



Minutes of Semi Annual General Meeting

15 April 2015

Wellesley Community Center, Wellesley, MA

Meeting called to order by Andy Weiss, President at 7:10pm

I. Roll Call

Leagues Attending: Kevin Griffith (BSSL), Diana McKee (MSSL), Alcides Semedo (NELASA), Doug Anneser (NEOTHSL), Liz McQuilkin (EMWSL), Nuria Silva (USAfrica), Jack Keough (CMO-35), Steve Siniscalchi (VFA), Daniel Taylor (TSL)

Officers Attending: President Andy Weiss, Vice President Sean Carey, Treasurer Rob Akie, Secretary Logan Wangsgard, Past President Cezar Wislocki

Total votes = 20 Quorum present.

Guests attending: Lisa Zagura (EMWSL), Marcus Myrick (New England Revolution), Andrea Cardarelli (MASS Operations), JP Masanda (National Cups), Chris Camille (Director of Coaching), Moulay Ridaoui (Appeals), Brian Treaner (MSRC), Sal Afonseca (USAfrica), Del Rainho (MSRC),

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved unanimously

III. Unfinished Business

New Committee Appointments tabled for remainder of year.

IV. Officer's Reports

Vice President (Sean)

Nothing to report that Andy won't cover in his report.

Secretary (Logan)

Constitution and Bylaws approved at the previous meeting are now posted on the web site. The site has actually been modified to allow for easier navigation. There is now a direct link to the registration and roster portal from the front page banner. Total of six cases of player misconduct this year: Four were referred back to the league. One case heard and player found not guilty. One case is still pending.

Treasurer (Rob)

Balance Sheet and P&L has been distributed, see it for details. Defibrillator subsidy. 9 used so far. Andy comments on the balance sheet. ~\$542,000 and due to the 2 year cycle, even though it looks

like we increased almost \$200k from last year, when looking back again another year it's about \$500K so we've increased only slightly, about \$20k per year, but most of that is due to the international club games. Motion to approve by Steve Siniscalchi and approved unanimously.

President (Andy)

New website, a lot of work went in, take a look and let us know of changes. Twitter is important as well.

Mission Statement work is on going, HourlyNerd will be getting consultants for us.

V. Committee Member Reports

Tournaments (Cezar)

NESO- 3 guaranteed, 60 min games. Been successful the past few years. 30-40 teams, could be 60-70.

EMWSL mentioned Competing tournaments with Soccer Resort etc and with those and BSSC it can be complicated to get enough women for those kinds of teams. 7v7? Go after the BSSC, FSSG for the Coed teams. Chris Camille brought up the ideas for similar winter events. Push NESO

State Coach (Chris Camille)

U23 State select team down in Philly. Men's team had a great experience. State select teams that don't necessarily need to play in the National Cups, but are together and play together more often, in local tournaments or leagues, there's potential to help interested players.

Working with NCSAA - to set up a coaching workshop opportunity. This will happen at Olin College in Needham. Cezar brought up that USASA just got a similar program going on. Need to connect Chris with USASA.

Referee Committee (Del)

~4000 certified referees for the state. Charlie van Nederpelt received National Scoffield award.

Asking for help with getting adult referees. Submitted names for the region for the Nat. Amateur cups

Cup Commissioner (JP)

Battery Park is representing Mass in the 2016 Open Cup

Kendall Wanderers will be representing Mass in the National Amateur Cup

Portuguese team...? May 3rd in New Bedford - Over 30's

Continue to support teams financially, subsidies for field and ref fees

May 13 2015 Open Cup- MPS is hosting in Wayland, MA

VI. Amendments to Bylaws

- 6.3 removing the requirement to have team headquartered in Mass - motion proposed by Andy, seconded by Cezar. Q&A - EMWSL any liability? No - vote: Approved Unanimously

VII. New Business

What can we do for our leagues? Administrative help, especially for leagues that are having leadership difficulties. Andrea discussed various options - treasurer duties, registrations, equipment, or other specifics not named.

Registration system discussed, especially in terms of helping leagues, small ones especially.
Passcards becoming ID cards w/o expiration date.

Champions Cup - ideas - concept, Champions of different leagues play a tournament. Final maybe to be played at Gillette Stadium. Whole thing in July, final in August/Sep[?] State paying for all fields and referees. Winner gets free entry to Amateur Cup. Timing is tough, Weeknight games?

NE Revolution

Marcus - Thanks to all with group managers etc, ~800 seats last year, which is great
revolutionsoccer.net/masssoccer Promo code: masssoccer [tweet this]

July 10 USMNT - tickets cheapest in lower corner ~\$40

Chris talk about coaching stuff if you want to use Revs resources

Set up a trial for a really amazing 18 yr old player

1,000 Revs tickets purchased will get you an event at Gillette

National Cups

US Open??? US Soccer taking it over, what/how it's going to work? who knows

National Amateur - get dates out ASAP for Fall 2015, have dates and fields finished by end of May

Vets Cup in Virginia Beach, July 14-19, about 100 teams Thurs-Sunday, Cezar highly recommends

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Logan Wangsgard, Secretary