



Mahtomedi Soccer Association

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October 2015 MSA Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

attendees: Jason Eberle, LeAnne Eberle, Molly Sorenson, Mike Dunham, Beth Chalmers, Lindsey Miller, Dennis Smith, Ben LaFrinier, Pete Heyer, Laurie Jerylo, Molly Sorenson, Joaquin Izquierdo

Minutes from last month approved.

Financial - Beth Chalmers

Nothing outstanding for this month

MAP 990s will be done in the next couple of weeks, then we will file electronically.

We'll move on to the next project with them once that's completed.

Normally we present budget in February, perhaps we should present in November so we could make changes for the rates before February meeting.

It would be practical to work at it in November, then revisit for February.

More vandalism has been seen at Hanifl.

Ben will file police report.

Winter training - LeAnne Eberle

Facilities - less time at the Dome this year; still working on contract with St. Andrews.

It should be the same as last yr or possibly extend to 6:00 pm.

Trainers will be needed come January, Kevin will recruit for in house.

Joaquin has trainers for traveling groups.

U7/8 will train Thursdays at the dome & Sundays at middle school.

Keeper training will be at the dome Thursday too.

We won't need to charge families for winter training.

Registration page needs to be up & running soon, training will be starting in November.

Maybe a flyer to hand out to 5s & 6s on their last day with the info would be helpful.

Teams wanting to train should contact Ben (March & April for dome; otherwise at St. Andrews).

Elections - Jason Eberle

December will be when elections will be held.

Nominations will be made at the November meeting.

We should have a committee to make nominations.

Doug Danks, Dennis Smith and Mike Dunham will be heading the committee.

Six seats up for election (all 2 yr):

Trish Dahl

Pete Heyer

Laurie Jerylo

Mike Dunham

Scott Rice

LeAnne Eberle

MYSA mtg - Jason Eberle

MYSA will be moving to a calendar year vs. the August to July year they have been using.

No real solutions yet for the complications of the changeover.

Tryouts - if we hold in August, they will be for following summer but there is a fall season (so will there be a lame duck team?)

Should we move tryouts to October? Older kids cannot tryout (U15 & above) per HS league rules.

Teams are due for spring in February.

For 8th graders with fall birthdays, they will be playing with 9th graders, they will not have a team in 8th grade for that year.

Referees will be in short supply if they move to U9/10 games to have three refs.

Perhaps a standalone fall season? Merge with season before or after? What to do about tryouts for that.

November 7th is the General Annual Meeting for MYSA.

If interested in attending, please let Jason know (we can have up to 8 delegates).

Proposed rule changes:

Tryouts after state tournament - will be Sunday immediately after the tournament, then 24 hrs to respond.

We would recommend not being required to answer for 2 week period (beneficial to smaller clubs).

No premier teams at U14s, so for one year they will start at U15s.

Self select will extend to U13s & U14s till system settles.

We should perhaps get the word out now about the changes coming, perhaps in the new year.

We should ask MYSA for the wording of the communication that will go out to families.

DOC report - Kevin Kielsa

We have some teams in the mix to go to State tournament this fall (at least 2 at this point; possibly 4).
The tournament is MEA weekend.
Kevin is talking to people about coaches for next summer.
He hopes to get them locked in before year end.

Registrar - Ben LaFrinier

Winter training registration will be up soon.
Coaches' fees ready to go now.
Summer registration will open in November and will close January 31st at midnight.

U7/8 Academy program - Jason Eberle

Are our parents happy? Are they willing to pay \$40 difference from what it is right now?
Two days a week plus Saturdays right now.
It would be tough to do in spring with summer weekend travel.
Two trainings and a game night should work, then we can eliminate weekend day.
Two to three festival weekends in summer could work (round robin of games; announce ahead of time).
It doesn't matter if some are missing, we would be mixing up kids anyway.
More training to games ratio can be maintained this way.
Parents need to understand the schedule/movement of teams.
Parents of younger children are looking for regularity of schedule.
Perhaps have trainers have a sign or something to hold for identification of teams.
We need to demonstrate why they should be paying more.
We need to build on trainers' strengths & make sure they know what to do.
We can mix teams each week to challenge kids & learn skills with kids with similar skills.
MYSA wants us to move to academy style training for up to U12.
Will we continue this in summer? It would be better for kids if we have quality trainers.
Perhaps we should communicate to parents just ahead of each session to say what we're doing & why.
We should have a weekly update on academy on our website.
We need to ask for feedback but give info up front.
LeAnne will set up survey to send out.

Tournament - Molly Sorenson

Molly was unable to hold a meeting in September (people weren't available).
Perhaps we should table this decision for now since the meeting didn't work out in September.
Should we try for spring? should committee try to meet again?
We will discuss again next month.

DOPD - Joaquin Izquierdo

We have been training younger kids more lately.
Coaches for those groups are willing to learn.
We should provide training for those coaches (E-license or F- license) (E license more difficult)
Those coaches need to know how to really run a training session.
Practice plans can be available possibly.
F coach license paperwork is helpful.
Perhaps we should require it in order to get paid for the season?
Sometimes that approach is prohibitive (if no coach available).
Some coaches need more hands-on training.
Perhaps we need to develop an "academy team" at each age level.
We could offer more training (for a fee) for those who want it.
We need to offer quality training but how can we get folks to agree to pay?
We're trying to grow a base program and then add another step - that additional step is challenging to pull off.
People will pay if they like the training.
We're moving to skills based training vs. game training for younger groups.
We need to have champions for groups - that can make all the difference in their success.

---NOTICE---

Next Board Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2015
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

