Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
January 18, 2006


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 6:55.

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

Appointment of new Director of Outreach Programs
Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Nancy Hart, that we appoint Steve Snow of Hingham to be the Director of Outreach Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
John added some further updates on the fields project. There is some redesign work on the driveway and roads. Water testing will be required. We will need some fencing that was not previously planned for. The construction crew has not lost any work days so far.

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
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
Leagues Committee
John Linnehan had nothing to report.
Recreation
Nancy Hart reported all is quiet.
Instruction
Howie Blatt reported we are starting the regional conferences. The first one was in Barnstable last Friday. Howie feels we need a lot more interfacing with the communities. He has scheduled a total of 6 conferences. Last Saturday, the CED meeting was held in Leominster with approx. 30 attendees. Howie would like to see better attendance. The G course is scheduled to be available on line soon. It will undergo beta testing in February.

Outreach
No report.
Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed the balance sheet and budget projections and reviewed a draft of the audit report with the board.

ODP
Jared reported the last two Sundays were for the boys’ teams, they used three locations. The next two Sundays will be for the girls’ teams. Things are running well.

SYRA
John Utter reported there are three more recertification clinics to go. The number of referees is up from previous year. There will be over 5000 referees. The next meeting of the referee committee will be held at the workshop March 18. John thanked Terri Filippetti for helping to get the MTOC and State Cups tournaments held on separate weekends.

Workshop & AGM
Skip Gorman reported this event will be held March 18 at the Holiday Inn in Boxboro. He is still working on the clinicians. The luncheon which will encompass the awards presentations will be included in the workshop fee. Skip raised a question for the board regarding what the criteria should be for selection to Hall of Fame and posed the idea of offering selection to people who contribute to soccer other than to youth soccer.

Insurance coverage applying to non US Youth events
John Burrill reported that so far we are the only state requiring separate insurance coverage for non USYS events. John suggested we provide insurance coverage for these events as well. Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Skip Gorman that we offer the coverage. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
There was no old business

New Business
- Policy manual for the board. A draft of a policy for the board was distributed. John Burrill asked for feedback from the board.
- Conflict of interest policy. John Burrill reminded the board members to complete and send in their conflict of interest disclosure forms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

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

Discussion of Realty Corporation  
Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Nancy Hart to move into executive session to discuss legal matters related to the realty corporation. Motion passed unanimously.

Finalize Board of Directors handbook  
The draft of the manual for board members, describing job descriptions, expectations, and policies was distributed to the board. Comments had been invited for any proposed changes. Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, that we accept the manual as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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Leagues Committee  
John Linnehan reported the committee has elected a vice chairman, Ted Ritchie. MTOC 2006 will offer 8v8 for U-12 division 1 and 2.

Recreation  
Nancy Hart reported she met with districts administrators to plan for coming year.

Instruction  
Howie Blatt had nothing to add to the DOC report.

Outreach  
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Treasurer
John Burrill distributed the budget and balance sheets in Carl Goldstein’s absence.

ODP
Jared reported things are going well. The 13’s and 14’s are leaving soon for Madrid and Lisbon.

SYRA
John Utter reported the committee is running CORI checks on all referees 18 and older. 6 referees went to Jacksonville.

Workshop & AGM
Skip Gorman reported the revised schedule is on the web. He has 15 vendors so far. There are 50 registrants so far. 20 organizations will receive 2 free tickets each, selected by random drawing.

US Youth workshop
Sid Bloom reported it will begin next Friday and take place in Houston, TX. Written reports on sessions attended are required. At the banquet Friday night, Dean Conway is being honored. A DVD on positive parent participation, produced by the recreation committee, will be presented.

Old Business
There was no old business

New Business
- Red Bull as a potential sponsor – Mike Singleton wanted to get reaction of board regarding whether Red Bull would be an acceptable sponsor or not. Consensus was that it would not. The executive board will develop guidelines for potential sponsors.
- Soccer Kicks for Cancer – we are in our third year of participation. We’ve been a leader for the past 2 years, but participation has fallen off this spring. The Leukemia Lymphoma Society is considering dropping the program if participation doesn’t pick up.

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Mike added that he will be working with Springfield College to help develop high school age coaches to work with inner city youth teams.

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

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri’s report was the DVD we saw.

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported everything is quiet.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported she is addressing some uniforms issues for districts teams.

Instruction
Howie Blatt expressed his compliments to Mike and his staff for the number of clinics they have managed to run.

Outreach
Two new programs starting in Holden and Quincy. B.U. is interested in establishing a program.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed the monthly budget report and balance sheet.

ODP
Mike Singleton reported they are extending the goalkeeper evaluation period. Reports on the trips to Spain and Portugal were distributed to the board.

SYRA
John Utter reported the next committee meeting will take place at the Mass Youth workshop in Boxboro.

**Workshop & AGM**
Skip Gorman reported there are 90 registered so far with 22 vendors on board.

**Update on Umass situation for State Cups and MTOC**
Terri Filippetti reported Umass may have some issues with fields due to construction that will be taking place in June. Both tournaments may have to use fields behind the stadium in addition to the usual fields. MTOC will have additional problems on Friday, since there will be 250 construction workers on site.

**US Soccer AGM Report**
Sid Bloom reported on the recent AGM. Sunil Gilati was elected president of US Soccer. The size of the board has been reduced from 44 to 15 members.

**Citizens Bank Sponsorship**
John Burrill reported on conditions of agreement with Citizens. The contract is ready to be signed.

**ODP Players being allowed to participate in Districts Program**
Nancy Hart reported that there have been requests to allow some ODP players to participate. The effect will be minimal with only a few players involved. They won’t displace any players, and the numbers for districts participation have been dropping the last few years. Mike Singleton felt the ODP players should take a break after their season. The consensus of the board was to allow the players to participate.

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**New Business**
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**Addendum:**

1. **Executive Director Report John Burrill**

   **Field Project**
   Work continues at a very good pace.
   Cease & Desist - this matter is behind us and for the moment all is calm.
   Testing of water has been completed and awaiting results
   We had to redesign the driveway entrance and the entrance and exit from the new parking lot to ensure traffic did not get bottled up. This change in design resulted in a $44,500 change order.
We still have the issue with the office parking lot to resolve but should have an answer in a week or so. We expect town approval of our septic system next week. The town has given us a building permit to construct the one building on the complex. Work on the foundation will begin in a week or so.

**Items which will need some attention**
- Parking – where to put the cars
- Controlling traffic flow and Parking of automobiles
- Some protection in the event of lightning

**Concessions**
I have met with two separate vendors who want to take over concession operations for us and pay Mass Youth a percentage.

**Financing**
Loan with region 1 has closed

**Fund Raising**
Still waiting for the meeting with Dunkin Donuts. Meetings to be set up with Fidelity investments sometime in the next few weeks.
- Citizens Bank contact ready for signature
- Progin estate has had a change of trustee resulting in a delay in payment of the final $200,000

**Harper**
Nothing new to report

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**Adidas**
Our Adidas contract expires this year (actually we are in the option year). Sid and I met with Adidas but nothing new to report. Adidas is reevaluating its involvement in youth soccer and sponsorship of state associations. They committed to letting us know by June 1 whether or not they will remain in the business of sponsoring states.

2. **Monthly Progress Report**  Richard Braney - Office Manager  
**February 2006**

**ODP Programs:**
- **Involcing** – Invoices will be issued March 3 for the remainder of the ODP season. Due date is April 14.
- **Scholarships** – Scholarships will be awarded April 2, after final cuts are made

**REGISTRATIONS:**
- **Spring Registration** – First submission is due March 10th.

**DISTRICT PROGRAM:**
The first meeting with District Administrators will be held in March to discuss changes to the 2006 program.

**Office Procedures:**
- **Credit Card Fees:** In an effort to reduce the cost of processing such, we have had initial meetings and or discussions with other banks interested in doing our credit card business. We expect to continue discussions and make a recommendation in March. No change
- **Audit:** Finally finished and they have begun working on our tax return. No change
- **Telephone** – One again we have having problems with our T-1 line whenever there is substantial rain. We have requested our carrier, Choice 1, to place Verizon on notice of the need for a permanent fix. It appears they will need to run new lines and twisted pairs or possibly changing some of their switching devices.
- **NEW** – Choice One informs us that Verizon has run the new lines.
- **NEW** – Choice One has merged with CTC Communications.
- **NEW** – The Adram device used for our telephone system was purchased by Mass Youth Soccer when we initially signed on with Choice One since they did not provide one. Shortly after that Choice One began providing the hardware to all new customers. We have consistently requested that they consider assuming the service responsibilities for the unit we purchased. Each time there have been problems it is always requested that we have our engineer check the switching device. In February Choice One/CTC agreed to replace our 5 year old hardware at no additional cost to us.
- **Cash Management** – Currently TD Bank North does our cash management. This allows us to due business with no expense, i.e. check cashing/deposit/stop payment fees. In February we will look further
into doing ACH deposits & payments. In addition we will review daily overnight sweeps of the cash in our working account. Benjamin Franklin Bank will also submit a bid to do the same. We expect to make some recommendations no later than March. No Change.

**Benefits**

*Health Insurance* - March is our open enrollment period and subsequently new rates are announced by our provider. This year rates went up slightly, 13% single and 1% married. We had budgeted for such and there should be no effect upon the budgeted projection. We had reviewed other plans with the current provider as well as other providers. The problem we have in changing providers is that our employees live in different communities and not all providers have adequate coverage in the Boston area. The last time we changed, one year ago, we were able to provide a better plan at a less costly premium. This year we were not able to identify any alternative.

*Dental Insurance* – Employees have expressed an interest in an employee funded program with Delta Dental. We expect to make this available beginning April 1.

*Missing Dates of Birth/CORI Reports* – In February we will begin a follow-up of notifying registrars of adults whose birth date was not found on the registration files provided. Rachel Woo has previously notified them of such. Until we get them we cannot process the background check.

**3. Marketing Director Report Maria DeStefano**

**Website**

- Met with RDW communications, Boston, re: bid 2/16
- Phone conference with HOST communications, 3/3 re: bid for site, field management
- Met with synthenet 3/7
- Attended session on effective websites at US Youth Workshop in Houston
- Daily maintenance, updating pages, headlines, and forms as needed
- Continue to investigate redesign offers that offer quality and value

**Outreach**

- Prepared informational packets for Darren to distribute in Auburn on 2/26, as I was originally planned to attend board meeting and the rescheduled date conflicted with my return flight from Houston
- Scheduled meeting in Worcester, 3/14
- Worked with Sid and Al to select and order new give away collateral to bring to board meetings.

**Camps**

- Created letter to introduce corporate camp and residential camp for mass mailing.
- Sent mailing to all ODP participants (try-outs and pool names), all Skills Academy participants, and will send to MAPLE club participants
- Created camps page on website, linked to players, parents and coaches portal pages
- Working on Residential Camp brochure with Darren for distribution
- Sent email blast w/e 2/24 to coaches who completed courses in 2005/2006 re: residential camp
- **other efforts**

**sent email blasts re: 3v3 benefit tournament to last year’s participants, presidents and CED’s**

**sent email to Blue Lizard sunscreen to follow up on discussion in Houston of co-sponsoring a sun safety campaign for tournaments and camps.**

**4. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT**

**Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching**

**Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs**

An extremely busy course season is once again upon us. Instructional staff are working extremely hard covering courses at this time as well as coaching in Skills Academy and ODP and preparing the Mass Youth Workshop.

Mike continues to work editing the video for the online course.

Darren, Howie, and Mike attended the US Youth Workshop in Houston. Darren attended the DOC meetings before the workshop as Mike was in Spain. Mike presented a classroom session on TOPSoccer and a field session (with the assistance of Darren, Howie, and Jared) that was supposed to be TOPSoccer as well. Without having TOPSoccer players, the field session became a U10 session with TOPSoccer comments throughout.

Dan Gaspar (Univ of Hartford) and Alison Foley (Boston College) are scheduled to present at our workshop. Dan will run a GK session and Alison will run a speed of play session. In addition our
development staff will run a U10 age group circuit training session, a TOPSoccer sessions, and Mike will
run a U12 defensive schemes within 8 v 8 session. In addition, Darren will run a classroom session on
college recruitment, Mario on running tryouts, Laura and Arthur on proper player placement, and Mike on
player burnout.
Mike has attended board meetings in Holbrook-Avon, Stoneham, and with Eastern MA FC to help with
board direction and strategic planning. He is also talking with Acton-Boxboro on the same topic. Darren
attended the Worcester Youth Soccer board meeting for the same purpose.
Our spring coach/player development schedule is quite busy as more and more organizations are wanting to
our ongoing help. This will be our busiest spring in history.
Laura lead a group of 13/14 y.o ODP players to Spain over February vacation through Forca Sport Tours.
Mike assisted for evaluative purposes. The trip was extremely successful. Please see attached report.
Mario lead a group of 13/14 boys y.o ODP players to Portugal over February vacation through Portugal Pro
Soccer Tours. Despite problems with KLM airlines that are still being worked out, the trip was extremely
successful. Please see attached report.
Schedule of all League “Book Meetings” has been reviewed and at least one development coach will be
attending each meeting.
The ODP winter training session is coming to a close. By the beginning of April all team selections should
be finalized.
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
April 19, 2006  


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

**Welcome to new board members**

Sid Bloom welcomed the new board members and distributed copies of the newly developed handbooks to all board members. Sid also briefed the new members on recent developments to bring them up to speed.

**Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by David Martinez, to accept the March meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report** –

Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

John added an explanation of the contents of the board handbooks which covers all aspects of Mass Youth Soccer and its programs.

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

Mike added that the number of courses is up, the staff is working on plans for summer camps, and the goals program is considering additional sites.

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

**Program Manager Reports**

**State Cup**

Terri Filippetti reported challenge rounds are underway.

**Leagues Committee**

No report.

**Recreation**

No report.

**Instruction**

Report contained in DOC report appended to minutes.

**Outreach**

A report was distributed at the meeting. There are 10 existing TOPS programs: East Bridgewater, Hingham, Holden, Lowell, Needham, Quincy, Sandwich, Tewksbury, Wilmington, and Winchester. Potential new programs: Boston University, Easton, Fairhaven, Mansfield, and Rockland.

**Treasurer**
Budget and balance sheets were distributed at the meeting.

**ODP**
No report.

**SYRA**
No report.

**Field Complex Update**
Was covered in executive director’s report.

**Issue of quorum for AGM**
Tabled until Carl Goldstein is present to discuss.

**Workshop – the future**
Skip Gorman reported he plans to make some major changes in the workshop. He plans to have clinics only, no administrative sessions. The awards will be presented separately on a local level in towns where recipients reside. The AGM will be a separate issue.

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

**New Business**
There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

**Addendum:**

1. **Executive Director Report**  John Burrill

**Field Project**
Work continues at a very good pace.
Testing of water has been completed and the results all came back well within the acceptable limits.
We have all the paperwork into National Grid for the new electric service for the building.
We have all permits in hand. Turns out we need permits for just about everything we are doing out here.
Also we have provided the town with all changes to design of the project.
Board of Health has issued permits for the two septic systems. The one on the complex has a few minor hurdles for us to jump over but we should be able to accomplish without too much difficulty.
Ben Franklin Bank has hired their own reviewing engineer who must sign off on things before they will issue funds to us. This is all at our expense, but does provide another set of eyes on the project.
Office parking lot in now under construction. Estimate is 6-8 weeks to completion.
Work on the pavilion building continues with all the underground plumbing getting underway.
New road around the quarry fields continues to make progress. The retaining wall in the back of the quarry fields is about done. Work began on the nature trail.
I have two proposals for the concession operation.
I have begun to consider equipment for the complex, specifically goal posts. We will need the smaller goals for MTOC so ideally we will purchase them as part of the larger purchase.
I have asked Bill Seymour to give a quote on poles and netting to prevent balls from going out onto Rt. 70. While we will have 8’ high fence, that may not be sufficient.

**Items which will need some attention**
- Parking – where to put the cars
- Controlling traffic flow and Parking of automobiles
- Some protection in the event of lightning

**Fund Raising**
Signed contact returned. Check is forthcoming.
No word from Dunkin Donuts.
We have submitted on line applications to Staples, Shaw’s and EMC.
Proposal also into to several other foundations as well as fidelity.
Still waiting on new trustee of Progin Estate to be appointed so we can hopefully get our remaining $200,000

**Harper**
Harper’s motion of summary judgment schedule to be heard on April 28.

**“G” course on line**
Progress is on going. Film editing will occur within next several weeks, flash video will get finalized and we expect to Beta test later this month.

**Adidas**
Nothing new. However we did submit an updated ‘benefits of sponsorship’. Word from Mike O’Connor of We Got Soccer is that they may well pull out of US Youth sponsorship but retain ‘key’ states.

**Cori**
We continue to make progress, albeit slowly, on getting in background forms and collecting all DOB’s

**Web Site**
Taking with several vendors, including Synthenet, about on-line system for managing the field complex – field assignment process. Also looking into full e-commerce module as more and more transactions are being done via the web.

**UBS**
We have had a change of money managers at UBS. Our primary contact has left the firm. Unfortunately we are in a liquidation mode as we need the cash for the field complex.

**Insurance**
I have been contacted by several insurance agents who are interested in submitted bids on our liability/medical insurance we provide the members. We will investigate to see if any savings can be realized.

**E-Course**
We had our first hearing impaired person take the “E” course. It required 2 ‘sign’ interpreters but we managed to get the coach successfully through the course.

**Tops**
We had a very successful launch of the Holden program and we expect to begin the Quincy

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 4-06
**Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs**

Another extremely busy preseason is coming to a close. Preseason courses kept us amazingly busy as we have had 37 G Courses, 27 F Courses, 6 E Courses, and 1 D Course between mid February and early April. This is in addition to all the Skills Academies, ODP training, national workshop, town board meetings, league meetings, and coach/player development sessions as well. All Skills Academies have now finished with a final enrollment of 378.

Staff made every attempt to join the board at as many league meetings possible in March. Between instructional staff and board, all meetings had a Mass Youth Soccer representative attend.

After much discussion we have generated a new quarterly newsletter called the CED Quarterly. This newsletter is intended to be a resource for CED’s throughout the state in their continued hard work.
Spring coach and player development has already begun and is going to keep us busier than ever this spring.

We will also be helping train Special Olympic teams from MA before they head to Nationals and help instruct clinics for the World TEAM Sports (inclusive sports that connect able bodied and disabled athletes) day at BU.

Mike has been speaking with countless college students and site directors in order to get organized and staffed for GOALS this summer. It appears we may have added a few more sites to our list and there is demand for more weeks of camp from multiple sites. This job continues to grow.

Darren has been working hard in collaboration with Maria to get the word out about our first ever Residential Camp. Initial response is positive, though we have discovered that other camps throughout the state are lowering their prices in competition. We are taking appropriate measures to make sure this camp is a success.

We have opened up all State Cup and MTOC Scouting, ODP training, and ODP Mini-Camp to coaches interested in sitting with our staff to discuss and share views on player evaluation and training evaluation.

ODP Final Pool notifications have gone out and we are prepped for spring out door training starting in late April. We have friendly sets up with both CT and RI before within the next month.

Mike and Jared continue to work on our mini-camp in May to continue to improve it every year.

3. Marketing Director Report  Maria DeStefano

Website-
Updated camp section
Daily maintenance, updating pages, headlines, and forms as needed

Outreach-
attended meeting in Worcester, 3/14
attended Middlesex league meeting, 3/29
“Freckick” sent 3/31. included: residential academy, Novice Coach DVD, Kicks for Cancer, District Select program, skills patch program, ODP donation to Africa preview for Baystater, blips and blurs.
Designed/published first “CED Quarterly” with articles by Mike and Howie, to be sent to all CEDs in MA in mid-April.

Camps-
Researched and ordered mail blast for 4200 recipients including letter, corporate camp brochure and tricolor res. Camp brochure
Completed additional mail blast to 6400 recipients.

other efforts-
sent email blasts re: AGM
sent press releases re: “of the year” awards to appropriate local papers, T&G and Globe.
Interviewed/select part-time college intern to assist with marketing (i.e. website maintenance)
Met with Dick’s Sporting Goods re: potential sponsorship

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

Scholarship Winner
Sid Bloom welcomed Catherine Caruco of Belmont, one of the two scholarship winners. Dan Phelan was unable to be present. Sid presented Catherine with a check for $1000.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Bill Shaughnessy, to accept the April meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
John added that, despite the weekend rain, no water problems have occurred, and there was no silt in the runoff water.

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

Director of Marketing Report – no report.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
No report.

Leagues Committee
No report.

Recreation
Nancy Hart showed the patch designed for the districts uniforms to avoid potential screening problems.

Instruction
Report contained in DOC report appended to minutes.

Outreach
Steve Snow reported that Dave Williams of VA TOPS passed away. The Quincy program will have a season end jamboree on June 17. Bridgewater and Mass Premier Soccer are running a camp this summer. The Crusaders are playing a game on June 17 in Weymouth which will be part of a double header with the Renegades; the proceeds will go to TOPS.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed the balance sheet and budget reports and went over the reports. The budget hearings are scheduled for July 19, before and after the monthly board meeting.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci reported the program is moving along. This weekend the program at Nicols College will take place consisting of training and scrimmages over the weekend. All information for tryouts is in the Bay Stater and Ryder Cup is 2nd weekend in June.

SYRA
John Utter reported we have passed the 5,000 mark for registered referees. This puts us in fourth place nationally for number of registered referees. One of our referees has been chosen to work at the regionals.
Field Complex Update
It was reported that we can financially afford only two turf fields at the complex at this time. If things change, we can add two more fields at a later time.

Issue of quorum for AGM
Carl Goldstein feels there is something wrong with the quorum requirement and how we achieve or have to force it at general meetings, particularly special general meetings. It was reported that a previous attempt to lower the quorum to 25 was opposed. It was suggested we form a sub committee to propose a change in the quorum requirement. Carl will chair this committee.

Bay Stater Ad Policy
The issue of whether we accept political ads in the Bay Stater was raised. Paul Irwin moved, seconded by Nancy Hart, that we not accept political ads in the Bay Stater. Bill Shaughnessy proposed an amendment to add prohibition of selling the mailing list to political candidates which was accepted as a friendly amendment. The Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report  John Burrill
Field Project
Work continues at a very good pace.
Second and final round of water testing has been completed and the results all came back well within the acceptable limits.
All the paperwork for National Grid, including easements have been completed for the new electric service for the building.
Board of Health has issued permits for the two septic systems. The one on the complex has a few minor hurdles for us to jump over but we should be able to accomplish without too much difficulty. Only hold up is that someone from RAD needs to secure a license from the Town in order to proceed
Office parking lot is closing in on completion. Grading is about done and a binder coat of asphalt should be down within next two weeks.
Work on the pavilion building continues with walls and roof going up and the trusses for the pavilion portion should be started this week.
New road around the quarry fields continues to make progress. We expect the binder coat of asphalt in less than three weeks, which will mean the demolition of existing road so the final grading can be completed.
Fencing along 70 has been completed on the 3 field side of the road. Fencing along the retaining wall for the parking lot has been completed and work now is on going for the fencing on the retaining wall for the quarry fields.

Fund Raising
No word from Dunkin Donuts.
We have submitted on line applications to Staples, Shaw’s and EMC.
We have asked for a meeting with Stop & Shop, but no word yet.
I had a telephone conversation with Bank of America. They are waking up to the notion that youth soccer in Mass is a very big deal.
Ray Cabral was very helpful in making this contact. B o A does not do capital campaigns but does do programs. Now, our
agreement with Citizens precludes a whole bunch of things with another financial institution but I think the door is open for Goals, Skills Academy and perhaps even the licensing courses. B o A is also interested in the league tournaments so perhaps there is the possibility of doing something there as well. Talks to continue
Still waiting on new trustee of Progin Estate to be appointed so we can hopefully get our remaining $200,000. I have made several calls to follow up but still no word.
I had a conversation with a sales manager of Pepsi Cola. I think the ownership of the Worcester franchise has changed hands and the new folks are interested in talking. Will schedule a meeting next week and see where we go
Had a conversation with Kwik goal about extending any pricing we get to all our organizations. This could be a real savings for the clubs.

Had conversation with Wegosoccer regarding replacing Eurosport with respect to the T-shirts (2400). We will see where this goes.

Harper
Harper’s motion of summary judgment was heard but no decision will be made until late this month at the earliest. We have a mediation meeting scheduled for May 23 and the judge gave a very strong indication that a settlement would be in the parties best interest.

Van
Our famous red van is no more. A serious oil leak was discovered that would have cost $1,500 to repair. The van is 15 years old with over 200,000 miles. We purchased a new van for $6,500. It’s a 2001 with 90,000 miles and is white.

Web Site
Taking with several vendors, including Syntinenet, about on-line system for managing the field complex field assignment process. Also looking into full e-commerce module as more and more transactions are being done via the web.

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 5-06
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching  Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

Rain, rain, go away and please come back another day. Preferably when we do not have our coach/player development programs running! We are frantically trying to reschedule all cancellations currently and hope to keep the cost of this rain to us below $10K.
There is a time crunch on everyone these days and we will work with towns to do the best we and they can.
We have run a free G course for Project Coach in Springfield/Smith College teaching IHS students to teach younger students in an effort to provide afterschool opportunities, education, and leadership training for Springfield area children.
We sent out a staff coach to run a training day for two Special Olympics Teams heading to their national tournament.
5 Mass Youth coaches (headed by Mike and our board member Ray R) helped World TEAM Sports with a sports day hosted by BU in which they pair up able-bodied and disabled players.

Staff is in the advanced stages of finalizing our new G manual and course. It will be operational come this August. They are also in the process of writing the accompanying instructor’s guide for this course.
GOALS planning is still being done and it appears we will have new sites in Salem, Fitchburg, Leominster, and Holyoke. This program is growing every year and is now quite a massive undertaking.

Staff is working on getting word out about our residential camps. We have heard form a number of HS teams with possible interest and have a few teams signed on. If you know of any HS teams that would be interested, please forward them to Darren.
ODP mini-camp is upon us. We have regional and national staff coming in to work with teams as well as HPS. With practice cancellations and games cancellations (as well as regional evaluation chances) cancelled due to rain, mini-camp’s importance is greater than ever.

Tryouts for next year’s ODP are all set.
We will once again do scouting at both State Cup and MTOC.

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Scholarship Winner
Sid Bloom welcomed Dan Phelan of Chicopee the male scholarship winner. Sid presented Dan with a check for $1000.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, to accept the May 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 added the instructional program has far exceeded current capacity as far as man power is concerned. Mike is looking to add more part time instructors and expects courses will be sold out sooner. Mike anticipates having to turn clubs away by next October.

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

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri Filippetti reported 16 teams are going to regionals plus two wild cards. Despite the rain, they made it through the State Cup tournament.

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported MTOC starts this Friday. There will be 236 teams competing; the most teams ever due to the addition of 8v8 play in U-12.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported she has solved the problems with uniforms for Districts teams.

Instruction
Report contained in DOC report appended to minutes.

Outreach
John Burrill reported the Holden program supplied some pictures from their season-end event. They are on the Mass Youth web page. Marshfield is considering starting a program this fall.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed the balance sheet and budget reports and went over the reports.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci distributed a report on Ryder Cup results. We have two teams playing this weekend at the regional ODP tournament, Boys 17 and Girls 15. Our teams were very successful at Ryder. Try outs will take place in August.

SYRA
John Utter reported two referees will be working the ODP tournament in Delaware this weekend.
Field Complex Management
John Burrill proposed we form a sub committee to consider management of the field complex – outside agency or internal. There are various tax and liability issues to consider. Sid will form the committee and report back to the board.

Rules for State Cup qualifying leagues
John Burrill has drafted a policy regarding the requirements for teams to qualify for State Cup eligibility and distributed a copy prior to the meeting. Paul Irwin moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, to adopt the proposed standards for State Cup qualification. Motion passed unanimously and will become part of section 300 of the bylaws.

Concord-Carlisle Request regarding Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Mass Youth received a letter from Concord-Carlisle Soccer Club claiming the Middlesex League violated due process regarding roster and coach issues. The league has tried to correct the matter, but Concord-Carlisle is not satisfied with their remedy. The board concluded that it was too late to allow the team involved into the season-end tournament, since it has already taken place. The 2 suspended coaches can appeal to be re-instated. There is nothing this board can do at this time.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
Sports Path, an educational consulting company made a presentation to the board regarding a parent education course they would like to offer online either through our web site or through the website of our member organizations. Both Mass Youth and the participating clubs could share in the revenue. No decisions were reached. The board will consider the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

MASS YOUTH SOCCER

1. Executive Director Report    John Burrill
Field Project
The complex is really coming along
We finally were able to get water samples from the RT 70 culvert. Not surprising given the rain. Those results came back fine including the most important one - turbidity. Our water results are well within the prescribed limits.
All the paperwork for National Grid, including easements have been completed for the new electric service for the building. No work yet to be done
No work yet on the two septic systems.
Office parking has 1st layer of asphalt on it. Final layer will not be done until they are just about finished. New lights have been installed. The one old light was left, but we will replace with a new one.
Work on the pavilion building continues. The roof is on and the walls are up, so work will begin on the inside.
Now road around the quarry fields has been paved with first layer. Road looks good. The old road has been removed and the fill spread and the fields will be brought up to grade. Once that occurs, the sprinkler system will be installed and then the layer of gravel. Fencing along 70 has been completed on the 3 field side of the road. The decision has been made to add 24' poles and have netting that will catch the balls before they go out onto RT.
Steps to parking lot from fields are on going as is the access to the new lower parking lot and roadway. The roadway around the complex and which gets one to the main parking lot is well underway. Final grade on some portions has been attained. Storm drains will be installed. Most of the "big" visible work has been done. Now comes all the fine points.

**Fund Raising**
Tom Manchester of Dunkin Donut has re-surfaced. He is still interested and promised to get back to me to let me know the results of his meetings with the local franchise operators.

We have submitted online applications to Staples, Shaw's and EMC. No word same with Stop & Shop.

Ted Ritchie has a contact at New York Life. A package of information will be submitted.

Still waiting on new trustee of Progin Estate to be appointed so we can hopefully get our remaining $200,000. I have talked with the trustee in waiting. No idea why this is taking so long.

Conversation with WegoSoccer regarding replacing Eurosport with respect to the T-shirts (2400). Is on going. They are very interested.

**Harper**
A tentative agreement has been reached. Now in the document drafting stage. Proposal has been submitted by Gale to do engineering on the new road that is contemplated by the settlement.

**Equipment**
Six sets of 8 vs 8 goals have been purchased for the MTOC. Once the tournament is complete, the goals will be moved back here and set aside for the complex.

**CORI**
Work continues to get all our files updated and information recorded. This service we provide has turned out to be a bit more extensive and time consuming than anticipated. However we are on top of the matter.

2. **DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT**

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

With the continued rain we still have make-up sessions scheduled for our coach/player development with towns. Still working on a final number of lost revenue which should be clear at the end of June. Currently hoping it will be less than $10K. We have worked hard to reschedule when it has been possible.

Development staff is currently setting up programs for next fall. By the end of the month we should have all the fall's program set-up.

Towns/clubs that wait until late July or August to try to set-up program may well be out of luck due to staffing limitations.

The overnight camp is still coming together. We are using ODP and Instructional Staff to run this camp at UMass Dartmouth from Aug 7-11. All GOALS coaches have now been trained for sites in Springfield, Holyoke (multiple sites), Leominster, Fitchburg, Salem, Fall River, New Bedford, Dorchester, South Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville (2 sites). We are now running the equivalent of 60 WEEKS of free outreach camps at these sites. We will be running tryouts for numerous towns this spring to help them provide an unbiased process for their members.

Mike was misquoted in the Boston Globe this past month and then was asked to be a guest on the Paul Sullivan Show on WBZ Radio. The show went well.

Course signups have already begun for August. We expect it to be an extremely busy month yet again.

We have run another training day for 2 Special Olympics teams going to Nationals. Darren ran this session and received great feedback.

Nichols ODP Mini-Camp went well despite lightning, a fire alarm, rain, and a methane truck spill on the Pike. All pitched in to cover for those stuck in traffic and the weekend was another success.

We have once again done ODP scouting at State Cup and will do at MTOC.

Rider ODP Cup is behind us and we have 2 teams going to Kirkwood for semis (B17, G15). Please see attached spreadsheet of results and see how we fared as a state. Please, however, recognize that winning this tournament is not a program goal. Player identification at the Regional and National Level is our primary goal. Correlational evidence from previous years has shown that strong performances by teams typically resulted in increased identification numbers.

**RIDER ODP CUP 2006 WINNING PERCENTAGE BY STATE**

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3. Marketing Director Report  Maria Doherty

Website-
Daily maintenance, updating pages, headlines, and forms as needed
Dealt with issues arising from real time transactions on forms not functioning correctly.

Outreach-
Attended State Cup, 6/4/06, took photos for Baystater, etc.
“Freekick” sent 4/26: included: residential academy, Kicks for Cancer, District Select program, skills patch program, preview for Baystater, blips and blurs.
Baystater- went to Foxboro for 2 days to oversee publishing, advance work with Brian Lowe to manage articles, deadlines.
Worked with Brian to create guidelines for contributors to streamline publication for future issues and create a more professional final project
Reviewed and selected scholarship winners from 65 applicants.

Camps-
Spoke with many parents to answer basic questions, or to relay questions and concerns to coaching staff, regarding residential camp program.
Created form for Plympton camp program

other efforts-
answered questions re: skills patch program from various callers
assisted Tara with verifying affiliations to prepare for state cup
sent press releases re: Scholarship winners to appropriate local papers, T&G and Globe.
Researched local hotel room night statistics (re: complex)
Began training college intern on website maintenance
Began initial steps of creating “pass card” sponsorship program
Worked with Mike, Graphic Designer to finalize GOALS logo and t-shirt
Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting
July 19, 2006


A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order by Skip Gorman at 7:12 pm.

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.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
Mike Singleton added the overnight camp enrollment is filled.

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

Financing of additional synthetic fields
There is an opportunity, with some creative financing, to add three more synthetic fields to the two already planned. Carl Goldstein made a financial presentation analyzing our cash flow and indicating our ability to finance these fields during a three-year period even under the most adverse financial conditions anticipated. During the three years, the first year would be construction period, the second would be with the fields not yet in service, and the third year would see the fields in service. We need the approval of Ben Franklin Bank to incur the additional debt. Ben Franklin will meet to decide on July 24. We anticipate we could have the five fields installed by November if everything goes as planned.
Bill Shaughnessy moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, that we go forward with the financing of the three additional synthetic fields. The motion passed 12 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Uniform Supplier
John Burrill briefed the board on the status of the Adidas contract. The contract between Adidas and US Soccer is up for review and still under discussion. US Soccer is seeking alternative suppliers. We cannot speak with alternative suppliers until November under terms of our contract.

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

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported MTOC ran well with only 2 hours of rain. He will submit a written report.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported she would be bagging T-shirts for Districts. The date for the recreation tournament has been moved to October 15.

Instruction
Report contained in DOC report appended to minutes.

**Outreach**
Steve Snow reported he has leads for new programs this fall in Marshfield and Manchester by the Sea. The people in Manchester are not affiliated with Mass Youth. Skip Gorman suggested Steve direct them to the Essex County League to come in under their umbrella. The South Shore League donated a quantity of unused trophies for TOPS use. We currently have 12 TOPS programs actively running. Four referees from Massachusetts attended the Special Olympics National Tournament.

**Treasurer**
Carl Goldstein distributed the balance sheet and budget reports and went over the reports.

**ODP**
Jared Scarpaci reported players are at ID camp waiting to hear who gets identified. Tryouts will take place in August.

**SYRA**
John Utter reported the online registration process is completed. Referees can now register online and can be contacted via email as to where and when courses will be offered. Three Massachusetts referees are going to Nationals. This is the first time we are sending three referees. The annual referees award banquet will take place Sunday, August 13.

**Field Complex update**
John Burrill reported the construction staff is reduced for July but progress is still ahead of schedule. They plan to seed in September.

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

**New Business**
There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

**Addendum:**

1. **Executive Director Report**  John Burrill

   **Field Project**
   Work continues on the 6 Quarry fields. The access road has been moved, the old road torn out and the entire area is slowly being brought to grade. One last corner needs some excavation and once that is complete the finals sub-grade will be leveled. The irrigation installers have begun work on these 6 fields.
   Work on the ‘Drumlin’ side of things continues with the last two fields along RT 70 beginning. The area of where the synthetics fields will go is still a stockpile of material for the entire site but as the other fields begin to move along, that stockpile is reduced.
   Work of the building is moving to the interior. The roof is complete and the siding is about complete as well, as are the gutters. Now the interior walls, plumbing and flooring will begin to take shape. We are also about ready to run the water line over to “Wagner’s” well for the potable water hookup
   The main parking lot, to be gravel, is at sub-grade and ready for the gravel to be spread. The main stairway leading from the parking lot to the fields is ½ compete and should be finished by the end of the month. The roadway leading through the parking lot to the main access road is almost at finished grade and the first layer of asphalt will be laid down by the end of the month. The concrete bases for the light poles are in and the wiring will also be completed by the end of the month.
   Grass has been planted on most of the non-fields areas and it seems to be taking nicely.

   **Fund Raising**
   Still trying to follow up with Tom Manchester of Dunkin Donuts
We have submitted online applications to Staples, Shaw’s and EMC. Staples has said thanks but no thanks. An information packet has been submitted to Stop & Shop, New York Life Insurance and to Pepsi-Cola of Worcester. We received $100,000 from the Progin Estate. I will follow up this fall with respect to the remaining $100,000.

Harper
Proposed settlement is moving along and should close this month.

Equipment
Six sets of 8 x 8 goals have been purchased for the MTOC and are now at the office.

MTOC
We have one league which has not paid its MTOC fees; Berkshire County

Recreation Tournament
Date has been moved back two weeks to Sunday, October 15, 2006

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BOARD REPORT 7-06
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs
We are gearing up for the August rush of courses. Currently we have hit our projected numbers for this year and all courses in August are coming in quickly. We look to once again be extremely busy in August to end the year with a bang.
Camps or weekly clinics are scheduled for Saugus, Pimlont, Walpole, Dartmouth, and our overnight at UMass Dartmouth. We have scheduled many towns for coach/player development for the fall and our weekends are now completely full, as are our weeknights. It is expected that we will be working regularly with 4 new towns and others are looking to expand. We are still however working with others to phase down our works with them to promote their self-sufficiency. We will average the need for roughly 10 courses every day of the week in the fall.
GOALS sites are running well and we have received many positive comments from sites and our coaches as well who truly enjoy their work.
Next year will see the origin of the New England Youth Sports Festival at the Gillette Stadium indoor complex. We are currently speaking with Bernie Weichsel of BEWI productions, as we will be the primary soccer presenters at the festival.
Mike has been asked to serve as a reviewer for a new book on Coaching Soccer by ASEF and Sam Snow and he has been asked to contribute to a book on poetry and leadership/teaching for Sam Intrator, a professor at Smith College.
Mike attended Regionals in VA and will be shortly turning in his state of soccer state report for the year.
All development staff attended ODP camps with their state teams. Early reports appear to show another successful year in placing players on regional teams and in national camps. Applause should go to towns, clubs, and our staff for helping players attain these lofty goals.

3. Marketing Director Report Maria Doherty
Media-
Article on boston.com June 1 naming Catherine Caruso as scholarship winner
Article/photo (with Sid and Skip) in Boston Globe naming Catherine Caruso as scholarship winner
Sent Press Release to Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Lowell, Fall River newspapers, Boston news channels, re: GOALS program
Sent World Cup themed Goals press release to same city papers
Fielded calls-
FOX news (NY), re: women’s pro. Soccer and how it affects youth soccer
Boston Globe, re: rainy spring and how it affected youth soccer in MA this year
MA Parenting Magazine, re: article about state of youth soccer in MA and the field complex
Lowell Sun, re: World Cup affecting soccer in Massachusetts
Website-
Daily maintenance, updating pages, headlines, and forms as needed
Worked with sportography to quote ad space and packages for website, hopefully Freckick or Baystater as well.
Outreach-
“Freckick” sent – included residential camp, state cup and MTOC, recreation jamboree, HPS, ODP tryouts
Baystater- Worked with Brian to create guidelines for contributors to streamline publication for future issues and create a more professional final project and review dates for most effectiveness.
Camps-
Spoke with many parents to answer basic questions, or to relay questions and concerns to coaching staff, regarding residential camp program.
Updated website multiple times as needed to manage pricing changes, releases necessary, and further details to prevent as many calls to Tara with questions.
Worked with screen printers to create logo for summer camp program
other efforts-
Researched local hotel room night statistics (re: complex); spoke with travel sales professional about potential sponsorship terms to prep for meet with local hotels sales managers about sponsorship of the fields.
continued training college intern on website maintenance, blast emails, creating “freckick”
Set up meeting with Mix 98.5, re: possible partnership with 3rd party sponsors
Set up meeting with North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce, re: hotel sponsorships and partnership for promoting field complex
Spoke with various printers to research most cost efficient way to print brochures for fall season packets
Wrote letter for summer clinics for Tara to include in bulk mailing
Prepared proclamation statement to send to Governor for US Youth Soccer month

4. **US Youth Soccer National Championship Series - Massachusetts State Cups 2006** July 14th, 2006 From: Terri Filippetti
On Father’s Day, Sunday June 18th, the 2006 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 rain found its way to UMass causing 62 State Cup games not to be played on site. The weather for the semi and finals was hot.

**Numbers:**
This year, we had a total of 287 teams compete in State Cup, up from the 271 teams in 2005 - a 6% increase.
A total of 382 Cup games were played (includes 62 rescheduled Round Robin games, plus 203 other “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, 73% of the top 4 seeds made it into the semi-finals.
Eight of the 2005 Champions won again in 2006 (G15, G17, G18, G19, B14, B16, B17 and B18).
Due to high school graduations, all U18 Round Robin matches were held off site. The first match of the Round Robin was self-scheduled and matches two and three were played on June 10th and 11th at Holliston. The schedule on June 3rd 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 3rd and 4th. 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/brackets 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. Ray Marquez from Hammerhead improved the web scoring site to make it more user friendly.

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

**Referees:**
Rich Filippetti was responsible for all of the State Cup assignments this year – from the Challenge round through to the finals.
He assigned approximately 200 Challenge Round & U18 “off-site” Round Robin games. This continues to be a huge administrative task that Rich handled 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.

As mentioned, Rich was responsible for the assignments at UMass for June 3rd and 4th as well as the semis and finals on June 17th and 18th - approximately 288 matches. It took longer for the Round robin games to be played this year due to the inclement weather on the first weekend. There were 62 matches that were not played at UMass (12 were played on June 5th at various locations across the state, and the other 50 were played from June 6th to June 16th).

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 and a summary of all required paper (assignments and referee payment) was submitted to the office on June 16th.

A special thank you goes to Dave Harris for handling the housing for the referees at UMass.

**Competition:**
The competition provided an opportunity for the teams to showcase their talents.

**Site:**
UMass/Amherst was the site for the first weekend. We secured 18 fields: 14 on main complex and 4 fields behind the football stadium. The 2 additional back-up fields, behind the stadium, were never used do to the rain. We lost all of the fields behind the stadium on Sunday and at times on Sunday we were running with as few as 6 fields on the main complex. This was done in an effort to allow some fields to dry from the heavy rains on Saturday evening and to save the others. Ross, Dave and Rick watched the fields very closely throughout the day.

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, Rich Filippetti, Rich Filippetti and Larry Kelly.
We used several turf fields throughout the state for our semis and finals: Marshall Fields in Holliston, Framingham State, and the three fields at Lincoln Park in Lexington. I can’t wait for our complex to be ready for State Cup play!
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.

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 Eurosports.

The referees chose the Fair Play winners based on the Round Robin competition. 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:
Ross Weaver, Dave Westbury, Rich Filippetti, Jim & Marlene Gondek, Rick Filippetti, Katelyn Filippetti, Tara Pierce, Kate Murphy, John Burrill, Kathy Boyd, Kathy Irwin, Kathy Kelly, Barry Savage, Deb Gordon and several others were instrumental in making the tournament a success.

My sincerest thanks to all of them.

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B16 FC Greater Boston      Juventus USA            Michael Bustamante Western United
B17 Western United         FC Greater Boston       Nicholas Rouzier   Crusaders United
B18 Juventus USA           Tri Valley Eagles       Chris Devinc      
B19 FC United              Olymique Mass          Farid Issa        

Results from Regionals:
Congratulations to our Region 1 Champions: South Coast Scorpions G13 and FC Greater Boston Bolts G16. The G16 Bolts will be representing Region 1 at the National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa the last week in July. Massachusetts also had two other teams (B15, B16) in the finals and three teams in the semi-finals (B17, G15, G18). Massachusetts had sixteen teams competing having an extra team in the G19 (wildcard) and B17 (Premier League representative).

The Bolts G16 team, coached by Tracy Kerr, was a surprise winner beating Maryland 2-1 in the final after trailing 1-0 early. The team also came back from a 1-0 deficit in the semi-final beating PDA (New Jersey) in PKs. The team won four games and tied one. They played with a lot of determination and never lost their composure during the tournament.

The G13 South Coast Scorpions, coached by Fred Marks, beat PDA (New Jersey) 2-0 in overtime for the title. The team won all five of their games.

The FC Greater Boston B16 team, coached by Francis Okaroh, lost a heart breaker to Maryland 3-2 in overtime. They finished with 4 wins and the one loss.

The FC Greater Boston B15 team, also coached by Francis Okaroh, lost a hard-fought game 3-2 to Eastern Penn in the final. The team won their other four games.

The Western United B17 team, coached by Derek Shea, went 1-1-1 and had the hardest road to travel to get to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost their semi-final game to a talented New Hampshire team 1-0.

The Stars of Mass G15 team, coached by Jason Dewhurst, lost 1-0 to Maryland in their semi-final. The team had won two and tied one game prior to their loss.

The Tri Valley Eagles G18 team, coached by Chris Hamblin, lost 4-0 to PDA (New Jersey) in their semi-final. The team had won their three previous matches.
The Regionals began play at roontime on Friday due to heavy rains late Thursday night. Massachusetts teams won seven matches against three losses and three ties (three teams did not play on Friday due to the weather). On Saturday, the record was eleven wins with five losses and two ties. On Sunday, the record was an eight wins, six losses and three ties.

Overall, Massachusetts teams won thirty-two matches, lost nineteen and tied eight during the tournament giving them a 54.2% winning percentage which was fifth in the region. Seven of the top eight regions had a lower winning percentage than last year. The boys went 15-9-5 (LY was 20-4-3) and the girls went 17-10-3 (LY was 15-9-1).

For any tournament to be successful you need good referees and Massachusetts sent thirteen talented referees who distinguished themselves. Our delegation was headed by Rachel Woo who did an outstanding job providing guidance and communication to our referees. All thirteen referees received assignments either for the semi-finals and/or finals. Twelve of the referees received an assignment for the semi-finals and eight worked the finals including the middle of the B19, B17, and G12 (8x8). Sean Nally, Verge Figueiredo, and John Jordan were selected to officiate at the National Championships in Des Moines – this is the first time Massachusetts had three referees selected to go on.

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

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order by Sid Bloom at 7:00 pm.

Appointment of Kevin Krumpholz to the board
Steve Smoller moved, seconded by Ray Robinson to appoint Kevin Krumpholz to the board to fill the unexpired term of Tim Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Terri Filippetti moved, seconded by Ray Robinson, to accept the July meeting minutes. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director's Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added a progress report on field construction. USDA has approved financing for the three additional synthetic turf fields. He expects to close on the loan first week in October.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
Mike Singleton added the numbers were up from last year for ODP tryouts. The training schedule, times and places are posted on the website.

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

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

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported the committee did not meet during the summer. Next meeting is scheduled for October.

Recreation
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes. Sid Bloom added that we have 22 applications for the recreation tournament. A second site at Merrimac College in Andover may be available with 5 fields. Sid raised the issue that we have never established a policy on what to do with the tournament in case of inclement weather.

Instruction
Report contained in DOC report appended to minutes.

Outreach
Steve Snow reported the two new programs in Marshfield and Hamilton are underway. Steve distributed a list of active TOPS programs. Stoughton and New Bedford are the next areas of interest for new programs.

Treasurer
John Burrill distributed the balance sheet and budget reports and went over the reports in Carl Goldstein’s absence.

ODP
This was covered in the DOC report.

SYRA
No report.

Budget presentation
John Burrill presented the budget for next year. While there is a surplus of $3000 projected, the issue of uniform supplier may cut into this. We currently have no contract in place with Adidas and may have to purchase uniforms for our ODP and Districts teams outside of an allotment. Negotiations continue and we are pursuing alternative suppliers. **Skip Gorman moved, seconded by John Linnehan to approve the budget as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

Funding for City Kicks and New England Scores
John Burrill reviewed the request for funding from these two inner city based programs. They requested a total of $22,500. Discussion involved our current and projected financial situation in light of expense of field construction. John recommended we give them $10,000. **Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Steve Smoller that we give them $10,000 to be split evenly between the two programs. The grant is to be a matching challenge grant to encourage the programs to solicit matching funds.** Motion passed unanimously.

Use of fields at complex for U-12 games
Sid Bloom introduced for discussion and consideration the question of whether we should allow 11v11 full field games at the complex for U-12 teams in light of the fact we are strongly encouraging this age group to play 8v8 on smaller sized fields. Discussion followed on the reasons for promoting small sided soccer and why we have not mandated it in the state but instead choose to encourage it. Restricting use of fields to small sided for this age group might serve as further encouragement. No proposals were offered yet and further consideration of the issue was encouraged.

Referees
Andy Weiss, SRA was in attendance and reported on status of referees and the referee committee. Registration is an issue as to whether referees continue to register through the state committee or do so directly with the federation online. Discussion on referee courses also took place.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
- Sid Bloom stated that board members should visit events, league meetings, clubs, etc to make a presence as well as receive feedback from the membership. John Burrill said he would prepare a sheet with talking points that can be used, particularly at meetings.
- John Burrill reported we have received $4,000 so far for the fields in memory of Paul Irwin, recently departed board member and president of MAPLE. He added that a memorial service for Paul is planned for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:
1. Executive Director Report  John Burrill

Field Project
Work is now really moving along on the fields. By the time the board meets we should have 9 of the 11 fields planted. The predominant seed is bluegrass with takes 4-5 weeks to germinate. Most of the non fields areas have been hydro seeded and that is starting to come in.
The building is taking shape with all the electrical roughed in, the insulation is in, most all the rough plumbing and wall board will start to go up. We will cut one additional service window in the concession area.
Once the natural grass fields are complete, work will focus on the synthetic fields with concrete curbing necessary to hold the turf and final grading.
Some work is being done on the big parking lot but most of the work necessary to finish it off will wait until the fields are done.
The picnic pods have been laid out and work is beginning on the nature trail.
There is concern over the fencing on the backside of the quarry fields. The fence is 6' high and the drop over the fence is 25' in some places. We are investigating our options to keep kids from climbing the fence.
The drinking water tie in to the Wagner well is almost complete.
Skip has someone looking into field number signage. While we were in Des Moines, the complex there had attractive and highly visible field signage.
We had (have) an issue with the neighbors across RT 70 who live along the pond. The have accused us of increasing the levels of phosphorus in the pond. We in turn have had the water running off our property which eventually ends up in the pond tested and our results differ quite significantly from what the ‘pond people’ report. All the town officials seem to agree with us at this point.

Fund Raising
Still trying to follow up with Tom Manchester of Dunkin Donuts – he has again gone underground. The very strong rumor is the local franchise operator has an option on the front piece of land just to our south. However as of this date there has been nothing filed with the town.
An information packet has been submitted to Stop & Shop, New York Life Insurance and to Pepsi-Cola of Worcester. I have followed up the Pepsi and there does not appear to be any interest with them. I did have a conversations with a representative of New Youth Life and they are still evaluating whether or not they would like to get involved.

Harper
We are still in the process of getting an agreement to settle this matter. The original plan for parking will not work as the new area will only hold about 750 autos and we need much closer to 1,200. However Harper thinks he can park more cars on the 25 acre parcel we are transferring to him than our original estimate of 300 or so.

Equipment
Six sets of 8 v 8 goals have been assembled and are here. An arrangement has been made where by local clubs can purchase goals at a discount from WeGotSoccer.

Recreation Tournament
Applications are coming in. We must have about 15 so far.
Financing
Our loan request for additional funds for the synthetic turf fields was approved. We will proceed to close on that loan as quickly as possible.

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTURAL PROGRAM REPORT 9-06
Mike Singleton, Director of Coaching  Howie Blatt, Director of Instructional Programs

August once again proved to be an extremely busy time for our staff. Our overnight camp attracted 215 players. Howie visited the camp and had the opportunity to chat with parents of the campers. Their feedback was very positive. Howie spoke with several parent-coaches who used the camp as an opportunity to learn from watching our staff work with the kids. The experience actually led some of these parent-coaches to register for our Mass Youth coaching courses. We also ran camps in Walpole, Plimpton, and Dartmouth. Also in August we ran 17 G courses, 6 F Courses, 2 E Courses, 1 D Course, and 13 Specialty Clinics. Of course ODP tryouts were run in this month as well.

September is also proving to be just as busy. We expect to run 23 G courses, 6 F Courses, 1 E Courses, and 9 Specialty Clinics this month. In addition we are running coach/player development sessions weekly or nightly in Wakefield, Dartmouth, Burlington, Lexington, Dracut, Salem, Winchester, Whitman, Mansfield, Auburn, and Saugus and soon in Andover.

The staff is finishing up changes to our new E manual and instructor’s guide and talks have begun surrounding a new D Course, manual, and instructor’s guide.

We will once again be running a course for Project Coach in Springfield and have been asked to help Special Olympics as well.
The GOALS program has finished for the year. This year we ran the equivalent of 60 weeks of free camp for players throughout Massachusetts. We allowed thousands of children to play soccer who would not have had the chance otherwise.

Our online G film crew found 2 missing DVD’s of footage from our video shoot. We are hoping this will prevent us from having to shoot more video. Mike is currently trying to budget time to look through this video during this busy time period.

Tara is working on booking sites for our Skills Academy which we have begun to publicize for this winter.

Both of us, and the entire instructional staff, all wish to pass along our sympathies to the Irwin family during this time of loss.

3. Marketing Director Report  Maria Doherty

Media-
- Fielded calls-
- AP- regarding Zidane’s head butt in world cup final and how to answer youth players’ questions about it.
- Clinton Item- development of the fields
- Created media kit, included on website.
- Sent advertising info and media kit to various vendors

Website-
- Daily maintenance, updating pages, headlines, and forms as needed
- Redesigned coaches’ page to be narrative with embedded links
- Cleaned up marketing pages, edited outdated information
- Created skills academy pages
- Accepted first affiliate marketing partnership, fast fold goals, applied to administrators and coaches pages, included in August FreeKick

Outreach-
- Worked with Jessica at North Central Chamber of Commerce to get approval for attractions signs through Mass Highway.
- Sent email request to Duc Quach with Mass Highway re: attractions signs
- Visited GOALS sites in Fitchburg, Leominster, Somerville, Dorchester

Baystater- acted as liaison within office for articles, wrote GOALS article, organized photographs, went to Foxborough to edit/publish on 7/25, 7/26

Camps-
- Worked with Darren, Sid, and screen printers to create logo for summer camp program
- Assisted Tara with registration on first day of UMass Camp, with departure on last day; took photographs
- Researched, did site inspections for hotel/food plans for ODP mini-camp 2007
- Visited, took photos at: UMass Dartmouth, Darmouth, Walpole and Plympton Clinics.
- Created pages/photo galleries on website for each.

other efforts-
- Researched local hotel room night statistics (re: complex); spoke with travel sales professional about potential sponsorship terms to prepare to meet with local hotels sales managers about sponsorship of the fields.
- continued training college intern on website maintenance, blast emails, creating “freekick”
- Follow up meeting with Mix 98.5, re: possible campaign and onsite events
- Meeting with North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce, re: hotel sponsorships and partnership for promoting field complex
- Spoke with various printers to research most cost efficient way to print brochures for fall season packets

4. Recreation Report  Nancy Hart

The District Program went well. We had 1372 players and we gave 15 scholarships.

The tournament was very competitive and games were closely scored.

There was a slight problem at the tournament with the medals which was resolved at a later date.

I went to the Middlesex fall ball meeting for all age groups to promote the recreational tournament.

I also attended an U10 meeting they had at the South Shore League for promoting the tournament.

I also had Rich send me all the registered towns and sent emails to them and to the past teams at the tournament which was probably about 200.

We currently are very low in enrollment and I welcome any and all ideas.

5. State Cup Report for September 20th, 2006  Terri Filippetti

A total of 112 U13/U14 State Cup 2007 applications were received.

The seedings were completed on September 3rd and are attached as an excel spreadsheet.

The bracket/schedules are available on the MassYouth website. All entry round games have already been scheduled.

The breakdown is as follows:

Boys 13

27 teams submitted applications and eleven teams were seeded. Seeds 1 thru 4 were seeded directly into the Round Robin next June.
Seeds 12 thru 16 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 17 thru 27. Challenge round will consist of 4 single elimination rounds.

**Entry Round** - Self scheduled and must be played by 9/25

**Challenge Round 1** will be played on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Devens. Matchups will be as follows:

- Seed 22 v 23, 24 v 25

**Challenge Round 2** will be played on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Devens. Matchups will be as follows:

- Winner 9/24 v winner 16/17
- Winner 10/23 v winner 15/18
- Winner 11/22 v winner 14/19
- Winner 12/21 v winner 13/20

**Challenge Round 3** will be played next spring at the higher seed.

Matchups will be as follows:

- Seed 5 v winner 12/13
- Seed 6 v winner 11/14
- Seed 7 v winner 10/15
- Seed 8 v winner 9/16

**BOYS 14**

23 teams submitted applications and eleven teams were seeded. Seeds 1 thru 4 were seeded directly into the Round Robin next June. Seeds 12 thru 16 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 17 thru 23. Challenge round for this age group will consist of 3 single elimination rounds.

**Challenge Round 1** will be played on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Devens.

- Seed 9 v 24, 10 v 23, 11 v 22, 12 v 21, 13 v 20, 14 v 19, 15 v 18 & 16 v 17

**Challenge Round 2** will be played on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Devens. Matches are as follows:

- Winner 9/24 v winner 16/17
- Winner 10/23 v winner 15/18
- Winner 11/22 v winner 14/19
- Winner 12/21 v winner 13/20

**Challenge Round 3** will be played next spring at the higher seed.

Matchups will be as follows:

- Seed 5 v winner 12/13
- Seed 6 v winner 11/14
- Seed 7 v winner 10/15
- Seed 8 v winner 9/16

**GIRLS 13**

34 teams submitted applications and twelve teams were seeded. Seeds 1 thru 4 were seeded directly into the Round Robin next June. Seeds 13 thru 18 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 19 thru 34. Challenge round will consist of 4 single elimination rounds.

**Entry Round** - Self scheduled and must be played by 9/25

- Seed 15 v 34, 16 v 33, 17 v 32, 18 v 31, 19 v 30, 20 v 29, 21 v 28, 22 v 27, 23 v 26, 24 v 25

**Challenge Round 1** will be played on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Devens. Matches are as follows:

- Seed 9 v 24, 10 v 23, 11 v 22, 12 v 21, 13 v 20, 14 v 19, 15 v 18 & 16 v 17

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- Winner 11/22 v winner 14/19
- Winner 12/21 v winner 13/20

**Challenge Round 3** will be played next spring at the higher seed.

Matchups will be as follows:

- Seed 5 v winner 12/13
- Seed 6 v winner 11/14
- Seed 7 v winner 10/15
- Seed 8 v winner 9/16

**GIRLS 14**

28 teams submitted applications and twelve teams were seeded. Seeds 1 thru 4 were seeded directly into the Round Robin next June. Seeds 13 thru 19 were placed using a random draw followed by a separate random draw for Seeds 20 thru 28. Challenge round will consist of 4 single elimination rounds.

**Entry Round** - Self scheduled and must be played by 9/25

- Seed 21 v 28, 22 v 27, 23 v 26, 24 v 25

**Challenge Round 1** will be played on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Devens. Matches are as follows:
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National Results: Terri Filippetti

The FC Greater Boston Bolts G16 team, coached by Tracy Kerr and assisted by Paul Kerridge and John Kerr, had their dream season end at the hands of Real Colorado (Region IV).

The team started off with a 1-0 win over the Internationals from Ohio (Region II) on Wednesday. The lone goal came from Tara Cort who gathered in a pass near midfield and literally dribbled the ball down the middle of the field past six defenders and put the ball in the back of the net from 12 yards out ten minutes into the second half. Emily Nahas played strong in goal and was supported well by Erin Kaufman, Monica Jensen, Erin Fleury and Michelle Kieltry on defense.

On Thursday, the team lost 2-0 to a highly skilled Edmond Soccer Club 90 from Oklahoma (Region III). Emily Nahas continued her fine play in goal but it was a tough day overall for the team after a two hour weather delay.

Other members of the team were Renee Hilbrunner, Dana Brill, Katrina Ellis-Ferrara, Erica Jones, Leda Tomaritis, Lauren Yelinek, Michaela Plaster, Sara Axelrod, Alicia Alex, Cassie Wagner, Katie Rausch, Shannon Van Riper, Jacqueline Greb.

The FC Greater Boston Bolts GU 16 Team won the 2006 US Youth Soccer National Championship GU 16 Fair Play Award.

Massachusetts was well represented by the Bolts.

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order by Sid Bloom at 7:03 pm.

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

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. Ted Ritchie raised issue of liability for the field complex regarding lightning, since we do not provide shelter even as basic as an open building (just a roof on a cement base) and also no shelter from rain. John Burrill will ask Gale Associates to provide some suggestions and estimates.

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

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri Filippetti reported the second challenge round is Saturday at Devens. Ted Ritchie reported that some MAPLE coaches are trying to prohibit players from attending practice of their town teams, sometimes trying to prohibit dual rostering. Consensus was we need cooperation of the adults to follow the guidelines and not cause problems for the kids.

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported the committee had their first meeting of the season last month with nothing significant to report.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported there were 84 teams participating in the recreation tournament, held at two locations – Framingham and Andover. Sid Bloom commented on how well the Framingham Soccer volunteers handled things there. Next year, the tournament is tentatively scheduled for September 30 and we hope to be able to run it at the new field complex as its first official event.

Instruction
Howie Blatt complimented Mike Singleton on his reviews of the instructional staff. He gave them great input for improvement.

Outreach
A report was distributed to the members in Steve Snow’s absence.

Treasurer
John Burrill distributed the balance sheet and budget reports and went over the reports in Carl Goldstein’s absence.

ODP
This was covered in the DOC report.

SYRA
John Utter reported that the referee committee has approved its budget. They have rolled back the registration fees by $5. Recertification courses will be offered at 13 sites. The courses for new referees are being set up and registration for them will begin November 1.

Field Complex
John Burrill distributed a financial report prepared by our bank’s engineer, separating expenditures by category.

Re-aligning the District Select Program
Bill Shaughnessy presented a suggestion from the Coastal League regarding the make-up of the districts for this program. The primary force behind the proposed change came from Hingham and Scituate. The proposal would swap a few towns among Districts 1, 2 and 3. Bill suggested he would present the proposal and then have it tabled pending further discussion with Nancy Hart. The intent of the proposal is to keep the Coastal league together so they can promote the program as a recreational league all star team to raise enthusiasm for the program in this district. After some discussion, Nancy Hart said she would attend the next Coastal League meeting to discuss this proposal further. The issue is tabled till our next board meeting.

Election of board members
The nominating committee will report on a slate for the AGM by November 15.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
- Apparel contract. Sid Bloom reported that we are negotiating for an apparel contract with Adidas, Nike and Puma. Nothing to report as yet on proposals or negotiations.
- Contributions to field complex John Burrill reported we have received $8,000 so far for the fields in memory of Paul Irwin, recently departed board member and president of MAPLE.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report John Burrill
Field Project
Work on the fields is concentrated on the synthetic turf fields. Surface preparation will take several weeks. The concrete curbing is in for 4 of the fields, the underground conduit for lights sometime in the future have been installed, the filter fabric is going down with the drainage and stone layer on top of the fabric.
We will have 12" of stone with a final ¼" layer of finer stone. Once that is all down, the final laser grading will take place and then the fields are ready to be turned over to Northeast Turf to install the synthetic surface.

All the natural grass fields are seeded and the growing. We can even see some blue grass starting to come up. Most all the non-field areas have been raked and hydro seeded.
The building is coming along. It has been painted outside and inside. Final installation of the plumbing fixtures still needs to occur and we have not tied into the Wagner well as of yet for potable water. We have run the line from the Wagner well over to our building and tested the line… no leaks. The counter tops need to be installed and the finish work in the bathrooms still needs to be done. The water storage tanks have been installed in the storage room.

Work is being done to finish off the road through the main parking lot and I expect the 1st layer of asphalt to be put down in the next two weeks. Also the finish coat of asphalt will be put down in the office parking lot. We will hold off until spring to have the finish coat put on the roadway.

The picnic pods are about done and have tables, which are quite heavy by the way. Work has not been done on the natural trail.

We apparently still have issues with the neighbors across RT 70 who live along the pond. Frankly, I am not sure this issue will ever go away.

I have been gathering bids from alarm companies for security for the two buildings on the complex. Also bids from folks to maintain the fields. I will meet with the folks who put the grass fields in to get their recommendations.

**Fund Raising**

No real activity. I did meet with a representative from the local Coke Cola bottler, not corporate Coke, and while they would like their product sold here, they are not interested in any sponsorship deal.

I did meet with someone from Citizens Bank. They will hold off any announcement until January. The ball program has been scaled back once again, but is going forward. I am not sure how interested they are in coming up with a separate logo for the complex, but they will get back to me.

**Harper**

We are still in the process of getting an agreement to settle this matter.

**Equipment**

I will have to look at buying several full size goals. The plan is to have at least one of the synthetic fields available for the ODP team that will be playing in Texas in the ODP Nationals.

**Recreation Tournament**

With two sites, we have a record number of applications. Had to turn away a few teams.

**Financing**

Our additional loan has closed and funds already spend.

**Open position**

Nicole Dessingue will be starting as of November 1 in the Communications & Marketing Manager position.

**2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM REPORT**

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

The instructional staff remains quite busy with coach/player development programs and continued coursework. We are seeing a number of course requests for November now as well.
We are in the process of making up multiple sessions on topics ranging from U6 soccer to counterattacking to pressing to zonal defending etc. for publication on our website. We will be making the instructional section a virtual encyclopedia of sessions.

Staff is reviewing and updating our specialty clinics to make sure our offerings are always up to date and top quality. We are also reviewing the Skills Patch Award Program to consider possible improvements.

We will soon have a nutritional guide pamphlet for players and coaches that we will hand out and place on the website.

An annual process of review for our courses and course manuals will be standard heading forward as well. Rather than have to go through the process of rewriting all the manuals, which we have done over the past few years, we will continually update our courses and manuals. Doing this will prevent us from having to take on the massive project of complete revision at any time in the future.

Mike ran a G course for Project Coach and reports that Project Coach is running well and improving. We plan on helping the directors of the program, however we can, to insure longevity and growth for this program.

Laura is running a coaches training clinic for Special Olympics.

Upon video review and discussion RDW has agreed that the video shot for the G course is not adequate and due to the video crew’s poor handling of the video RDW has offered to re-shoot the video at no cost to us. We are currently working on securing arrangements for this.

Tara has been working hard to schedule Skills Academy sites and a number of sites are already confirmed and on the web. We will likely add a couple of new sites this year due to requests we have received from localities.

ODP callback tryouts are complete and our winter pools have been selected. Notification is currently going out to players. Winter training will begin in January.

3. District Report to Board of Directors October 16, 2006
Bill Shaughnessy, Director

Twenty-eight days have passed since our last Board meeting on September 20th. Clubs in District II, Coastal and South Shore League members, are starting or in their Fall “in-house” programs. Things are slow in the Fall in District II. With the temperature dropping chemical treatment and local Board of Health field use restrictions due to Eastern Equine Encephalitis behind us Fall soccer is moving into full swing.

September 30th saw the Cranberry League blazing away in the Coastal. Centered in Halifax this Fall league offers outdoor travel soccer opportunities to those clubs from area leagues who want to tune up against out of town competition. The only requirement is MA youth affiliation and CORI.

Several club coaches plan to take there teams indoors over the winter months at locations such as the Bridgewater Dome, and the Canton Sports Plex (South Shore League), South Shore Sports Center in Hingham and Proshots Athletic Center in Pembroke (Coastal League), or Four kicks in Norfolk.

September 24th, a beautiful 70 degree Sunday with a slight southwest wind found me out to enjoy 3 great MAPLE games. At 2:30, I traveled to Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School to watch my Blackhawk’s GU12-Blue fall to the Fuller Hamlets 0-5 and then my Blackhawk’s GU13 Div 1, get the best of the NE Eagles,
1-0. My attendance at this one was cut short when a parent on the sidelines informed me she was off to Atleboro as the Nova GU13 Div 2, was going at it with Explosion FC. Both my clubs, two birds with one stone. Off I went at a high rate of speed. I arrived just after the start of the half. The same parent asked didn’t I just see you down the road?  That is the gas allotment for this month. Nova pulled if off 1-0.

September 29th Coastal League High School Rivals Silver Lake girl’s varsity soccer team took on Pembroke High School at Sirocco Field in Kingston. We orchestrated an experiment. The Silver Lake Lady Lakers Boosters were asked to allow ALL MA Youth Soccer players from surrounding towns to gain admission free of charge if they wore their town youth soccer team jersey and donated 1 canned good at the gate. The Boosters could then donate the collected foodstuffs to a local pantry. The Boosters and Bill Johnson the Silver Lake Athletic Director agreed and admission charges were waived. I counted 6 different towns represented.

I have gathered a group of U17 age appropriate girls who were “kinda hanging out” in the parking lot at the High School watching the game through the fence. This group has a lot of previous soccer experience going to waste. They just could not afford fees beyond a basic even split. THEY talked me into getting them a free coach so they could play soccer. I found a coach in Jack Carr from Kingston Youth Soccer who volunteered for the job. A fine dedicated coach I might add. The new UNKOWN SOCCER TEAM is now a field use commitment away from applying for a Spring 2007, MAPLE D slot. Remember the name I have good feeling on this one.

October 2nd, brought me to the Coastal League monthly meeting held at the Hanover Town Hall. The towns in the league were well represented and plans for the Spring season were underway. The league wants the District Select program returned to the league. They want to promote coaches and players to a league select team. Oh by the way this is a freebie on my visitation list as I am the League Registrar.

October 3rd Rockland Youth Soccer held a monthly meeting at the town hall. I arrived as the meeting ended. I got lost. Went to the wrong location.

October 10th we got back on schedule. Kingston Youth Soccer met at the Kingston Town House, Room 101. This club always has a good turnout. Nancy Seiden the President is way ahead of the curve.

October 14th at about 10 AM, we drove over to the Lincoln Street fields in Duxbury to attend the U12-14 tryouts. A large parent, brother sister and even great grandparent turnout attended this one.

It was a good choice as I wore my only MA Youth Soccer shirt.*

Tonight (16th) I intend to visit the SSL Meeting.

*ps I do not participate in EMT’s operations anymore until a get a replacement shirt.

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order by Sid Bloom at 7:00 pm.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Ted Ritchie pointed out his name was misspelled in the minutes.
Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Kevin Krumpholz, to accept the September meeting minutes as corrected. Accepted unanimously.

Election of Andy Page to the board
Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Nancy Hart to elect Andy Page to the board as District 6 director. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Nikki Dessingue
Sid Bloom introduced Nikki Dessingue, our new Marketing and Communications manager.

Executive Director's Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added a few details on the construction progress of the fields and indicated what is needed for completion.

DOC Report – submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
Mike Singleton added that the coaching staff is trying to improve on its presence in Boston. There will be seven training sessions planned for Boston. Sid Bloom complimented Darren’s presentation at the MAYS general meeting.

Marketing Manager Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Nothing to report.

Leagues Committee
John Linnehan reported the committee is meeting this Sunday and will work on MTOC planning. Other than that, things are quiet.

Recreation
Nancy Hart reported she attended the Coastal league meeting where they presented their suggestion for changes to the districts program. She is taking this under advisement.

Instruction
Report contained in the DOC report.

Outreach
Report submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein distributed the monthly report and discussed the deferred debt service which will require additional revenue next year to cover. He believes they will be covered by reserves and revenue from the payoff of the loan from general funds to field construction. The
registration figures had to be adjusted to reflect the $3 fee for field construction to accurately compare to last year.

ODP
Jared Scarpaci reported all indoor pools are formed and the indoor program starts in January.

SYRA
John Utter reported that the recertification clinics have begun. The new database has opened on line. Individuals can now update their own data. Grade 8 bridge course for grade 9 referees to upgrade without having to take the complete course is available. US Youth Soccer is seeking to take over the administration of the referee program at the lower levels (grade 8 & 7) instead of the federation.

Board member reports
Bill Shaughnessy reported that he had visited a Cranberry League game to further expose Mass Youth. He is getting the Positive Parenting DVD to cable stations in his district. Kevin Krumpholz reported that policy making with Pioneer Valley league is difficult. Howie Blatt was invited to speak at an Autism conference in conjunction with his involvement with TOPS. He found lots of interest in starting new programs. Sid Bloom asked Mike Singleton about getting an instructional course for TOPS online.

AGM
Skip Gorman reported the AGM is scheduled for February 11 at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough and will start at 11:00 am.

Report of the nominating committee
John Linnehan reported the following positions are open, and all but one of the incumbents have indicated intent to run for re-election. The District 4 director position is open. The following are the positions up for election with the name of the incumbent seeking re-election after it.

Secretary – Steve Smoller
Outreach – Steve Snow
District 2 – Bill Shaughnessy
District 6 – Andy Page
District 7 – Kevin Krumpholz

Notice of the meeting and agenda and annual reports are required to be distributed 30 days prior to the meeting date.

Re-shaping the District Select Program
Bill Shaughnessy distributed sheets reflecting the requested changes in some towns involving districts 1, 2, & 3. Bill said this issue is now in Nancy Hart’s hands. Nancy will present a proposal to the board when she makes a decision.

Mass Youth Soccer Columbus Day Tournament for town teams
Ted Ritchie proposed that we run a tournament for town teams on this weekend. He feels this would help further the field complex. Columbus Day weekend is the weekend indicated as priority for town teams on the Mass Youth priority list. Discussion followed regarding revenue sources, competing with some of our member organizations who currently run tournaments that weekend, suggesting we would take away potential teams and revenue from them.. The question of availability of referees as well as people to run the tournament was raised. Carl Goldstein suggested we establish a committee to look into these issues. Ted Ritchie will chair the committee and Steve Smoller, John Linnehan, Andy Page, and Carl Goldstein will serve on the committee.

Field Complex committee on naming report
John Burrill reported on the report from this committee. The main road would be named in memory of Steve Koerper. It was also suggested we establish a memorial area with plaques & pavings. Some proposed names for the plaques were presented as well as suggesting we could sell the pavings. Carl Goldstein moved to place a plaque listing all of the board members who served during the entire process and to name the main road after Steve Koerper and to defer the other aspects till later. Nancy Hart seconded the motion. The motion was amended that the plaque be more of a generic one and the wording would be determined later. Motion passed 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining.

MLS intentions on youth development
John Burrill reported MLS intends to compete with us regarding player development and coaching.

Old Business
- Apparel contract. Sid Bloom reported that Adidas has a proposal in but they have been difficult to reach to discuss the terms. We are trying to find alternatives if we can’t finalize a contract with Adidas.

New Business
- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report  John Burrill
Field Project
Work is moving along on the synthetic fields. Turf is complete on 2 fields and they are beginning the 3rd. All the sand and in-fill is on site but now waiting for better weather to being the process of putting it on both fields. Northeast turf appears to have twice the amount of equipment on hand for this process so once the weather cooperates, the process should move along quite well/ RAD will have the 4th field rolled and graded by mid week.
The 5th field is a victim of the weather. The field is at subgrade but is too wet for anything else to be done. We have had to postpone the curbing twice and looks like this week could be a total wash out. Once the curb is done, gravel will be brought in. My best guess is that the field will be ready for carpet after Thanksgiving.
The Building
Bathrooms are complete except for a few electrical outlets and the baby changing tables. Counter tops are in and installed. Wood trim is around all the windows and the security window covers are installed. The roll up windows for the concession stand are installed. The septic system for the building is next on the agenda. The hole for tanks has been dug and the tanks are to be delivered on Monday. Once they are in the lines for the leeching field will be put in. The potable water line from Wagner is in and the line has been tested for leaks, and there are none.
Once the septic system is complete, we can fully charge the building, get the inspector out here and get our occupancy certificate. Then we will shut down all the water, drain everything and button the building up for the winter.
Grass Fields
Another round of fertilizer was put down yesterday. Fields are good but needed the feeding. We will shut down and drain the irrigation system within the next two weeks. A final winter sealer will be put on the grass. This will protect the grass over the winter.
Office parking lot
The top coat of asphalt is also a victim of the weather. It has been postponed twice now and no date is set for completion.
Main road through the complex. The first coat of asphalt is being put down today. Also the asphalt pad for handicapped parking on the Drumlina side will be done today as well.
Main parking lot. Gravel is starting to be spread on the upper half (half nearest the retaining wall) of the lot.  
Stairway from the lot to the fields is complete. Work will be done to finish off the remainder of the walkways through the parking lot.  
Work will begin in a week or so on the new septic tank for the office. We had to move the leaching field since the old one was where the new parking lot is. Also the path way through our backyard to the stairway will be laid out.  
One set of full size goals has been put together and will be moved down to one of the synthetic fields so the ODP team can use the field during the winter, in order to prepare for the Championships in March in Texas.

Fund Raising
Not much on this front.

Harper
Closing has been schedule for Friday, November 17, 2006.

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

The Fall Season has finally wound down and the weekly programs we have been running have all finished. Our winter weekly programs begin next week.

Our coaches and Tara deserve great credit for improved communication with organizations which has resulted in our scheduling our spring weekly programs already. This has been an enormous challenge over the last years as we require time to procure part-time coaches and to help our full-time staff schedule their lives (hopefully allowing a modicum of normalcy). With the number of programs already signed on, any towns who wish to run a spring program need to commit quite soon, as we are nearly booked.

We have agreed to run our overnight summer camp next year at UMass Dartmouth from August 6-10, 2007. Advertising has begun and we expect it will fill up quickly as we have had numerous requests already.

Skills Academy will be likely running at 12 sites this upcoming year. Tara is finalizing agreements with a site, but we will have new areas covered this year. We are excited to offer a site in Cambridge, Framingham, and possibly on the Cape as well.

Mike has been in talks with the City of Boston rec Department and they have discussed plans to run player clinics and coach training this winter.

Arthur worked at the Special Olympics annual festival at Governor Academy and ran sessions for multiple teams throughout the day. It is likely that we will help more comprehensively in the future as Mike and the state VP of Special Olympics have planned to discuss ways to do that in the future.

The staff continues to work on sessions for the web, a nutritional guide, and an updating of the skills patch award levels.

The video shoot for the G online course went extremely well. The coaches and families from Dracut that helped us were great and deserve our appreciation. Mike will be receiving the footage from the production company later this week.

ODP promises to have some new offerings yet again this year as Jared and Mike will be working on parent education sessions for the parents of younger age groups.

3. Report of Marketing and Communications Manager
Nicole Dessingue
It has only been two weeks, but I have hit the ground running and I am very happy to be here.

The BayStater:
- I made my first trip to the Patriot’s Stadium on 11/9/06 to assist in the layout, copy editing, and finishing of the November issue
- After review and consideration of the layout of archived issues, together with Tara and Mike, I made some changes to the front page in preparation for a larger revamp of the paper to come in the January issue
- Ads for The Skills Academy, Summer Clinics, and Residential and Day Camps were created or edited and placed/announced in areas of higher visibility to increase awareness

Sponsorships:
- Conversations have begun with local hotels considering sponsorship of Mass Youth and its programs/field complex
- Interested parties include: Four Points Sheraton, Royal Plaza/Best Western
- Conversations have begun to initiate a Membership Card program to benefit Mass Youth members with discounts and offers from local businesses
- I have started research to put together a comprehensive sponsorship package with multiple levels for interested parties

Partnerships:
- Met with Fitchburg State College 11/14/06 in regards to housing and dining for the Region 1 ODP Boys Call Back Try-Outs in July. Fitchburg is extremely interested in a partnership which would provide Mass Youth with housing and dining for July’s ODP and future camps, etc. for a minimal price in order to gain campus visibility and communication with our membership (preliminary)
- Meeting with Dr. Mahlon Bradley of HPS soon to discuss this winter’s ODP

Happy Holidays,


Existing Programs
- Hingham TOPSoccer participated in Special Olympics State Tournament in Byfield on Sunday, November 12.
Approximately 95 teams participated from across the state (Hingham played teams against Lynn and Greater Springfield)
- Mass Youth provided officials (who were terrific)
- Mass Youth ran clinic on-site (with mixed success)
- Skip and Barb Gorman were in attendance and visited with our parents / kids
- We participated in a 5 v. 5 unified division – which allows for a maximum of 2 typical players on the field at a time.
- Our kids and parents had a great time “winning” a bronze medal.

I am in the process of setting up meetings with various Special Olympics officials to further the partnership between Mass Youth and SOMA.
- The fall seasons for all our TOPSoccer programs have concluded – several programs (Lowell and Quincy) have expressed an interest in playing games against other programs.
- Eagle TOPSoccer (S. Hamilton) has expressed an interest in hosting a jamboree event next year.

Potential New Programs
- Ayer / Shirley – Hugh Muffoletto (out-growth of Howie’s program in Holden)
- Bridgewater – Paula Lampros (out-growth of Tri-Town program)
- Sharon – Peter Rippberger (high school student) (out-growth of Tri-Town program)
- Lawrence / GOALS program – Eric Lundquist (knows Mike B.)

I have contacted each of these individuals and plan to meet with each of them prior to the end of the year.

Other
- TOPSoccer newsletter – I would like to discuss the possibility of starting a bi-annual coaches newsletter with John and Nicole as a means to share developments with our existing programs and potential new programs and to provide a forum for our programs to share ideas (coaching, administrative, etc.) with one another. This just a discussion item at this point.

I apologize for my lack of attendance at the last couple Board meetings. My work schedule, which is traditionally very heavy through November 15, has precluded me from getting to the meetings. I fully expect to be in attendance at the December meeting and going forward in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Snow
Director of Outreach Programs

5. Region 1 Meeting 2006 – Nashua, NH
Skip Gorman Vice President

Well another Region 1 meeting Oct 21 & 22 in Nashua NH. The day’s events started with the Region 1 meeting after a fine Continental breakfast.

Bob Palmeiro started off with the state of the state if USYSA. They have come to an agreement with Adidas for a 4 year period but it does not include any of the state associations. They also want to see a national League setup within USYSA soccer, similar I think to the ODP Regional teams but with club involved.

He introduced the new Presidents from NY West Michael Radecke and NY east Barry Slater.

He stated that the region need to step up and work forward on the competition on the ODP camp side and make it more user friendly and that the second regional teams would be going to some type of an event like the PDA College Showcase for boys and maybe the Jefferson Cup for girls.

The boys ODP call back camp is looking for a new site the ones they have are in tough shape. It is held the end of July and they need four fields, housing and food for about 100 players.

Bob gave out his awards for MALE and FEMALE who have worked have within the region for the youth of our programs. The female was Peggy Nelson and the Male are our Sid Bloom.

There was talk about increasing the inner-city programs and what a great one New Jersey had just done.

The new committee head for Soccer Start was sorry he did not contact every one to see what he could do to help get more programs started but would work hard to do so in the coming year.

On Sunday I attend the Region 1 Top Soccer breakout meeting it was not well attend, there where people from Western NY, Eastern NY, Delaware, RI, Western PA and myself. They talked about being a partner with National Sports Center for Disabled, all that were there though it was a good thing to do so Peggy Nelson was going to move forward on that. There are grant available just go to the website and apply. Peggy had hear that ASYO had drop it’s program called VIP, wanted to know if anyone else had hear about this and a couple of the people did, that they had no active programs at this time. Peggy also talked about USYSA new program on Fox Sports and if any one had anything that would be of interest, to call Rob Martell at the national office to get a crew to film it.

The was some decision of the ages that Tops Soccer covers some state it is up to 21 years old as a youth player because those state recognize that these players as youth until age 21 for all parts of their live from school to health plans, I did not know if MassYouth did or did not.

Peggy was going to put together a meeting some time in April or May for all of the Top Soccer people to get together and get some ideas and training on Top Soccer.

That was pretty much it as to the meetings that I attend. Am looking forward to next year in Chantilly VA.
Terri Filippetti
Region 1 Cup Meeting
The hotel draw for the Regionals has been completed and will be distributed to each state in December.
The Sheraton in South Portland will be the Region 1 headquarters’ hotel.
Registration will end at 1:00pm (one hour earlier than previous years).
Regional games will be played at three locations: Bowdoin College, Falmouth High School, and Falmouth Park. Each location is about 20-25 minutes from the Sheraton. Tentative plans are to play the U16, U17, and U18’s at Bowdoin College; the U15, U19 and one gender of the U14’s at Falmouth HS; and the U12, U13, and one gender of the U14’s at Falmouth Park.
Presently, the parade is scheduled for 4:00pm at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland. Parking will be extremely limited. A suggestion was made to make the attendance for the U17-U19 ages optional. Then, a second suggestion was made to omit the parade and have a common function, such as a lobster bake (something similar to the luncheon at Nationals). There was unanimous support from all states and Adele to make changes to the parade. Adele asked that we all speak with our state presidents on this issue. The final plans are on hold as alternatives to the parade are being given serious consideration.
Hotel safety at both Regionals and Nationals was stressed. Apparently, two of the other regionals had players assaulted.
States must have their NSA Entry Form and fee in to Adele by January 8th.
Region 1 League Meeting
Bob Palheiro said the goal for the sub Regional leagues is to create more structure and upgrade the quality of play. No more than 16 teams (8 + 8) and only if the 16 teams are quality teams. If it is necessary to have only 12 teams in an age group, there will be a random cross-over between both divisions.
Teams will play a 7 game season over four weekends. Bob wants teams to play 2 games/day due to travel. Regular season games will be required to be played by Mother’s Day. Playoff format will have only two teams (red winner vs. blue winner).
If a team can not field a team, they can bring a guest team. The result will be a forfeit but the team will not be accessed the forfeit fee.
Bob stated that teams for both the Director’s League and the sub regional leagues will be determined by Christmas.
Steve and Pat Votolato from Rhode Island will be replacing Barry Salter as the sub regional directors to the NERL.

7. Report on District Select Program
William Shaughnessy Member at Large – District 2

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**NOTE:** Player registration based on 05-06 registration year. This number includes players who are not eligible for Select due to age.

A quorum was declared present, meeting called to order by Sid Bloom at 6:35 pm.

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes
Ted Ritchie pointed out Andy Page was also on his committee looking into running a Columbus Day weekend tournament; Andy’s name will be added.

Nancy Hart moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti, to accept the November meeting minutes as corrected. Accepted unanimously.

Executive Director’s Report –
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes. John Burrill added we will take ownership of the turf fields by the end of the holidays and RAD should be done by May.

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

Marketing Manager Report
Submitted via email and appended to these minutes.

Program Manager Reports
State Cup
Terri Filippetti reported she has the same number of older teams as last year. 13 teams were recommended to the Directors’ League and 12 were accepted.

Leagues Committee
Nothing new to report.

Recreation
Nothing new to report.

Instruction
Report contained in the DOC report. Howie Blatt added we are up in numbers of courses this year and currently down in pre-registered numbers for the upcoming skills academies. We are hoping that last minute skills academy registrations will bring the numbers up to previous levels.

Outreach
Steve Snow reported it is quiet now. He is meeting with Wenham-Hamilton group tomorrow and meeting with Special Olympics in January. We received an unsolicited $10,000 grant from a private individual.

Treasurer
Carl Goldstein had no comments, pending review of audit report later in new business.

ODP
Nothing new to report.

SYRA
Nothing new to report.

Board member reports
None

AGM
John Burrill reported packets are going out to the board soon for review. One open spot on board slate remains for District 4.
Review of audit report
Carl Goldstein distributed copies of the draft of the audit report and review it. Bottom line is that we are in good shape. Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Terri Filippetti to accept the audit report. Motion passed unanimously.

Field Complex management committee
A budget for managing the field was presented to the board along with a statement of management. Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Ray Robinson that we approve the presentation. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on uniform supplier
Sid Bloom reported that Adidas has failed to respond to us for the past few months regarding the proposal for sponsorship. Sid has been trying other potential sponsors. We will continue to wear Adidas and hope to either get a deal with them or else find an alternative. Sid said he would like to send a letter to Adidas stating that they are not our sponsor as of 1/1/07. Ray Robinson moved, seconded by Ted Ritchie that we send the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
- No old business.

New Business
- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smoller
Secretary

Addendum:

1. Executive Director Report  John Burrill
Field Project
The fields
Work continues on the synthetic fields. Northeast Turf is planning on finishing up by the 22nd. Gale is in the process of scheduling a final inspection so we can accept the fields.
The natural fields are scheduled for one more feeding/winter protection coat this week. All in all we got very good growth this fall.
The last bit of warm weather was quite helpful. Now, if we can come through the winter in good shape, the fields will start to really grow in the spring.
The Building
We are onto punch list items on the building. There were one or two things that need correction and a few missing signs, but otherwise we are in good shape.
Contact has been made with Verizon in order to get phone service to the building.
The septic system for the complex is in and almost complete. We have a bit of an issue with the pump, needed to push the liquid out in the leach field. The voltage for the pump and that of the building appear to be different and a small transformer will be required.
Once the transformer is installed, we can run small test on the system for the board of health and get them to sign off.
The new septic system for the office is installed and fully operational. Board of Health has signed off. Land has been re-graded and we are good to go.
Walkway from the office parking lot to the 'great' stairway has been completed. A small portion will be paved but the remainder is gravel.
Office parking lot
All the striping has been completed for the office lot. We had to have someone come and paint some yellow around all the asphalt berms in the lot for safety. We already had one motorist drive over one and get stuck.

Main road through the complex. This will await final coat of asphalt in the spring. Walkway from main parking lot to quarry fields will in installed over the next few weeks.

Main parking lot. Gravel needs to be spread over the remainder of the lot and wheel stops installed.

Nature trail will be laid out and cleared over the winter.

Works will begin on the fencing for the synthetics as soon as they are finished with the installation. Also work on the additional fencing on the quarry fields will begin once the ground freezes.

One set of full size goals has been put together and is ready for the ODP team to use, in order to prepare for the Championships in March in Texas. In addition 4 additional sets of goals have been put together and will be ready for play beginning in March.

I have some concerns over potable water. We are tied to the Wagner well which is not the best of situations. It would have been better to have our own well, but the permitting would have caused much delay. I will keep you informed as we proceed. Wagner’s well has run out of water on several occasions.

Harper

All papers have been signed. Just waiting on Ben Franklin to issue its release of lien on the 25 acre parcel. Once that occurs the papers can be filed with the registry and we will get our check for $25018.

Registration

The numbers continue to look on budget. We have a few organizations which have unreported adults, but this seems to be an oversight. One or two of the usual suspects have not filled a fall registration file with us.

Background Checks

The state agency has made it very difficult for us to submit the background checks. Frankly they can not handle the volume we need processed. Thus it is taking much longer than hoped to get everyone checked. However, the reports we get back from Mass are much better than those we got from the national service; because Massachusetts does not release most of the information to the national service.

Web Site

Work continues on the web site. Changes will be made in January, after the announcement of the Citizens Bank involvement in the field complex.

We are also working on the new score site which will service both Cup and MTOC. Can also handle Wagner District Select as well.

2. DIRECTOR OF COACHING/ INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM Report

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

The staff has spent the last month running a few courses and player development clinics, but really focusing on our written offerings. All the Specialty Clinics have been updated, sessions have been made up for the web, and a new营养 guide has been constructed. The development staff continues to work on communicating to all members that Skills Academy has expanded and is offered in more locations this year than last.

Mario and Mike ran coach education sessions (including a G and part of an F) for the City of Boston. All are excited this will have a great impact in the city.

Darren ran a clinic at MIT and they have asked us to come back and run another clinic towards the end of the month.

We are working on adding new instructional staff during these months as we are much more able to spend the time initiating and teaching new staff. We have 2 new instructors currently in training and hope to add more.

Mike attended a Region I DOC meeting in DE at which the group discussed the new D Course and continued efforts in construction.

We also discussed CEU offerings within Region I, parent education, the age group for introductory National Team age groups, and suggested changes to the Region I Boys ODP program.

Mike attended an Elite Player and Seminar and benefited greatly from listening to and sharing with club and national directors from this country and others. Many great ideas were shared that will help us in this state at both the state level and the club level.

The second video shoot proved much better and the G Online course is back in the full production phase.

3. Marketing and Communications Manager Report Nicole M. Desingue

The Bay Stater - After two visits to Gillette this month and last, further changes and upgrades to the paper have begun. Some will be seen in the January issue with a major revamp due for May.

FreeKick - My first issue of FreeKick was mailed on Friday December 15thth. This medium has been established as another option for advertising through Mass Youth as we ran our first banner ad and press release from a third party, Euro-Sporting. Other content included: further promotion of Skills Academy and Residential Camp, HPS article and ODP winter program registration, Kristine Lilly letter to Mass families re: CityKicks, TNT Vacations Revs come along announcement, and US Youth Soccer Workshop and Coaches Convention announcement.

12/13/06 – Conversations with Synthenet began to format new online commerce module for field scheduling through the website.

12/14/06 – Attended Public Speaking Seminar in Brookline, MA.

12/15/06 – Region 1 boys Call Back Camp final decision to utilize Progin Park from July 22nd to 26th. Beginning of Mass Youth partnership with Fitchburg State College (all participants will stay in the dorms at a discounted price with coaches and administrators staying at the Best Western)
In progress:
Marketing Opportunities 2007 – I have begun research and work on a comprehensive Marketing Opportunities package which will encompass all possible ways to sponsor and advertise with Mass Youth. This package will serve as a media kit to be sent out to any company or group (upon request) interested in getting involved.
Member Benefits Card, ODP Fundraising Campaign, and Corporate Camps – Working together with Mike Singleton and John Burrill to research and organize these two programs to bolster Mass Youth activity and visibility in communities and homes.