorney’s fees.

On-line registration
About ready to sign contract with Sports Pilot. Some organizations have already contacting them and are prepared to go forward.

Fund Raising
Meet with both Dunkin Donuts and Polar Beverages. Waiting for them to get back to us with proposal. Meeting with Citizens Bank will be mid August.

Citizens Ball program
Program ready to kick off for the fall. Waiting to see final count and which communities will be included

2. Monthly Progress Report
Richard Braney - Office Manager

June 2005

ODP Programs:

Accounts Receivable: As of June only 4 players had a balance due. All of these had paid through Rider Cup. Only ID balances are due and payment arrangements have been made.

2006 Tryouts: Steps are now being put in place to have the necessary personnel on hand to handle the administrative portion. This year for the first time we will have participants enrolling and paying electronically. This will allow us to build a data base with ease compared with prior years. NO CHANGE REGISTRATIONS:

Fall Registrations: The fall package was distributed to all league presidents and registrars in June

Office Procedures:

Postage Meter- STILL PENDING - Two years ago the USPS mandated that all machines must be digital. They have implemented this over several years and our machine becomes outdated in December 2006. The
current machine's lease expires in September 2005. We are currently looking at several options and will make a recommendation in August as to which to choose.

3. Marketing Director Report - July, 2005
Julie Longo
I recently sent in an application for the 2005 Youth Program Resource Fair. The Fair is run by BOSTnet, (build the out of school time network). The purpose of the fair is to gather a large group of after-school and youth program providers and offer recourse information from 75 local, state, and federal recourse agencies. It will connect program recourse information and providers in one place, giving Mass Youth the opportunity to learn about the range of resources available to support and improve our own resources and programs. The event will take place on Thursday, October 6th from 9am-1pm at the Artists for Humanity EPICenter in South Boston. Anyone who may be interested in attending, please just let me know.

Last report I mentioned that Mike and I narrowed our strength and conditioning partner down to two, Sports-Rx and HPS. After meeting with Sport-Rx and thoroughly reviewing the information they submitted, we decided to go with High Performance Sports again. Though Sport-Rx was impressive, and their staff was great, we felt the locations were not ideal for our membership. They have three locations, Pembroke, Bridgewater, and Hyannis. In addition they also have use of the BU Athletic Enhancement Facility. However, we felt that HPS's new Walpole site, and their current site in Peabody, would better serve our membership. I have recently been speaking with Cindy Curley, or Orchard Hills Athletic Club in Lancaster, about a possible partnership. I have proposed the idea of Orchard Hills acting as a 'host' site for our strength and conditioning partner. They are very interested in doing so, and Mike and I will be meeting with her sometime in the next few weeks to exchange ideas/expectations, etc.

After last board meeting, I had sent a letter to the office of Governor Mitt Romney requesting that September be named Youth Soccer Month once again. I am still awaiting approval. Both BC and BU have been in touch with me, and once I hear back from the Governors office, we will be able to set up actual Youth Soccer Month celebration events.

As I have mentioned in the past, please encourage the organizations you are involved with to utilize this online community based newspaper, to post game results, articles, or pictures. This is a FREE communication tool for all of our membership, and CAN BE a useful tool for Mass Youth as well!

I have created a Skills Patch Order form available on the website. The orders are being sent directly to the patch company, Lido. Please encourage everyone to fill out the form, as Darren has been working hard to get this program rolling.

The website stats continue to increase. Listed below is the number of unique visitors per month.

**WEBSITE STATS:**
Unique Visitors
**JUNE 2005-23,515**
May 2005-21,070
April 2005- 18,596
March 2005-14,353
February 2005-11,575
January 2005-12,063
December 2004-11,035
November 2004-11,928

4. Director, National Challenge Cup Terri Filippetti
Re: US Youth Soccer National Championship Series - Massachusetts State Cups 2005
On Father's Day, Sunday June 19th, the 2005 edition of the Massachusetts State Cups Championships were concluded.

Weather:
The spring rains made the completion of the Challenge games a real challenge. Thanks to the great efforts of Rich with both the scheduling of the games and the referees all games were completed on time. The heat and the humidity found its' way to UMass along with an occasional afternoon thunderstorm for the Round Robin games. The weather for the semis and finals was great for playing, a bit overcast and on the chilly side.

**Numbers:**
This year we had a total of 271 teams compete in state cup, down from the 288 teams in 2004 – a 6% decrease.
A total of 367 Cup games were played (this includes the 197 “off-site” games).

**Format:**
Again this year, the 13’s & 14’s played through their second challenge round in the fall.
Seedings were done in early September (for the 13’s & 14’s) and early January (for the 15’s & above) based on prior year’s results and by a blind draw. As it turned out, 69% of the top 4 seeds made it into the semi-finals.
Only four of the 2004 Champions won again in 2005 (B15, B16, B19, and G19). The biggest leap belonged to the 10th seeded U16 South Coast Scorpions girls’ team who became state Champions and who lost in overtime at the Regional semi-finals.
Due to high school graduations, all U18 Round Robin matches were held on site. The first match of the Round Robin was self-scheduled and matches two and three were played on June 11th and 12th at UMass/Amherst. The schedule on June 4th was also arranged to meet the needs of players taking their SAT’s and ACT’s.

**Administration:**
Kate Murphy continued to be responsible for all Cup rosters as well as collecting paperwork from our teams for Regionals. She then made sure that all of the necessary paperwork for each of our Cup Champions was sent to the appropriate Regional contact. Kate did an outstanding job. Once again, Tara Pierce coordinated all paperwork for the Round Robin and handled registration at UMass on June 4th, 5th and 11th. The process was flawless. In addition, Tara helped at the semis and finals’ sites. Working with both Kate and Tara, and having their help, made a huge contribution to the success of this year’s State Cup. One of the biggest plus continues to be the state cup score site on the web. This enabled us to keep everyone informed of the results and schedules on a daily basis and everyone seemed to appreciate this. I thank Rich for his countless hours of scheduling the Challenge matches and posting the scores.
All information was distributed via e-mail. The website was the main resource of State Cup information.
Geoff Ledger from Hammerhead improved the web scoring site to make it more user friendly.

**Rules:**
The rules presented no real problems.

**Referees:**
Rich handled all the assignment of officials for the challenge round portion of the tournament and all “off-site” Round Robin matches – approximately 200 matches. This was a very large administrative task that Rich continued to handle in an outstanding manner. The challenge system would be difficult (if not impossible) to administer without the dedication and attention to detail that Rich provides.
John was responsible for the assignment at UMass for the weekend of June 4th and 5th as well as the semis and finals on June 18th and 19th -- approximately 275 matches. John also handled the arrangements for the referee housing at UMass for the Round Robin weekend. The quality of the referees continues to be a real strength of the program. The cash payment procedure continued to be well received by all.
A thank you must also go to the Assessors, headed by Andy Weiss, Peter Robinson and Nigel Bright, who were on hand at UMass.

**Competition:**
The competition provided an opportunity for the teams to showcase their talents. Matches were hard fought but played within the rules and there were no incidents of any kind to report. I continued to track all cards given to players and coaches, and the card accumulation continues to trend downward. No player had to sit out a Round Robin match due to the accumulation of three yellow cards.

**Site:**
UMass/Amherst was the site for the first and second weekends. We used 16 fields: 12 on main complex and 4 fields behind the football stadium. The fields and goals on the main complex were in the best shape ever! Dan Markowski from UMass (replaced Al McKinnon) was extremely helpful and a pleasure to work with.
A special thank you goes to the field crew, headed by Ross Weaver. The field crew worked Friday on field preparation and replacing/repairing the nets. Crew members were Dave Westbury, Dave Westbury Jr., Rick Filippetti, Katelyn Filippetti, Rich Filippetti, Larry Kelly, John Utter, Frank Scarsella, and Rich Yavarow.

We used several turf fields throughout the state for our semis and finals: UMass/Lowell, Framingham State, and the three fields at Lincoln Park in Lexington. I believe that the decision to schedule these matches on field turf fields is best for both the players and our tight schedule and I plan to continue this practice in 2006.

**Trainers:**

Kathy Boyd of the UMass staff handled this and all were outstanding. We had ample staff on site and they were able to respond quickly and effectively when necessary.

**Concessions:**

We are required to use UMass concessions. The food was ok but a bit pricey for some.

**Awards presentation:**

Each site ran a presentation ceremony. Medals were again given to the top 4 teams. Each final match had a MVP who was chosen by the coaches of both teams. The MVP was given a $50.00 gift certificate to Gotshalk's.

The referees chose Fair Play winners. Teams were judged on the cooperation of their players and coaches as well as their overall game conduct. Winning teams were given a framed certificate.

**Staff:**

State Cup could not be successful without a group of key people. I consider myself very lucky to have had the help and support of such a great group:

John Burrill, Ross Weaver, Paul Irwin, Kathy Irwin, Dave Westbury, Rich Filippetti, John Utter, Kathy Kelly, Jim & Marlene Gondek, Rick Filippetti, Katelyn Filippetti, Rick Skelly, Joe McVeigh, Steve and Melanie Robinson, Tara Pierce, Kate Murphy, Kathy Boyd and several others were instrumental in making the tournament a success.

*My sincerest thanks to all of them.*

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Results from Regionals:

Congratulations to our Region 1 Champions: Stars of Massachusetts G19, FC Greater Boston Boys B13 and B15 teams! This is the first time that Massachusetts has had three regional winners. The G19 Stars and B15 Bolts will be representing Region 1 at the National Championships in Orlando, Florida the last week in July.

The G19 Stars, coached by Jason Dewhurst, beat a stubborn Connecticut team 1-0 in overtime in the regional final. The Stars were undefeated and did not allow a goal during the tournament.

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The B13 Bolts, coached by Paul Kerridge, beat Virginia 2-0 in the final. The Bolts had an overall record of 4 wins and one tie.

The B15 Bolts, coached by Francis Okrah, beat Maryland 1-0 in the final. The Bolts had an overall record of 4 wins and one tie. They also were the champions of the Region 1 Director's League this spring.

The B17 Juventus team, coached by Tony Conte, played an outstanding tournament before huge crowds every game. They lost in the final 1-0 on a goal in the 90th minute - a heart breaking game for all. On the way to the final, they defeated the two time national champs, Casa Mia from Maryland, in the crucial third game of the Round Robin. Mary observers felt this was the "game of the tournament." They finished with 4 wins and the one loss.

Massachusetts also had two additional teams make it to the semi-finals: G14 Stars of Massachusetts and G16 South Coast Scorpions. The G14 Stars, coached by Alan Sale, lost a tough game to Penn West 3-2 in overtime. Penn West went on to win the regional final. The Stars had won their previous three matches.

The G16 South Coast Scorpions, coached by Paul Turner, also lost a tough game to Eastern New York 2-1 in overtime. The Scorpions also won their previous three matches.

The Regionals began play on Friday with Massachusetts teams winning eight matches against five losses and one tie. On Saturday, the record improved to nine wins with three losses and two games were postponed to Sunday morning due to thunderstorms. On Sunday, the record was an impressive eleven wins, two losses and three ties. Going into Sunday's last Round Robin matches, there were four girls and six boys' teams that had a chance to make it to the Regional semi-finals. The B16 Western United team, coached by Derek Shea, was 2-0-1 and had to go to PK's to determine the winner in their bracket - unfortunately, they came up one goal short. The NJ team that beat them in PK's played in the regional final.

The B19 Bolts were tied for the wild card in their age bracket but lost out on least goals allowed. Overall, Massachusetts teams won thirty-five matches, lost thirteen and tied four during the tournament giving them a 67.3% winning percentage which was second to New Jersey's 68.9%. The boys went 20-4-3 and the girls went 15-9-1. I've attached a summary of the Regional results with a breakdown of the boys and girls.

Congratulations also to the Tri Valley Eagles Girls U17 team for winning the Fair Play Award for their age group.

For any tournament to be successful you need good referees and Massachusetts sent twelve talented referees who distinguished themselves. All twelve referees received an assignment for the semi-finals and seven worked the finals including the middle of the B19, B16, and G17. Paul Ciaramitaro was selected to officiate at the National Championships in Orlando.

The Massachusetts soccer community should commend all teams and referees for representing our state with their hard work. Well Done!

5. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 7-05
The FA Youth Course was successfully run at Emerson College in July with 19 coaches in attendance. Feedback from the course was extremely positive and it was a great success. We will look into hosting other international courses in years to come.

We have finished our busiest spring ever with continued coach and player development programs and are looking forward to an extremely busy August, with ongoing programming beginning again and 6 camps being added to the schedule. Our workload next fall will be quite heavy as business continues to grow.

The E course will be ready to print come September and we will focus our energies on the online G course following this. The bidding for the online course is ongoing. It is our hope to complete this and then have an online course by early 2006. Once that project is complete the D course manual and course will be redone.

Mario helped at the City Kicks jamboree in June, as we have every year.

Mike served on the technical committee for the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Julie and Mike met with multiple speed/agility/injury prevention potential partners and have decided to continue our partnership with HPS. This year's service should see additional sites in Walpole and one in the central/western part of the state as well.
GOALS camps are running in full swing and feedback from sites is very positive.

The instructional and ODP staff combined forces to scout the MTOC, State Cup, and U12 Maple Cup tournaments for potential ODP players.

By the time of this report all ODP player ID camps will be complete and a separate report will have summary info as to how our players fared.

Massachusetts club teams fared very well at Regionals this year. Following our success in placing players on regional and national pools from last year, this is a good sign. A full report will follow with summary observations of play from our teams at our major tournaments will follow.

Development staff are currently in the process of securing dates and sites for the CED meeting, regional conferences, and a possible US Youth Course this winter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

6. MASSACHUSETTS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS 2005
MTOC – RECAP
1. Date; June 17, 18 & 19 2005
   This was changed from the 24th, 25th & 26th due to Umass giving the field permit to Youth Lacrosse. We hope to be back to the last weekend in June for 2006. The prospect looks questionable at best. We will therefore prepare for the same week end next year.
   And hope for a change. Umass gives out the permits in January 2006. Our permit request has been submitted.
2. Location; UMASS- Amherst (soon to be LANCASTER)
3. Fields;
   We used 21 fields this year. 13 at the Boyden/Mullin complex and 8 over behind the football stadium. The fields were in good shape. There were a few grounds keeping needs that we fixed.
4. Weather; Sunny & cool, high in the low 80s
   Best weather we have had in years, a few rain showers followed by spectacular Rain Bows
5. Competition;
   There were 188 teams from the 10 respective leagues.
Male/Female in 8 divisions. (U12, U14, U16 Div I & II)
WINNERS Sportsmanship
Boys Girls Boys Girls
U12-1 Weymouth Peabody Adams Nashoba Utd
U12-2 Medfield Melrose Medfield Marshfield
U14-1 Dartmouth Framingham Pittsfield Concord/Carr
U14-2 Framingham LYSA Groton-Dun Williamstown
U16-1 Dracut Bridgewater Adams Woburn
U16-2 Whitman Mansfield Cohasset Wakefield
U18 Brockton Falmouth Hampshire Northampton
U19 PAC Easton Harvard Easton
6. Referees;
   There was a shortage of referees on Saturday afternoon.
   We are still looking into the reasons. There were no refs from Pioneer Valley. John Utter was the head assigner, he had help from Brian Trecnor, Derek Ambrozausas, Paul Anasthatianas, & Jerry Morin. There were numerous Assessors at the Tournament.
7. Sportsmanship:
   Each League was to provide 2 volunteers to help with Sportsmanship. The Committee was headed by Ben Myers.
   Sportsmanship Awards were given out to all worthy Teams.
   Only one per Division. Committee Members: Francine Wright, John Reinkainen, Nancy Seiden, Fred Gamber, Karen Grant, Cliff Cloutier, John Olstrom, Bo Bokanovich, Bill Koziarra, Noel Cross, Amelie Ratliff, Brad Sweet, Bill Waeglein, Steve Tshilis, Tom Heinze, Dan Bielenin, Janet Gargan, Paul Tobin, & Sheila Gamber.
8. Leagues;
   Leagues represented were: Bays, Berkshire, Coastal, Essex, Mays, Middlesex, Nashoba Valley, Pioneer Valley, South Coast and South Shore.
9. Awards:
   Awards and presentation photos were handled by Ted Ritchie and Mohammed Benabdallah. See website for photos.
10. All league Presidents attended MTOC
    Bays
      Ted Ritchie
    Berkshire
      Donna Laroque
    Coastal
      Dave Coutts
    Essex
      Bob Trudeau
    Mays
      Andy Page
    Middlesex
      John Linnehan
    Nashoba Valley
      Bill Waeglein
    Pioneer Valley
      Lou Texeira
    South Coast
      Bo Bokanovich
    South Shore
      Rod Springer
11. Registration;
    Registration was handled by Barbara & Skip Gorman, Gary Buckley, Hope Springer, Dave Martinez, Elaine Kopera, Linda Waeglein and other recruits when needed.
12. Field Maintenance Crew;
    Jack Waron, Lou Texeira, Jon Kopera, Andy Page, Dan Baker, Bob Trudeau and other volunteers.
13. Scoring and Schedule;
    Dave Coutts, Jen Coutts and others who tried to help.
14. T-Shirts & Store;
    Pat Waron, Lou & TJ Cook and other volunteers.
Hopefully I have included everyone who assisted in making the 2005 version of MTOC a GREAT SUCCESS. I also want to thank The Mass Youth Office for all their support and assistance in this tournament.
Respectfully Submitted
John J Linnehan, LC
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
September 21, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:02.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Tim Murphy to accept the July meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes. Mike Singleton reported he is meeting with Special Olympics. They require their coaches to be licensed and he will be assisting them to achieve this goal.

Marketing Director – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

League’s Committee
John Linnehan reported that all is quiet.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported she is working on recruiting teams for the recreational tournament. Sid Bloom added we need more teams for the tournament.

Outreach
John Burrill reported that a new TOPS program is being established in Bridgewater/West Bridgewater. Also on tap are programs in Sandwich/Hingham and in Tewksbury. St. John’s Prep in Danvers is interested in establishing a program. The Needham program has expanded in Newton. Holden is looking to start a program in the Spring.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed his budget comparison report. Things are relatively fine. Carl also presented the budget for the coming fiscal year that requires approval of the board. The $3 fee increase goes into effect this season but organizations can pay it in Spring 2006. Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, to accept the budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the budget committee consisted of the executive board since all other invitees failed to show for the meetings. Capital Budget proposal-
This includes $6 million for the field complex. It was presented for future consideration.

**ODP**

Mike Singleton reported tryouts went well and the numbers are up. Call back letters for 13, 14, 15s are going out this week.

**Review of Special General Meeting**

We have to review the bids for construction. Sid Bloom feels we should have a committee formed to find ways to make the fields available to as many member organizations as possible.

**Field complex funding and development**

We have received 8 bids for the complex. The lowest bidder has the most experience building athletic complexes in this area. John Burrell, Paul Irwin, Sid Bloom, and Julie Longo met with TJX Corp to discuss some possible funding and tie-ins with the complex.

**Funding Request from City Kicks and New England Scores**

The two groups have submitted a request for $15,000 to cover the cost of transportation. *Carl Goldstien moved, seconded by Tim Murphy to grant the request.* Motion passed 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

- Nominating committee – Sid Bloom asked John Linnehan to submit two names from the leagues committee to serve on the nominating committee. Sid will select 5 members, two of which cannot be members of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

**Addendum:**

1. **Executive Director Report** John Burrell

Field Project

Bid packages have been received and will be reviewed and an action plan will be laid out. This plan could well include asking 2/3 contractors to take a second look at the project, value engineer the project and give us a revised bid proposal.

**Meetings on Fee Increase**

At the special meeting the membership approved the fee increase by a vote of 280 – 117.

**Financing**

Benjamin Franklin bank has received the loan guarantee from the USDA, thus we are good to go with the Financing. I will tie up the loosed ends with Region 1 at the meeting in October.
Harper.
Closing is supposed to happen late this month, after which we can sit and negotiate a final deal with them on all outstanding issues.

Hirsch.
Trustee has filed a motion with the bankruptcy court asking that we be paid for the interest and attorney’s fees. The motion is unopposed and we are just waiting on approval from the bankruptcy judge.

On-line registration
Sports Pilot is ready to begin a marketing campaign to offer their services.

Fund Raising

Waiting to hear back from both Dunkin Donuts and Polar Beverages. Also waiting for final draft of contract with Citizens. Have meeting with TJX corporation.

TopSoccer Jamboree
TopSoccer jamboree was a success. Not as well attended as hoped but hopefully we will have a few new programs.

New England Scores & City Kicks
I received the request for funding, program description and budgets for New England Scores and City Kicks. They are seeking the same amount we provided last year, $15,000.00

Both organizations have ticketed our donation to go to offset the cost of transportation to matches. According to the budget figures New England Scores pays $29,650 in transportation costs while City Kicks pays $18,000.

Both programs service the inner city and provide programs which would not be available but for their service. They service low income families.

Both programs will qualify for some ‘in-kind’ assistance through the Soccer Start program. I confess I never really understood this program, but it very clearly applies to existing programs servicing inner city, low income families. We will submit an application to US Youth for funding.

Mass Youth has, for the past several years, supported both programs.

2. Monthly Progress Report  Richard Braney - Office Manager
August 2005

ODP Programs:

2006 Tryouts: there were only a few glitches with the administrative portion of the try-outs. Notification to all is scheduled for 10/1 and call-backs later in October.

Player Billing: this year we will have all billing done electronically whenever possible. It is anticipated this will save $1,000.00 at a minimum not to mention the time savings as well.

Indoor Training: we have received a commitment from Atlantic Union for the use of their facility.

REGISTRATIONS:

Fall Registrations: By far we have the fewest number of clubs not affiliated by the end of August. E-mails will be sent out twice a week to league presidents advising them of the status of their clubs. In September we will complete the initial registration phase and begin to do an audit for clubs under-reporting.

Liability Waiver for On-Line Registrations – Our insurance carrier has suggested that when we receive notification of an accident involving one of our members, that we retain a copy of their liability waiver which is signed upon registration with their club. This made us aware that their may be some on-line packages that have overlooked such. In September we will begin the process of contacting clubs that currently have on-line registrations and request that they provide a copy of what their members sign electronically. Upon the completion we will make this available to the insurance agent to insure it conforms to their needs.

Office Procedures:
Postage Meter- A new machine will be in operation 9/1
Insurance – We have changed the carrier for life to the same as the LTD. In addition we have had the renewal date changed to match our fiscal year. -- In August we entertained a bid from another agency for our liability coverage. For different reasons we decided to stay with our present carrier. In October we will have a meeting with our current agent and several other Mass Youth Soccer members that are knowledgeable in this area. Our intent is to improve the coverage and wording in our current policies.

Office Cleaning – We will request competitive bids for the cleaning of this office in September.

Baystater Printing Contract – In September we will put out an RFP for the publication of the Baystater.

Audit- The auditors are expected in on 10/3/05.

Reviews- completed for office personnel

3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

We have ended an extremely busy August and are working through an equally busy September. Our number of “player clinics” are up, specialty clinics are up, player and coach development sessions are up, and overall number of coaches we served this year far exceeds previous years. Overall course attendees is slightly down largely due to the mandate of the G course. This year we’ll see if those who took the G course last year return to take the F course. This will have drastic effect on numbers as we more than doubled our G course attendees from previous years.

Coach/player development sessions this fall are somewhat overwhelming (see attached schedule). It would be in our best interest to hire more coaches on a part-time basis to help with the massive workload.

Due to the high field workload, we have had to put new manual development and further curriculum development on hold until we have more time to spend in the office.

Laura is back on her feet with the aid of crutches and is making progress everyday. It is expected she will be back to full strength within the next two months.

Upon talking with CED’s about the possibility of an online G it appears it would be well received to accommodate busy schedules. All agree that a live course is better, as do we, but everyone also sees the ever-growing need to provide this educational opportunity.

Howie and Mike were thankful to be able to help Bob Bilicki with the TOPSoccer Region I workshop which Bob put together wonderfully. Mike gave an excellent presentation focused on educating the Junior Coaches that are an integral part of the TOPSoccer concept. From the audience response, and feedback, training for Junior Coaches is a huge missing piece in the development of TOPSoccer programs both locally and nationally. Mike and Howie will be discussing how we might take his presentation and formalize it to eventually become some kind of a TOPSoccer Junior Coach Course/Specialty Clinic/Video.

Mike has been asked once again to present two sessions at the US Youth Soccer National Workshop.

Initial contact has been made with Mass Hockey to discuss parent education initiatives.

ODP tryouts are successfully completed. Our winter pools for 89 and 90 groups have been selected. The 91, 92, and 93 groups will have call back tryouts in mid-October.

Plans are in the works to have our younger ODP boys travel to Lisbon and our girls travel to Madrid over Feb. vacation.

4. Marketing Director Report Julie Longo

Partner

Developed a new relationship with Orchard Hills Athletic Club. They are located just on the other side of the turnpike, about a ½ mile down the road. They will serve as the official central and western mass host site for High Performance Sports, Inc.
In addition they have agreed to be a site for the Skills Academy over the winter months. Mike and I also discussed with them the possibility of hosting the 3v3 tournament there as well. We will know further details in a month or so. They have the space for it, so it’s just a matter of finalizing a date.

From our end, we have agreed to give them a full page ad in each edition of the Bay Stater, as well as a submission for the Free Kick. We will be able to better serve their expectations once the Field Complex is developed. There they will be able to advertise their facility better, and offer day passes, for those who are at the complex for a number of hours. I believe this is the start of a great relationship, and the possibilities are endless.

Grants

Last month I applied for the Balance Bar community grant. We will be notified by October 7th, if selected.

In the next week or so, I will be applying for a grant offered by Build the Out-of-School Time Network (BOSTnet).

Youth Fair

BOSTnet Youth Program Recourse Fair is on October the 6th. There will be over 250 providers of youth and after school programs in attendance, with Mass Youth Soccer being one of them. This will be a great opportunity to get the Mass Youth word out there, especially with the TOPS program. Those looking for Jobs, Careers, College & University Programs, Arts, Prevention, Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities, Nutrition, Sports, Recreation, and Much More, will be taking part in the day.

WEBSITE STATS

Unique Visitors

**August 2005- 25,488**
July 2005- 14,341
JUNE 2005-23,515
May 2005-21, 070
April 2005- 18,596
March 2005-14,353
February 2005-11,575
January 2005-12,063
December 2004-11,055
November 2004-11,928

5. State Cup Report  Terri Filippetti

State Cup 2006 U13 and U14 applications closed on September 1st. A total of 117 teams were seeded. This was an increase of 10 teams over last season.

There will be a total of 21 self-scheduled Challenge Entry Round games played by September 27th. Teams will be using the newly developed online Game Notification Form posted on the Cup website.

Challenge Round 1 will be played on October 1st. A total of 32 games will be played using both CRU Park and Bowden Fields.

Challenge Round 2 will be played on October 22nd. The 16 games will be played at CRU Park.

**Important dates for State Cup 2006**

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December 15, 2005  Applications and fees are due for U15 - U19
January 15, 2006  Seeding for U15-U19 published (on or before)
April - May 16, 2006  All Challenge Round games must be completed
                      (All of these games are self-scheduled).
June 3 & 4, 2006   Round Robin for U13's-U19's (hopefully, UMass)
                      U18 RR will likely be self-scheduled due to graduation
conflicts
June 17 & 18, 2006  Semi Finals and Finals - locations TBA
June 29 - July 4, 2006  Region 1 Championships - Virginia Beach
July 24-30, 2006   Nationals -- Des Moines, Iowa
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
October 19, 2005  


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:12.  

Marketing Director  
Julie Longo has resigned and this was her last day. Sid Bloom thanked Julie for her work and efforts and wished her well. She was given a well deserved round of applause.  

Executive Session  
The board went into executive session to discuss presentations for field complex construction.  

Field Complex  
Upon coming out of executive session, the following motions were made.  

Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Steve Smoller, that we proceed with a project consisting of 14 grass fields and 2 synthetic fields with the hope of adding two more synthetic fields and remaining within the present constraints on water usage. Motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.  

Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Steve Smoller that we hire R.A.D. Sports as our contractor for the field complex, subject to successful negotiation of a contract. Motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.  

John Burrill recommended Field Turf and their New England division, North East Turfs to install the synthetic fields. Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Steve Smoller, that we select North East Turfs as our synthetic fields provider. Motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.  

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes  
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Skip Gorman to accept the September meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.  

Executive Director’s Report  
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added that he and Singleton met with RDW (the company designing our on line G course) and were impressed with their professionalism and commitment to the project. He has not heard back from Citizens Bank as yet.
**DOC Report** – submitted via email and appended to these minutes. Mike Singleton reported we will be licensing approximately 300 Special Olympics coaches. Mike has offered them a special rate.

**Marketing Director** – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

**Program Manager Reports**

**State Cup**
Terri Filippetti reported the U13 and U14 challenge rounds are under way.

**League’s Committee**
John Linnehan reported that he is trying to get dates for MTOC from Umass. The committee is establishing 8v8 for U-12 at MTOC in 2006 and is considering eliminating 11v11 for U-12 by year 2007. MAPLE is open to offering 8v8 for U-12, but would not mandate eliminating 11v11 for U-12.

**Recreation**
Nancy Hart reported the recreation tournament went well. She has gotten ideas for next year from the recent region 1 meeting. We are considering going to approximately four inner cities in September (Soccer Month) with give aways such as T shirts and water bottles to promote youth soccer. Nancy is considering playing 8v8 for U-12 in Districts program.

**Instruction**
Howie Blatt reported that from the Region 1 meeting came the concept of coaching courses for the TOPS coaches. This came about as a result of Mike Singleton’s presentation at the TOPS Region 1 workshop in Foxboro.

**Outreach**
Sid Bloom stated we need to consider filling the vacancy in this board position.

**Treasurer**
Carl Goldstein reported we are tracking a little ahead of last year to date.

**Nominating Committee**
Sid Bloom announced that Tim Murphy will chair the nominating committee. The committee met last night via conference call. Nominations close November 1. Districts 1 & 2 have no representatives from among the present board members.

**Field complex funding and development**
Paul Irwin reported we may be able to raise some money for the fields if we can develop a program involving inner cities in conjunction with the fields project.

**US Soccer rule 212 & continued membership in the Federation**
Sid Bloom reported this was a proposal for the state associations to consider leaving the federation. Region 1 presidents voted to stay in the federation at last week’s region 1 meeting. Discussion followed regarding speculation on what might transpire at the national presidents’ meeting regarding requiring member organizations affiliate with their state associations. The Region 1 presidents are preparing a list of things USYS could do to help the state associations.
Proposed new league – Massachusetts Development League
This group started as a summer league and wants to become cup qualified. The league exists on paper only at this point. The board decided to invite its president to our next meeting to make a presentation.

Old Business
There was no old business

New Business
• Revolution season tickets
  Our season tickets are up for renewal. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Howie Blatt to purchase 40 season tickets for the coming season. Motion passed 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller  
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report John Burrill

Field Project
Final decision on the field contractor should be made at the Board meeting of Oct. 19

Meetings on Fee Increase
Letter sent out to all organizations. Billing to be done in early November after final numbers are in for the fall.

Financing
Closing is scheduled for November 2/3. Working to get all documents ready by that date.

Harper.
Closing is supposed to happen late this month, after which we can sit and negotiate a final deal with them on all outstanding issues.

Hirsch.
Trustee has filed a motion with the bankruptcy court asking that we be paid for the interest and attorney’s fees. The motion is unopposed and we are just waiting on approval from the bankruptcy judge.

Fund Raising
Citizens Bank is on board; our contract is with their legal department.

Region 1 meeting
Meeting scheduled for Oct 15 & 16 in Newport. Matters relative to the federation will be discussed

Travel Policy
A revised travel policy will be presented to US Youth board and then to membership at meeting in Houston.

Audit
The audit for 2004-2005 has begun. Our earliest date ever. Report is to be ready in time for December meeting.

Marketing Director
Search for new marketing director is underway. Hope to have someone on board by mid – November.

2. Office Manager Report Richard Braney

ODP Programs:
2006 Tryouts: Re-calls will be held October 15th & 16th. Notifications were mailed September 23rd, which is the earliest we have ever sent them. The target date had been October 1st. Administrative support will be there to assist.

Registrations:
Fall Registrations: All clubs had submitted their initial registration by 9/20. Final reports are due October 7th. In the month of September considerable time is spent updating our membership files with the president and registrar’s information. We use this file for communicating with each organization and it seems there are more personnel changes over the summer than at any other time. In addition to updating the Excel file we also have to update the Quick Book customer files with the registrar/treasurers name-address and e-mail information. At this time clubs are also e-mailing their membership files to Rachel Woo. Rachel confirms receipt and notifies them of the balance due. At that point we issue an invoice electronically allowing us to properly track payments due.

Instructional Invoicing: As August is one of the busiest months for instructional courses, this office is involved in issuing invoicing for the same. Tara Pierce provides the site coordinators name and e-mail address. With that information we are able to electronically send the invoice to them.

State Cup: This year Kate Murphy has assumed the duties of the State Registrar. That has consumed an enormous amount of time. Kate receives all of the information for the 13’s & 14’s, verifies the information and that the club is registered. Kate then updates a spreadsheet that is forwarded to Terri Filippetti. This year we have seen an increase in the number of players requesting to play out-of-state. This requires considerable time to complete and track including coordination with other states. We will be looking into ways to reduce the paperwork.

Cleaning Contract – We received a bid from another company. The price was slightly higher. Due to such and that the service currently received was adequate we will continue with the same company.
Baytaster Printing Contract – RFP’s were mailed in September and bids are due 10/15.
Audit- The auditors are expected in on 10/11/05. This date was delayed a week at their request.
Synthenet - A meeting was held in September to review several issues and possible enhancements.
Phone Service - Currently there are only 2 companies that will provide T-1 service to our area, Choice 1 and Conversant. It has been 4 years since we last got a competitive bid. We contacted Conversant early in September and received their bid on the 28th. We found that we have a very competitive price from Choice 1. In addition the result of asking Choice 1 for a new pricing structure has resulted in a small reduction. More importantly we will receive additional enhancements at N/C.

Liability Coverage – In an effort to ensure we have proper coverage and that the terminology within the policy covers our members effectively, we have scheduled a meeting with our agent and representatives from two of our clubs. These members are from a legal and an insurance background.

3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 10-05
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs
As we head towards November, our schedule is opening up a bit due to less courses being run than in previous weeks. However, our town development programs are still quite active. Our development staff had very few days off all of August, September and thus far in October. All are looking forward to having days off in the coming months.

Skills Academy registrations are coming in fast. We will have sites running in Burlington, Beverly, Groton, Lancaster, Springfield, Swansea/Somerset, Franklin, Norwood, and Pittsfield and we may add one more southern site as well.

The development staff is currently working on a new E course and manual. We expect to have this done by the end of the calendar year.

Development coaches are currently securing sites to run regional coaching conferences in Jan and Feb throughout the state. We hope to be able to connect with a lot of coaches and promote the workshop at the same time.

Laura has updated the CED list and is in the process of communicating with CED’s to get suggestions as to what they would like to see us do in the future. Our CED list is currently bigger than ever.

The CED meeting is set for Jan 14th and the instructional staff meeting will be on Feb 11th.

Mike met with the directors of Special Olympics in MA and we will be collaborating with them to provide coaching licensure for all their coaches at a discounted price. We will work with them at their bi-annual coaching weekends and talks are ongoing to try to connect TOPSoccer with Special Olympics in the state.

Mike met with other state DOC’s at the Region I meeting. Bob Jenkins and Jeff Pill went over C course revisions and both girls and boys ODP programs discussed ways to improve. Region I DOC’s discussed the idea of more regular, organized communication amongst DOC’s as well.

The first online G meeting with RDW and video professionals happened on October 18th. Tentative plans for this project have us beta testing in Jan/Feb for public use in late Feb or early March. Updates on this project will be given at the board meeting.

ODP callbacks had to be cancelled due to the heavy rains. Callbacks will be held on October 29th and 30th.

4. Marketing Director Report  Julie Longo

Last week I attended the BOSTnet Youth Resource Fair at the EPICenter. The fair consisted of about 75 youth provider booths and just over 300 people came through between 9am and 1pm. The fair was a worthwhile event as many people seemed very interested in Mass Youth, especially regarding inner city youth and the TOPS program.

If Mass Youth were to attend again next year, it would be best to send two people, so one can man the booth and the other network. It was very difficult for me to leave my table, as it was very busy. I really would have liked a chance to speak with the other youth providers that were present.

I did speak with a woman from the Federation for Children with Special Needs, and she informed me about their Annual Conference they hold. After explaining our TOPS program to her, she asked if we would like to be one of the booths. I have emailed her regarding the offer, and once I hear back, I will put her in touch with John.

We have been invited to join the first annual New England Youth Sports Festival. They are projecting 30,000 people to attend. I spoke with the production company who is putting on the event, and he expressed interest in some sort of partnership with us. I have set up a meeting with the owner, Mike, and John for the 20th.
I have put together a new brochure explaining Mass Youth's Free Services. Please take a look at it when you get a moment, so everyone is aware of all the resources available through our development staff.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for this past year. I have greatly enjoyed my time here, and a lot of that is owed to you, the board, and the Mass Youth staff. I wish you all the best, and will hopefully see you around the soccer fields!!

Best Wishes,
Julie
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
November 16, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:00.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti to accept the October meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Mass Development League
Andy Henderson, president of Mass Development League made a presentation. He presented their constitution and bylaws and answered questions. The league seeks recognition from Mass Youth. Andy will revise the constitution and bylaws per suggestions of the board and re-submit them to John Burrill.

New positions
Sid Bloom introduced Andy Weiss, the new SRA, and Maria DeStefano, the new marketing director.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri Filippetti reported all is on schedule.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported uniforms have been ordered for the districts teams.

Instruction
The G course story board was presented to the staff. We now have a tool to design further online courses.

Outreach
November 6 Special Olympics tournament took place at Gov Dummer Academy. Skip Gorman represented Mass Youth and accepted a plaque. There will be a new TOPS program starting this spring in Holden and Quincy. The Bridgewater TOPS program is running a winter program.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed his monthly budget comparisons and balance sheet for October. Carl said we'll have a balance sheet each month.

ODP
Jared reported tryouts have been completed. The Girls’ 13 and 14 teams will travel to Spain. The trip is all set. The Boys will return to Portugal.

**SYRA**

Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

**Field complex construction and fundraising update**

John Burrill reported that a lot of clearing has taken place. The committee will be meeting next week with Citizens Bank, and the following week with Duncan Donuts. The contract with Northeast Turf is almost finalized. Photos of the construction progress will be posted on our web page.

**Report on Presidents’ Meeting in Chicago**

Sid Bloom reported that paragraph 212 was passed, which means the state associations voted to remain in the federation.

**Nominating Committee report**

Tim Murphy, committee chair, presented the proposed slate

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**Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by Skip Gorman, to accept the slate as presented.** Motion passed 7 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

- **Whistle Blower Policy**

  John Burrill distributed a draft of a proposed policy regarding whistle blowing. **Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Tim Murphy, to adopt the policy as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

- Ground breaking for the field complex will take place this Friday from 2-4.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report  John Burrill

Marketing Director
Maria DeStefano came on board as of 11/9. She will be a terrific addition to the staff.

Field Project
RAD is up and running and starting to work. I visit the site each morning and you can start to see progress at clearing the area which will become the drumlin fields. We will have weekly meetings each Tuesday (except Monday 11/14) for the foreseeable future.

Contract with Field Turf is under review and should be ready for signature by the 16th.

Financing
Closing is not scheduled but we hope to close in late November. We are waiting on a new Alta survey of our property.

Hirsch
Trustee has filed a motion with the bankruptcy court asking that we be paid for the interest and attorney’s fees. The motion was presented, however the bankruptcy judge wanted an itemization of our legal expenses. John has provided these to the court and the matter should not be resolved on November 15.

Fund Raising
Citizens Bank - meeting schedule for 11/17 to review plans and move forward. We are supposed to have contract draft prior to the meeting.

Harper
Nothing new to report

Groundbreaking ceremony
We have sent out 130 invitations. Response has been modest. Press releases also have been sent out.

“C” course on line
Progress is on going. Filming session for all video will be shot on 11/13.
Fee Increase
No real reaction or feedback to the decision to delay the fee increase until 2006-2007 soccer year

SRA
We have been informed that Rich Frongillo has resigned as SRA. Sid and Larry Frisoli will appoint a new one as soon as possible.

2. Monthly Progress Report  Richard Braney - Office Manager
October 2005

ODP Programs:
2006 Tryouts: Continuing weather related problems have moved the final Re-calls for the U15’s to November 6th.

Player’s Handbook: The book has been updated and this year has a new look. Using the copier on site we were able to present the information in a book format rather than note pad appearance. Initial feedback has been positive.

REGISTRATIONS:
Fall Registrations: We have fallen behind in getting the information provided to us into our database. One significant reason was the decision to re-import all clubs and this time including the adults that did not provide their date of birth. This will allow us to better track the number of coaches. We will continue to follow-up with the clubs to ensure that we receive this information in order to run the CORI Background Checks. Mid November we are planning to begin the prior year comparisons and to contact clubs that appear to be tracking substantially lower than last year.

Dual Roster Players - A second item that slows down the importing of the data files is the verifying of players that clubs & organizations report as being registered with other clubs. Until now this has been done manually proving to be very labor intensive. We are researching the possibility of a s/w program doing this project without affecting other reports.

Office Procedures:
Accounting Software Problems- In October we found problems with Un-deposited Items appearing. While it did not appear to affect either the financial reporting of either last year or current year’s numbers, certain items from as far back as 1997 were reporting as un-deposited. After verifying that cash and revenue were properly reporting I contacted Quick Books. After several hours they determined that the problem was too complex to fix over the phone and that I should provide a copy of our files to their Data Services department which I did. Within 48 hours they corrected the problem and returned the file to us. They explained that incorrect entries were made 6-8 years ago and had been “out there” and just manifested creating the problems that we saw. After reviewing the file I noted that one un-deposited item for $1,550.50 that had been there since I first assumed the job, was still appearing. In addition while I am able to reconcile the cash account the registrar balance is no longer in balance. Both of these items were brought to the attention of the auditors and they are agreed to review the matter.
**Baystater Printing Contract** – Bids were received and the contract was awarded to our current vendor, Gannett.

**Audit** - The auditors completed their on-site audit and are scheduled to come back to review the draft November 9th.

**Synthenet** – A meeting was held in September to review several issues and possible enhancements.

**Liability Coverage** – The meeting with our insurance agent from Grace Church and two representatives from two clubs was held in October. Several suggestions and improvements were suggested. Tony Petrucci was going to bring back the requests and discuss them with the insurance carrier.

### 3. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 11-05

Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

Course activity has been quite heavy so far this year. Since 9/1 we have run 40 G courses with 1034 attendees and 17 F courses with 319 attendees. Last year we had a total of 1730 attendees (500 in August alone) for the G course and 654 (80 in August alone) for the F course for the entire year so early numbers look positive.

Skills Academy is once again coming up and we have increased our offerings to 11 sites this year. We are now much more fully represented across the state and this should help reduce travel time for players/families. Current sites include: Springfield, Lancaster, Swansea, Burlington, Pittsfield, Franklin, Tyngsboro, Norwood, Brockton, Groton, and Beverly.

We will be holding 6 regional coaching conferences throughout the state to increase coaching education and help promote the workshop. We will be holding these conferences in Fall River (1/28), Barnstable (1/13), Pittsfield (2/4), Sudbury (1/27), Wilbraham (2/4), and Andover (2/10). The conference in Fall River will be a bilingual conference in both English and Portuguese.

Our staff is in full support of the League presidents and their decision to make 2007 MTOC 8 v 8 at U12. We will help towns and leagues make this transition as smooth as possible in any way we can.

The development staff is currently polling premier clubs to see who would be interested in having 8 v 8 offered at U11 and U12 in MAPLE. Current responses demonstrate overwhelming support for such a move. A full synopsis of all club responses will be provided to Paul Irwin and the MAPLE Commission once we have a full response.

We will be running 2 courses for Special Olympics coaches on the weekend of Dec 10-11.
We are in discussion with BEWI productions and plan on helping them launch and run the first New England Youth Sports Festival and Convention at the Bayside Expo Center in late March/early April.

The G online course production is in full swing and the videos portions were just recently taped at the Lincoln Fields in Lexington. Special thanks goes out to Lexington United Youth Soccer for their assistance in securing the fields and providing players for the videos.

We will be running a Residential Academy at UMass Dartmouth next August 7-11. This will be our first overnight offering for players. Initial plans also include running a national coaching course in collaboration with the camp to make it both coach and player development.

ODP winter pool selections are now fully completed.

4. SYRA Report

Changes in the MSRC
Rich Frongillo stepped down, Andy Weiss has replaced Rich as State Referee Administrator.
Replacing Andy Weiss as State Director of Assessment is Milan Robbins.
State Director of Instruction, Ed Rae, has stepped down and has been replaced by Nigel Bright.

Recertification Season
There are 16 recertification events over the course of the winter (as well as assessor and instructor recertification) to recertify our current referees. The first clinic was last Saturday. It featured a new format, and was well received by both the staff and the participants.

11/13/05, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Plymouth Radisson
11/20/05, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Natick Crowne Plaza
12/03/05, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Westborough Wyndham Hotel
12/04/05, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Peabody Marriott
12/10/05, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Mansfield Holiday Inn
12/11/05, Sunday 8:30am-3pm Westborough Wyndham Hotel State Referees Only
12/11/05, Sunday 8:30am-3pm Westborough Wyndham Hotel Grade 7 Referees Only
12/17/05, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Newton Marriott
12/18/05, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Hyannis Radisson
01/07/06, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Worcester Holiday Inn
01/08/06, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Fairhaven Holiday Inn
01/14/06, Saturday 8:30am-1pm W Springfield Best Western
01/15/06, Sunday 8:30am-1pm Chelmsford Radisson
01/21/06, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Leominster Sheraton
01/21/06, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Dalton Middle School
01/28/06, Saturday 8:30am-1pm Braintree Sheraton

This year includes our second State Referee (Grades 5/6) only clinic, as well as our first Grade 7 only clinic. Both clinics will feature USYSA Referee Representative Bob Wertz as the featured clinician.

The ODP/Regional referee pool will be announced shortly. Mike Ruggia, two time Head of Delegation, will be formalizing an off season instructional/fitness training program with the team.
The Massachusetts State Referee Committee has voted in a "gift" for the future Mass Youth Soccer Young Referees of the Year. Future recipients of the award will be awarded $1000.
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
December 21, 2005


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 6:40.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
   Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Skip Gorman to accept the November meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
   Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Director of Marketing Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
   Terri Filippetti reported there are 169 applicants for the older groups for Cups.

Leagues Committee
   John Linnehan thanked Terri Filippetti for helping get the desired dates for MTOC from Umass.

Recreation
   Nancy Hart reported all is quiet.

Instruction
   Report is part of DOC report.

Outreach
   No report.

Treasurer
   No report.

ODP
   Jared reported this is a slow time of year for program. Jared also reported that Amy Caldwell from Braintree has made the national pool.

SYRA
   John Utter had nothing to report.

Field complex construction and fundraising update
   Contained in executive director report.

Consideration of Mass Development League for sanctioning
A copy of the revised constitution and bylaws reflecting the changes previously requested was distributed. Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Tim Murphy, that we recognize Mass Development League as an affiliated league. Motion passed 7 for 2 against.

Approval of Document Retention/Destruction Policy
A draft of the suggested policy was distributed to the board. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Nancy Hart, that we adopt the suggested policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on open board positions for election
John Burrill reported there is a candidate applying for the open District 5 position, but there is still no candidate for the open Director of Outreach position.

Old Business
There was no old business

New Business
There was no additional new business

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report
John Burrill

Field Project
RAD is continuing to make progress. The focus in on the main parking lot, digging out all the dirt that must be removed and then putting up the retaining wall. Clearing is going on at the quarry fields. Work continues on removing the top soil from the three fields to the left of the access road. Contract with Field Turf is under review and should be ready for signature by the 16th.

Financing
Closing on the Ben Franklin loan is scheduled for the 20th. Everything seems to be in order.

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All the paperwork is in the Bankruptcy court and we are just waiting on the judge to approve the order. There seems to be no reason for the delay.

Fund Raising
Still waiting for the meeting with Dunkin Donuts. Meetings to be set up with Fidelity investments sometime in the next few weeks

Harper
Nothing new to report

"G" course on line
Progress is on going. Film editing needs to occur; flash video being reviewed.

Fee Increase
Only two real negative reactions to fee increase; one from Swansea-Somerset and one from a parent in Swampscott who stands he intends to fight the increase.

Audit
Just waiting on loan to close so we can disclose this fact in the year ends reports (given that it is such a significant event)

Citizens Bank
Still waiting on the contract from Citizens.

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching
Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

The course season has slowed down and our staff is now able to focus on organizational goals and administrative tasks as well as have some direly needed down time.

In January, the Skills Academies, Regional Conferences, and ODP season will be upon us keeping us quite busy once again.

We assisted Special Olympics recently aiding in their coach education for soccer at a weekend event in Bridgewater.

Arthur Dimitrakopoulos has enthusiastically accepted a part-time instructional staff position that will be roughly 20 hours/week with flex time throughout the year. This will be a great help to us as we look to serve our members more completely. It will aid in allowing us to fill the numerous requests we are getting for ongoing coach and player development: Arthur will start in January.

The NE Youth Sports Festival has been postponed to 2007 as BEWIT productions (who is running the event) felt that would provide them with adequate time to prepare and present a more professional event.

Darren will be attending the A license course at the beginning of January, we wish him the best.

Mike had to withdraw from the International Club Symposium he was going to attend this month due to a family emergency.

Mike continues to talk with the MAPLE Commission about the possibility of offering small-sided as an option in the league.

Dean Conway will be the first recipient (after its namesake) of the Thomas Fleck Award for Coaching Education Excellence from US Youth Soccer. Mike nominated Dean and is thrilled that Dean will be recognized for the years of hard work he has devoted to educating youth coaches and making the youth soccer experience better for all involved. We look forward to seeing Dean in Houston to accept the award.

ODP training will start in early Jan. We have added a curriculum and regular video training sessions for the GK’s. We have also added psychological skills training for all players and will be assigning homework assignments to further help with their awareness of the game and their abilities.

3. December Marketing Report    Maria DeStefano

General:
* Have been busy learning the daily routine of Mass Youth Soccer and what the marketing role currently is, and where it can go.
* Attended Public Speaking course on Dec.6 in Marlborough
* Visited HPS on Dec.15

Media/Public Awareness:
* Sent press releases to multiple local media outlets, re: Nov.18 field groundbreaking, large p.3 right side article was printed in Nov.19 Worcester Telegram and Gazette
- Contacted and worked with Rep. James Eldridge’s office, resulting in proclamation and presentation by the Representative at the Groundbreaking
- Created and sent press releases re: skills academy and summer residential soccer academy
- Researched and created extensive Mass. media list of contacts
- Have spoken with Mass Highway, re: attractions signs for Fields Complex, researched requirements to qualify for signage.
- Sent press releases on Dec. 14 re: headgear bill

**Fundraising/Sponsorship:**
- Attended meeting re: naming rights for fields with Citizens' Bank Marketing and Public Affairs representatives with John and Paul, assisted with presentation for that meeting
- Have contacted Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to begin working on 2006 Kicks for Soccer campaign
- Have spoken with various members of the RMV re: license plate requirements, at this time, decision not to pursue further has been reached, as requirements are extensive ($100K bond in addition to individual $40 checks from 3000 applicants)

**Grassroots:**
- Have attended league annual meetings (MAYS, South Shore) with Development Coaches, have had the opportunity to introduce myself, distribute marketing packets to several towns.
- Sent letter of introduction to all CED's including free services brochure and mentioning benefits we offer, have corresponded with several since.
- Updated website and began process of accepting applicants for scholarship, will be working with John and Nancy to review applicants after deadline of March 31, 2006.

**Web-marketing:**
- Attended 3 hour Synthenet onsite training Nov. 14, have been updating website as needed, creating new pages, etc. Have created online registration processes for AGM/Workshop and Summer Residential Soccer Academy
- Have been point of contact with Synthenet re: new advertising opportunities on the website