

Mass Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting

June 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Recorded via Zoom Webinar

Executive Director Mike Borislow welcomed all attendees and acknowledged this, the first ever video-conference AGM for Mass Youth Soccer. He went on to thank the many essential workers in our soccer family; most especially first responder that have stepped up during this unfortunate time. Noting Mass Youth Soccer's statement of inclusivity in its constitution, Mike expressed the association's goal to ensure that all members feel welcome, comfortable and supported.

Introductions were made of Officers Bob Trudeau, President, David Amidon, Executive Vice President, Derek Smith, Treasurer and Caryn Goulet, Secretary. Mike also introduced staff panelists aiding in the facilitation of the meeting: Rob Holliday, Lynn Gugliuzza and Tara Petricca. Due to the new, video-based format, logistics were reviewed regarding the manner in which attendees can and should submit questions or discussion. Lastly, Mike announced that following the conclusion of the AGM a general discussion will be held:

- Return to Soccer Activities
- New U.S. Soccer Connect membership management system
- Leagues

Call to Order

Bob Trudeau, President of Mass Youth Soccer, called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Introductions and Welcome

Bob Trudeau welcomed the membership to the 2020 AGM and took a few minutes to recall the unprecedented impact COVID-19 had on youth soccer activities and the ability to hold AGM in person. Bob recognized the Mass Youth Soccer officers and board members (voting and non-voting), staff members and league presidents in attendance. Bob extended a broad-based thank you to the many parties involved in a whirlwind year of changes in the soccer community during 2019-2020; often meeting weekly to collaborate during COVID-19.

Guest/Sponsor Recognition

Bob thanked Mass Youth Soccer's many sponsors and partners for their ongoing support of the organization and its membership. Apex Entertainment, Dick's Sporting Goods, Ron Bouchard's Auto Stores, Coca-Cola, ForeKicks, TD Bank, Dinn Brothers, Northeast Apparel, Academy Soccer Coaches, Soccer.com, Soccer Parenting Association, New Balance, The Coaching Manual, Top Tekkers, United Soccer Coaches Association and the New England Revolution.

2019 Accomplishments

Bob noted that detailed annual reports of the 2019-2020 accomplishments are included in the AGM package and on the website, highlighting a few of special note:

- Under the tutelage of Technical Director Ian Mulliner and coaching staff members Tommy Geis and Loy Urbina 140 member organizations participated in the DSD program.
- Assisted by SYRA Russ Wolfe and the MSRC, the Genesis Referee Program's (renamed from Grassroots Referee) was created and streamlined the pathway for 17 identified young referees.
- Recognizing numerous time-consuming and labor-intensive activities were required by

recent legislation including Mass Youth's Safe Soccer platform, National background checks for adults and insurance coverage enhancements.

- Of special note, Mass Youth earned special distinction for the grant it received from USSF's Innovate to Grow Grant for its Portable Soccer Pitch, highlighted by USYS as a "best in class" creative concept to grow the game.
- Field re-turf project, although approved may be delayed given the current situation.
- The depth and breadth Member toolkit along with governance, futsal and registration platform initiatives continue.
- In recognition of his involvement with Mass Youth's two affiliated youth futsal programs; board member Jeff Chambers was chosen to participate on the USYS Futsal Committee

2019 AGM Minutes

Having been distributed and posted with appropriate advance notice and having received no questions, comments or concerns, Bob noted that the 2019 AGM minutes were considered approved by acclamation.

Credential Report

Secretary Caryn Goulet provided the credentials report noting that Mass Youth has a total of 272 voting members. According to its constitution, 7.5% of that total represents a quorum for voting purposes, or 21 voting member organizations. In attendance were 24 voting member organizations therefore a quorum was deemed to be present.

Financial Report

Treasurer Derek Smith provided the following, noting that the detailed reports themselves had been distributed and posted with appropriate advance notice of the meeting. He provided the highlights and answered questions about the retirement of bank debt and interest in contrast to revenues collected:

2018-2019 Financial Report

Audit firm Tonneson & Company provided a clean opinion including closing balances as of October 31, 2019 and notation that the audited results were considered in compliance with all bank covenants.

2019-2020 Budget Highlights

As approved by the Mass Youth Board of Directors November 2019, Derek highlighted various budgeted items.

Finally, Derek acknowledged this as his last report as Treasurer and expressed his thanks to Tara Petricca, Mike Borislow among many with whom he has worked during the last 8 years and expressed his support of Thomas Ringler as Mass Youth's new Treasurer.

Executive Director's Report

The ED Report was sent out and posted with appropriate advance notice of the meeting. Mike Borislow thanked the membership for their attendance at the meeting and noted special thanks to the Mass Youth staff with comments about each individual area and staff member: Field Crew (Otis Falvey and Jason Collechi), Office Support (Jaime Balboni), Field and Hotel (Lori Jimenez), Events & Programs (Lynn Gugliuzza), TSL (Maureen LaRoche), Risk/CORI (Mary Relic), National

Championships (Terri Filippetti), Marketing & Communications (Rob Holliday), Registrations (Rachel Woo), Technical Department (Ian Mulliner, Tamie Endow, Loy Urbina, Tommy Geis) and Finance & HR (Tara Petricca).

Election of Officers

Mike turned the meeting over to David Amidon who thanked the audience for attendance, engagement and nominations for the following:

- (3) Class C Directors for 4-year term (ending 2024)
- (1) Treasurer for 4-year term (ending 2024)

Nomination Committee: David explained the role of the committee and thanked those who served: Chair Derek Smith, David Amidon, Matt Naventi (Berkshire County League President), Deb Perry (Bridgewater Registrar), Danielle Osario (Methuen President). David referenced candidate bios and letters that had been posted on website with appropriate advance notice of the meeting. He summarized the process for candidates to be nominated and elected, noting that the by-laws do not allow nominations from the floor. David added that initially (5) well-qualified individuals submitted (2) of which subsequently withdrew their names for this election leaving the following (3) who are considered elected by acclamation:

- Howie Blatt, incumbent
- Dave Boloz, incumbent
- Dave Dalrymple, incumbent

Bob harkened back to when Derek Smith came into the position of Treasurer for Mass Youth following years of his professional and non-profit years of experience. He reported that Derek's expertise interacting with financial institutions has been invaluable and that "the measure of a person's success is to have left an organization in a better position than when they found it" – something that can definitely be said of Derek.

David noted that with only one nominee for the Treasurer position, Thomas Ringler was considered elected by acclamation.

New Business

Bob remarked that the Board recommends the membership codify in its constitution language authorizing future meetings to be held virtually like those currently allowed under the Commonwealth's emergency provisions. This will be an agenda item of an upcoming Special Membership Meeting (TBA). Bob added that attendee participation in a post meeting survey would also be greatly appreciated.

Good of the Game

Caryn reported that Ray Robinson retired May 1, 2020 after many years of service to the game and its family at a local, state and national level including recent national roles as TOPSoccer Chair and Children with Disabilities Committee. Bob also recognized Steve Robinson, former president of MAPL/NSL and a hard-working member of the Mass State Cup program along with his wife Melanie.

Adjournment

Bob Trudeau thanked the membership for their attendance and participation in the 2020 Mass Youth Soccer AGM and called the meeting adjourned as of 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet

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Secretary/Clerk, Mass Youth Soccer Association