



Mahtomedi Soccer Association
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Don Yeeyick - President
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LeAnne Eberle
Mike Dunham
Kevin Kielsa
Scott Rice
Deb Kipp
Pete Heyer
Mike Eckert (Life Time Member)

December MSA Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013

Attendees:

Don Yee-Yick, Ben LaFrinier, Kevin Kielsa, Scott Rice, LeAnne Eberle, Jason Eberle, Beth Chalmers, Mike Dunham, Megan Schmidt, Trish Dahl

Motion passed to accept the minutes from last month's meeting.

Ben suggested we change the bylaws to state there be 8 – 14 members; Ben, LeAnne, Jason & Trish volunteered to help with rewriting bylaws

HS coach Tony Englund wants to coach a tournament-only team in spring. Was determined that we would need to know his list of players. Club would in turn tell him the per player cost (approx \$50/\$60/player). Coaching costs not covered by the club.

School District Field Funding

Itemized invoice show \$4200 for MSA, rather than original \$4900 that was quoted to us earlier

Motion made to offer \$3000 to school district for fields, being able to allocate said amount to help with extra aeration/fertilization – *motion passes*.

Park Board – Kevin Kielsa

MSA has discretionary funds to make improvements to green areas of the community. Possibility of getting lights for Southwest Park lower fields was suggested, as well as making SWP lower fields permanent turf, idea being that both MSA and the city would contribute money to the improvement.

Some member(s) of the board should begin attending the Park Board meetings to help get this idea moving forward, suggested that Don and Mike attend when possible.

Having an improved set up at SWP lower would allow us to give parents a more firm commitment of the time schedule and would also allow us to make better use of those fields when field demand is very high.

Referee Shortage – Kevin Kielsa

Kevin will contact the WBL scheduler to get info on possibly getting more refs.

Getting more parents to be refs would be optimum, they would need to go through certification process like any new ref would do.

Need to verify how much mentoring is actually taking place from Gene Warner Assigning group.

Challenging situation now since assigning is done online and pool of refs is from different communities, not just Mahtomedi (first come, first served).

To our benefit to hold referee certification in Mahtomedi – need to contact Gene W to get that going for spring.

We need to let Gene know our specific wants in the referee department.

Registration – Ben LaFrinier

Registration is open. It has been noted that some families struggled with having the earlier registration window coincide with the holiday season.

Noted that the registration was opened earlier so that more families could take advantage of the payment plan option. If we decide to extend the window further, it will cost the club money (defeating purpose of early opening).

For future registration, we will need to make sure we put out ahead of time the registration timing and how the payment plan works. Will send out a blast with more explanation after this meeting.

Perhaps open registration in November next year, as many surrounding clubs do.

Registration for traveling will close at 11:59 pm on Feb. 3.

Treasurer's report – Beth Chalmers

Beth reminded us that financial planning and budgeting should be done before beginning of fiscal year.

Will be a committee meeting in January to plan this and bring results to the board for approval. Beth will set up meeting with Don, Jason & Kevin for this.

Monthly financial updates on the horizon.

Beth stated it's better to pay vendors directly, possibly do monthly invoicing or per item invoicing.

MSA needs to pay vendors, not from individuals. This will help with the 1099 tax issue if we can do this.

Online bill paying now a go.

Beth recommended we not pay refs unless they have a W4 in hand. This is standard practice with most of the work a day world. Situation is challenging because at this moment refs are technically being hired by GW Assigning but are being paid by MSA.

Beth working on 2012 tax filing (990), not complete as of yet. Jay Breidinger working with Beth to help avoid penalties, but extenuating circumstances should work in our favor.

Taxes for 2013 not due till May of 2014, we can apply for free extension which would extend deadline till November.

1099s are due out by end of January.

Beth thought to be all caught up by end of January.

Field Report – Scott Rice

Shed needs new locks, too many keys are floating around in the public. Doors 1 and 2 are the doors the club has access to. Don, Kevin and Scott will be the ones getting the new keys for these doors. Scott will handle.

New nets are needed. The nets from fields 1, 5, 6 & 7 are 10 yrs old and need to be replaced. The HS did not contribute to the purchase of these nets the last time. This will be an upcoming cost we need to be prepared for.

New frames possibly needed for field 8 as well.

Kevin & Scott will work together to determine what exactly is needed.

New Business

Picture Place fundraising came in at \$1200, this has yet to be deposited.

In house volunteers are needed; Becky and Kim are taking care of their specific age groups but there needs to be an overall coordinator of the in house program. A report is needed from Deb about more specific needs for that group.

In House Training – Kevin Kielsa

There have been 18 players for the Sunday training (with 7 trainers available) – want to get the word out more to those families in the in house program to better put to use this Sunday training

Coaches Training – Kevin Kielsa

In house coaches training is the biggest need – we need to know who will be there ASAP and get them involved in the training (which will take place on Sundays), with classroom training available as well for the in house coaches.

In Feb. the MYSA provides coaches training. We're looking for key mentors at the in house level to attend the Youth Module training at this Feb. meeting.

Coach Payments – Kevin Kielsa

If we want coaches to coach at the higher level, we may need to consider raising our rates for those upper level team coaching positions. Currently all coaches are paid the same rate. We need to communicate that the higher pay rate means more practices, start practicing earlier in the season, ending later in the season, more tournaments, etc.

Having a higher pay rate may not guarantee exclusivity, but coaches will need to understand what their commitment will need to be in order to get the higher rate. Parent coaches will also need to meet the criteria. We are looking for the training schedule for summer from DOPD. Communication will be very important if we choose to go this route.

Guest Up Policy

Many coaches are not following the policy on this. Kevin will meet with coaches during the winter to make sure they understand the policy.

Code of Conduct

Trish talked about the Code of Conduct from another sport and how it may be time to update our own. She asked for feedback from board members before the January meeting.

Tryout Dates

Kevin hopes to send out the tryout dates during the holidays to Directors of Boys and Girls traveling programs, who will in turn send those dates out to age group coordinators to send out to families. Kevin is trying to compact the dates more this summer to provide more time for team selection.

2014 Mahtomedi Soccer tournament – Mike Dunham

Mandatory Tourney Director's meeting attended in October and all required paperwork filed in Nov.

Contract with school district re: field rental in process (stadium not available Friday due to HS Lacrosse game).

Working on getting registration site up and running prior to Jan 1 so advertising can begin.

Plan is to have food trucks. Concession stand will sell pre packaged items, such as pop, Gatorade. Candy, etc. Kimberly has agreed to head up food trucks and other vendors for the tournament.

Many volunteers will be needed again.

Winter Training – Mike Dunham

Planning on staying with same basic schedule for the next session, may need to combine some smaller groups.

Sunday training will start on January 5th.

May need to consolidate space at the Vadnais Heights dome on Tuesdays.

Elections

Elections set to be held at the January meeting, need to publicize this. Ballots are supposed to be closed at this election.

There are 2 open positions available at this time (with Don becoming President and Megan vacating her position).

Mouth guards/Headgear

Ben noted that studies on the use of mouthguards and headgear in soccer are inconclusive, parental discretion remains the best indicator on usage. Baseline testing is a good option as well, for families who may be interested. All coaches who coach soccer for Mahtomedi must take the concussion training.

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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Community Vineyard Church

2600 County Road East

White Bear Lake, MN