

**Mass Youth Soccer Association Special General Meeting January 19, 2021  
Via Zoom Webinar**

**Call to Order**

Bob Trudeau, President of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (“MYSA”), called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**Introductions and Welcome**

Bob Trudeau explained the purpose of the rescheduling of MYSA’s Special General Meeting originally scheduled for January 6, 2021 and thanked attendees for accommodating the new date. Bob then introduced the panelists (Mike Borislow, David Amidon, Caryn Goulet, Rob Holliday and Lynn Gugliuzza). A test was conducted via the NemoVote platform of the attendees to ensure its operation and determined to have been successfully tested.

Bob stated that the purpose of the meeting, which was for the membership to consider certain time-critical amendments to MYSA’s Constitution and By-Laws, all details of which were previously emailed to the membership as well as had been posted on the MYSA website since September.

**Credentials Report:** MYSA’s total membership represents 314 member organizations. By the organization’s by-laws, a quorum is considered 7.5 % or 24 member organizations. In attendance for the Special Membership Meeting at the time of the Credential Report were 35 member organizations, therefore a quorum was declared present. Based on the attending membership at that time, there were 108 total weighted votes in attendance. As a result, a 2/3 majority needed to approve the Constitutional amendment proposals was considered to be 72 votes. For the Bylaw change proposal, a majority vote was established at 55 votes.

Bob went on to introduce and open votes on the following four items of business:

**Constitution Amendment- Part A:** To amend the Association's Constitution to fix the weighted voting of the member Organizations and affiliated Leagues at those levels that existed as of the close of the 2018-19 seasonal year (i.e., on August 31, 2019), as reflected in the form of the changes to the Association's Constitution as presented to this meeting (Section 8 of the Constitution). Motion by David Amidon, second by David Dalrymple, motion approved unanimously (107 votes in favor).

**Constitution Amendment- Part B:** To amend the Association's Constitution to permanently authorize the use of remote communication for meetings (annual general and special) of the Association’s membership, as reflected in the form of the changes to the Association's Constitution as presented to this meeting (Section 10 of the Constitution). Motion by David Amidon, second by David Dalrymple, motion approved by majority vote (99 votes in favor, 8 abstentions).

**Constitution Amendment- Part C:** To amend the Association's Constitution to adopt the various technical updates and corrections as reflected in the form of such changes to the Association's Constitution as presented to this meeting. Motion by David Amidon, second by David Dalrymple, motion approved unanimously (112 votes in favor).

**By-Law Amendment:** To amend the Association’s bylaws to provide a more explicit statement of purpose for the Leagues Committee, including a clearer organizational structure and a stronger guide to govern the Leagues Committee’s mission, as reflected in the form of the changes to the Association's bylaws as presented to this meeting (Section 504 of By-Laws). Motion by David

Amidon, second by David Dalrymple, motion approved unanimously (112 votes in favor).

With the final vote completed on the final motion, Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

**Closing remarks:** Mike Borislow, Executive Director thanked attendees for their time and attention to the governance items reviewed during the meeting. Mike went on to remind attendees about the Return to Play update recently distributed along with reminders about notification protocols to Mass Youth regarding any players that test positive for COVID-19. He also noted that, with the Spring season around the corner, many questions surfacing about tournaments and reminded attendees that Governor Baker and/or the EEA have not yet approved tournament-style play. Lastly, Mike reminded attendees of MYSA's Soccer Strong Program aimed to continue delivering on the mission of the ongoing development of youth soccer players, coaches, referees, clubs and leagues in an inclusive, safe, affordable and fun environment.

Bob shared a final reminder about MYSA's upcoming (virtual) Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for March 10, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration will be required along with new NemoVote credentials.

Respectfully submitted,

***Caryn Goulet***