



Massachusetts State Soccer Association

A proud member of the United States Adult Soccer Association

October 30th, 2019

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 17 votes + 3 board members= 20 votes
 - Elie Nassif (Referee Committee Rep), Joselito Ventura (MSSL), Roland Butzke (CM035), David Partridge (CMTSL), Jim Antonakas (NECL), Michelle Sherman (OCWSL), Dee Woolley (EMWSL), Sal Afonseca (USAfrica), Nilda Morris (Mass Soccer), Lisa Zagura (Mass Soccer), Jessica Berry (Rules Committee), Steve Robinson (NSL U23), Jim Buza (NEOTHSL), Matt Sciandra (BSSL), Nadia Sussman (Mass Soccer), Debbie Forte (Mass Soccer), Liz McQuilkin (Mass Soccer), Andy Weiss (Mass Soccer), Garrett Solomon (Vice President) and Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (Mass Soccer)
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Minutes approved.
- **Unfinished Business –**
 - TeamSnap – Reduced rate was negotiated for teams affiliated with Mass Soccer. A Teamsnap Premium account was \$99 and is now \$39 for Mass Soccer teams. Contract was extended and everyone who purchased before or going forward will have a new renewal date of March 31, 2021.
 - New App for Mass Soccer – We are still looking for someone to make it.
- **Reports of Officers – Executive Committee & Team Report distributed.**
 - **Andy** – USASA AGM – Amateur Soccer in US is what started US soccer, “what is our legacy” we are only here for a while, what are we going to do to make the game better?
 - **Debbie** – Insurance renewals will need to be completed for 2020 calendar year.
 - **Cezar (reported by Liz)** – USASA Soccer Fest will take place July 8-12th in Escondido, CA next summer.
- **Financial Statement – reported by Andy for Moulay**
 - Michelle, Garrett, Roland, Jim were appointed to a sub-committee to look at the Mass Soccer financial picture.
 - Financials accepted as submitted.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - **Rule Committee** - No conflicts or items to report.
 - **Disciplinary Committee** - No conflicts or items to report.
 - **Appeals** - No items to report.
 - **Referee Report** – No report.
 - **Coaching-** Liz reported on 2019 Mass Soccer Combine Event for Andre. There was great player attendance (over 100 players) at the event, but not well attended by managers/coaches. No consensus on whether to continue next spring... maybe try better advertising to coaches or push player profile information to coaches before the event to increase interest.
 - Debbie also discussed that we have a lot of new players looking for teams and that managers can find these players using their “new player search” tool on our site.
 - **National Cup Committee** – No report.

- **Registrar Report** – No report.
- **Media Relations:** (Lisa) working on electronic “Welcome to Mass Soccer” communication.
- **Budget:**
 - Motion presented to increase registration fees by \$5, from existing \$25 to \$30 for 2 year registration. Motion approved. Increase will be effective January 1st, 2020.
 - 2020 Budget reviewed and accepted.
- **Amendments to the Bylaws** – None.
- **New Business**
 - We will continue to promote and educate people to what Mass Soccer provides.
 - Discussed possibility of running a spring age group tournament.
 - Resurrect the National Cup – Regional Tournament.
 - Ratification of new appointments:
 - Tournament Director - Johnny Garofalo appointment approved
 - Approval of New Leagues - None
 - Informational items and USSF news. Insurance Fees were increased due to SafeSport, not reflected towards MassSoccer fees.
 - SafeSport was discussed and how it will impact Mass Soccer. We will continue reviewing and making policies to meet guidelines.
 - Approval of proposed policies. Website disclaimer accepted.
 - Mass Soccer discussed policies as “what is an amateur” with NCAA rule change October 2019.
 - New projects
 - Credentials – Mass Soccer will offer leagues and teams sideline credentials. Each team/league can identify “staff” on the sideline, noted on the bottom of the roster. Discussed whether cards/credentials would be free. Also discussed whether cards create extra cost exposure.
 - TeamSnap – We will continue selling through our Manager Tools and using Eventbrite.
 - Mass Soccer Tours – We will advertise on the website
 - Innovate to Grow (US Soccer Grant) Application– We submitted a proposal to host a Portuguese community tournament. We are waiting for response from USSF.
- **Good of the Game**
 - Early game scheduled for May 16th, 2020. USASA Amateur Cup Champion from Newtown, CT will play UEFA champion.
 - Mass Soccer is going to support John Motta in USSF election.
- **Adjournment: 8:49pm**