



## **Massachusetts State Soccer Association**

*A proud member of the United States Adult Soccer Association*

### **Minutes of MASS Annual General Meeting**

April 25, 2013

Wellesley Community Center, Wellesley, MA

Meeting called to order by Cezar Wislocki, President at 7:20pm

#### **I. Roll Call**

Leagues Attending: Brendan Bartley BSSL, Jack Keough CMO35, Jose Mendes LUSA, Diana McKee MSSL, Herminio Furtado NELASA, Rob Morrison NEOTHSL, Steve Siniscalchi VFA

Officers Attending: President Cezar Wislocki, Vice President Tony Dubrowski, Treasurer Sean Carey, Secretary Andy Weiss

Total votes = 17 Quorum present.

Guests attending: Logan Wangsgard (BSSL), Jeremy Mordkoff (NEOTHSL), Antonio Furlan (NEOTHSL), Jim Antonakas (State Head Coach), Josh Boyle (Sponsorships), John Stack (MUFC), Marcus Myrick (New England Revolution), Andrea Cardarelli (Operations)

#### **II. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved unanimously

#### **III. Online Demo**

Jeremy Mordkoff demonstrated the newest features under development within the on-line registration software. Highlights include the ability to create and print rosters and to allow team managers the flexibility to contact and put players on their team, approve transfers, league specific rules, etc. There are different levels of access to allow for state/league/team level operations. Looking for leagues who may wish to test out this system.

#### **IV. Officer's Reports**

##### Secretary (Andy)

Suspension list is updated and available in the booklet and online. BOD Contact list on the web site, with additional contacts in the booklet. No desire to add additional contact info to the web site.

##### Treasurer (Sean)

Budget contained in booklet and distributed previously. Some losses incurred in 2012 but these were expected due to changes in registration process affecting budget flow. Taxes will be finished up soon. When final numbers are in, 2013 will be close to a break-even year. Budget approved unanimously.

### Vice President (Tony)

Distributed schedule and proposed budget for the Champions League. Concept is to mirror the European style of event. Current proposal is for round robin with 4 team groups and almost everyone advances to a quarter final game. Final to be played August at Gillette. Some discussion about value of quarter-final match and whether to make this more exclusive. Consensus is to make it the very best competition, even if smaller. Much discussion about format, entry fees, awards, budget. Resolved to have Sean run the Champions League this year with projected state subsidy of \$6000.

### President (Cezar)

Online registration will continue to be improved with rosters and scheduling functions. Cezar will not be running for reelection at the end of this term, will start planning a handoff. 100 year celebration of USSF may have a tournament as part of the event. Relationship with NE Revs continues to build. Seeking to define minimum standards for affiliation of leagues. USASA just hired a Head Coach and they will be offering coaching courses.

## **V. Committee Member Reports**

### Sponsorships (Josh)

Material included in booklet, describing offers. Josh is looking for any company that wishes to advertise with us. Material is available on PDF. Possible vehicles include web site and now passcards.

### National Cups (Cezar for JP)

Open and Amateur Cup dates are included in the booklet. Deadline for application is October 11 with preliminary rounds beginning two weeks hence.

### Donnelly/Select Teams (Jim Antonakas)

Focus will be on the U-23 program. Tryouts to be held in early May. Announcements through the state association and looking to find younger talent. Some concern over short notice given for tryouts, so Cezar is setting a minimum two week notice for tryouts.

### Referee Committee (Andy)

Jordan Cavaco of Brockton has been named as the National Young Referee of the Year.

## **VI. Election of Officers**

Meeting turned over to the Secretary to conduct the elections

- Vice President: Sean Carey nominated. Unanimously elected.
- Treasurer: Antonio Furlan nominated. Unanimously elected.

Meeting turned back over to Cezar who recognized outgoing VP Tony Dubrowski for over 30 years of service. 10 minute recess for photos and cake.

## **VII. New Business**

### Constitution and Bylaw changes

Andy proposed changes to operating documents. These documents have been circulated previously and were reviewed at the Special Meeting of March, 2013. Proposal was amended with discussion to move selected items from Bylaws back to Constitution, and to further move existing policies so as to be incorporated into the Bylaws. Proposed Constitution and Bylaws approved unanimously as amended.

Cezar proposed that it is the responsibility for team officials/manager to pay all required and assessed fees to their league and/or MASS Soccer within 30 days of the due date. Failure to pay the fees, which could include registration, insurance, fines or any approved league or state fees could result in disciplinary hearing action up to and including suspension from all affiliated soccer. After discussion, motion approved unanimously.

### Committee Appointments

Committee Appointments postponed. Cezar to finalize this and circulate via email for BOD ratification.

### Guest Speaker

Marcus Myrick (Sales Manager, NE Revolution) spoke about building the relationship with the leagues. Marcus has ten years of experience with Colorado Rapids franchise. Distributed contact info and promised a response to any inquiry. Will package some promotions to leagues and willing to work with any league.

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Weiss, Secretary