



Massachusetts State Soccer Association

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May 10th, 2017

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 17 votes + 4 board members= 21 votes
 - Doug Anneser (NEOTHSL), Peter Silverman (CM035), Nadia Sussman (MassSoccer), Jared Scarpaci (MYS), Garrett Solomon (MassSoccer), Liz McQuilkin (MassSoccer), Luis Creamer (Mass League), JP Musanda (Mass Cup Commissioner), Joselito Ventura (Mass League), Boris Senic (MSRC), Lisa Zagura (EMWSL), Michelle Shemen (OCWSL), Roland Butzke (CM035), Julian Dunlop (NEOTHSL), Matt Sciandra (BSSL), Cindy (Chelsea Soccer League), Nilda Morris (USAfrica), Debbie Forte (MassSoccer), Moulay Ridaoui (MassSoccer), Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (MassSoccer).
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved as is.
- **Unfinished Business-** None.
- **Reports of Officers** – summary report given for Executive Committee
 - Brochure created to hand out to give more information about what Mass Soccer is/purpose, etc.
 - Field Certificates are now strictly an online process.
 - Player registration – 700 people registered to play.
 - Trademarked Name and Logo
 - Liz and Debbie came on board and started to keep records of what we do; in the process of documenting a huge amount of policies and procedures.
 - Officer reports approved as is.
- **Financial Statement**
 - Andy to draft 2018 budget using a 2-year registration cycle.
 - Expect to see some money from International Game in 2017. International game money is very likely to eventually go away.
 - Request to define a certain level of reserves and how to execute it and keep it going. Most organizations have 2 years of reserves. Executive committee to make a recommendation at the fall meeting.
 - Financials accepted as submitted.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - **Rule Committee** - No conflicts or items to report
 - **Disciplinary Committee** - Garrett-
 - Local and National reports – JP also available (National Committee). OTHL thanked the group for reviewing their cases quickly. Question regarding stats

kept for incidences. Current database on this and always assessing penalties, no incident is evaluated in a vacuum, all in context of what has been done in the past.

- Garrett wants officials to know that we are here to support and protect them. Committee folks are concerned the officials may be hesitant to report issues of assault or abuse for fear it would indicate they cannot handle the situation on the field or a fear of repercussion if their case came before the committee. Want to help and protect the integrity of the game.
- **Appeals** - no report.
- **Referee Report** - new rep Boris Senic
 - Referees are encouraged to report when there are issues.
 - There are reports made but sometimes the ref doesn't show up to follow through, sometimes players don't. Give as much notice as possible for the hearings.
 - Officials get stipend for attending if people were not aware. Need to work on mechanism that communication can be improved, no national repository.
 - Case last year, Mass Soccer players were suspended for a while. These players showed up in a National League, so Mass sent a note to the executive director that any affiliated league the people are still suspended.
- **Coaching**- Chris- absent. Report given in written form. No issues brought up.
- **National Cup Committee** - JP & Kevin – No report.
- **Registrar Report** – No report.
- **Election(s):**
 - Moulay Ridaoui has served as an Interim Treasurer. Elected to two-year term.
 - Garrett Solomon re-elected as Vice President.
- **Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws** –
 - Constitution Article 3.4 (E) is amended to read as follows: Institute and negotiate contractual relationships not to exceed \$25K; or outside 10% of a budgeted line item.
- **New Business**
 - Discussion about player passcards and whether they should be given automatically or have players pay and send the cards only if needed. Would need a Bylaw change as it is stated now each player needs a passcard.
 - USAfrica - Nilda Morris is taking over the Appeals director position.
 - Discussion about possible excess of money we have in our reserves. Consensus is for the Board to define long term goals and then suggest what the reserves should be. Andy to form a committee before the next meeting.
 - Advertising Policy proposed by Andy to clarify what may or may not be acceptable. Approved unanimously, to be posted on website.
 - MillWorks Indoor facility – we did the indoor tournament there which went well. Will consider other events there.
 - Jared from Mass Youth Soccer in attendance – adult commissioners in their organization are looking to develop a U-23 league. Mass Youth Soccer currently exploring ways to collaborate with Mass Soccer.

- Julian Dunlop reported on NESO (New England Soccer Open), wants to promote it more in 2017. Also planning to do 2 exhibition games with the Special Olympics. Tournament flyer will be sent around for distribution.
- Chelsea Soccer League – affiliation request. Were affiliated in the past, then weren't now they want to be again. Working with Mass Soccer on the Bylaws now. 7 womens teams, 12 mens teams. Approved for provisional status for one year.

- **Good of the Game**
 - NELASA President Antonio Tavares gave Merit Referee Awards on behalf of Carlos Amato and Nicholas Georgievsky. State Director of Referee Assignment Boris Senic accepted the awards on behalf of the referees.
 - Cezar noted that 127 teams already registered for the USASA Soccer Festival to be held in Tennessee this summer.
 - Mass Soccer co-hosting a Regional Indoor event, dates TBA
 - Tickets for Revs and Breakers Home games available on request.

- **Adjournment**