



Massachusetts State Soccer League, Inc.

Meeting Notes for AGM
February 13, 2010

1. Collection of Affiliation fees
2. Collection of contact information and pass cards
3. Roll Call
4. Referee Assignors
 - a. Game and field information early allows them to assign better
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Login for Soccer Schedule so teams can evaluate referees
 - ii. Information will be provided to teams before the first game
 - iii. Put Soccer Schedule link on the MSSL Home page
 - iv. Feedback will assist assignors in choosing best referee for match
 - v. Noticeable improvement by teams
 - c. www.soccer-schedule.com
 - d. SS on the road recruiting new blood... transitioning getting old core out that don't know the game and don't care and replace with new young referees that will blend in with the game
 - e. Cut back on abuse because new referees are getting intimidated by adult leagues and returning to youth leagues
 - f. Pass cards - reds will not be held this year
 - i. Teams are responsible to know who is eligible to play
 - g. Referee will require the pass card OR something from the league in writing.
5. Coaching Clinic - Michael Graham
 - a. US Amateur coaching license - equivalent to D license
 - b. US Soccer Federation - materials will be provided at course
 - c. Classroom/Field instruction over 3 day weekend - written test
 - d. Platform to getting professional license (C license) - would need permission from instructor allowing you to move on
 - e. Working out fee
 - f. Maximum 18 students
 - g. Anyone interested should contact Jim. An email will be sent to those on Jim's list... MSSL people are priority. 7-10 days to get fee in.
 - h. Participants should currently be proficient in awareness and knowledge of the game
 - i. You will need to work to get this license
6. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. We always try to improve. Complain that we don't have enough volunteers to accomplish what we want. Lack of time plays a large role in how much we can accomplish.
 - ii. Website - Fell short of our expectations though it was an improvement over what we had.
 1. Director of Communications - new position on the board - Jonathan Beck appointed
 2. Website needs to be our main communication tool.
 3. Sponsorship - offer professionalism
 - iii. Schedule
 1. Provide schedule at AGM
 2. Division I all set
 3. Division II - Need more time to finalize - 2 weeks is the target date
 4. 5 new teams
 - iv. Continues to learn and will continue to work hard to provide the best service for the teams
 - b. Secretary (Diana McKee)
 - i. Make sure to keep contact information updated
 - ii. Pass in player cards to be renewed
 - iii. If changes to your roster, you're welcome to come by my house but please give notice

- c. **New Player Coordinator/New Team Coordinator**
 - i. Mike Kapalis will be the liaison between players and teams or new teams and the league
 - ii. In the future, this will be a function on the website
 - iii. List is already being circulated. If you need players, please contact Mike
 - d. **Director of Communications**
 - i. Jonathan Beck
 - ii. Making changes to rosters - currently a bug in the lockdown
 - iii. Cannot view or edit existing information - working toward a fix
 - iv. Please choose players from the available pool before adding that player as a NEW player
 - v. Email addresses are imperative - make sure they are accurate
 - e. **Commissioner (Bob Wilson)**
 - i. Handout Make Up Schedule and MSSL BOD meeting Schedule
 - ii. Red Cards - Referees will NOT keep them
 - 1. Teams must keep track
 - 2. If player participates, game will be forfeited
 - 3. Wed/Thurs each week - Red cards will be posted
 - 4. 1 red - 2 game suspension, 2 reds - 4 game suspension
 - 5. 3 yellows - 1 game suspension, 6 yellows - 2 game suspension
 - 6. Lost card - Bob or Diana will provide a letter to play
 - 7. Keep email track of makeup discussion as backup in case of issue; CC BOD members
 - 8. Counts will be tracked on the website - Jonathan will enhance so the player that should be suspended will be obscured from the roster
 - f. **Vice President (Tony Dubrowski)**
 - i. The board has been working for 2 months already
 - ii. Will not address the bylaws today but will be handled at the postponed AGM
 - 1. Hand in suggested changes
 - iii. **Champion's League**
 - 1. 1 and 2 place teams in first division from several leagues
 - 2. Round robin play amongst the teams
 - 3. BSSL, NELASA, LUSA, ME, NH, RI
 - 4. At least 12 teams - top notch teams - exciting games
 - 5. Strive to make your team part of the Champion's League
 - 6. Games are played midweek (Wednesday night) - bi-weekly
 - 7. Championship and finals in August (21st?) - Dilboy Stadium
 - iv. **Donnelly Cup (Regional Tournament)**
 - 1. Regional tournament is no longer
 - 2. Donnelly Cup will be held at Lancaster at the conclusion of the Veteran's Cup
 - 3. Select teams only - League or State
 - 4. Minimum of 3 games (Saturday and Sunday)
 - 5. Region I only - National competition
 - g. **Treasurer (Dario Cornelio)**
 - i. Contacting every team - Thank you to all teams who responded.
 - ii. Communication is key. Don't accuse or blast him, just respond and things will be worked out.
 - iii. Email sent out - Must get fields or we will lose
 - iv. Teams are aware of the fines before the Treasurer is... be proactive, own up to it, pay the fine as soon as possible - Don't make him chase you.
 - v. We need to make the league our league and not be lazy
 - vi. Follow deadlines! Figure out if you can/should participate this year. This holds everything up... including the schedule.
 - vii. Provided quick budget report
 - viii. No fee paid, you will not be playing
 - ix. Fines that continue to be unpaid, no referees at the game deadline
7. Meeting will be continued in 30 days - notice in 2 weeks

8. Dario needs to see:
 - a. Albania
 - b. Boston Nigerians
 - c. Lowell United
 - d. Medford Soccer
 - e. MIT European
 - f. Atletico Junior
 - g. Bhoys FC
 - h. Celtic FC
 - i. Irish Village
 - j. Lowell Lusitanos
 - k. West Africans
 - l. Avellino
 - m. Inter Alliance
 - n. Boston Ethiopians
 - o. Boston Olympiakos
 - p. Canon FC
 - q. Essex FC
 - r. Los Bostonians
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