



Massachusetts State Soccer Association

A proud member of the United States Adult Soccer Association

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 20 votes + 3 board members= 23 votes

League		Rep	Votes
BSSL	Bay State Soccer League	Tommy McLaughlin	2
CCASL	Cape Cod Amateur Soccer League	Keith Clark	1
CCL	Club Champions League	0	0
CMCRSL	Central Mass Coed Recreational League	Tony Maurello Andy Paquette	1
CMO35	Central Mass Over 35	Roland Butzke Jack Keough	1
CMTSL	Central Mass Twilight Soccer League	Joseph Rossi	1
CSL	Chelsea Soccer League	0	0
EMWSL	Eastern Mass Women's Soccer League	Deirde Woolley	3
FA1	Football Alliance of New England	Evan Milho	1
FUTSAL	Massachusetts Adult Futsal Association	0	0
KICK	Kick Soccer Leagues	Soorena Farboodmanesh	1
MSSL	Mass State Soccer League	0	0
NEOTHSL	New England Over the Hill Soccer League	Jim Buza	7
NECL	New England Champions League	0	0
NESL	New England Soccer League	0	0
OCWSL	Old Colony Women's Soccer League	Michelle Sherman	1
OSSL	Ocean State Soccer League	Bryan Hessler	1
USAfrica	USAfrica Soccer League	0	0
VINE	Vineyard Football Club	0	0
MASS	President	Andy Weiss	1
MASS	VP	0	0
MASS	Secretary	Nadia Sussman	1
MASS	Treasurer	Moulay Ridaoui	1
Total Votes:			20
	Total # of votes + 3 executives		23
Other Attendees			
Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki - Past President			
Debbie Forte – Mass Soccer			
Elie Nassif & Rich Frongillo - MSRC			
Jared Scarpaci - MYSA			
Lisa Zagura - Media Relations			
Liz McQuilkin – Mass Soccer			



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I: Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Approved

II: Unfinished/Ongoing business:

US Africa – still need help; they allowed/agreed to have Mass Soccer assist them

Hall of Fame Committee:

People who are in the Hall of Fame are part of the selection process

AED: Subsidy milestone, given out \$15,000 in subsidies

Changed AED providers in the last two months

Mass Soccer Executive Committee has decided to carry them to games/tournaments

Make sure to check on batteries and pad changes (expiration date)

Revolution Soccer Game:

Rev's Night is back! Sold over 100 tickets with Mass Soccer discount

November 7th, 2021 game vs Miami

Boston Dream Association:

New club founded this summer (2021) – keep women engaged in soccer and foster leadership, played first showcase game in August

Indoor league:

Tuesday nights are offered at a discounted rate, currently slots are still open

III: Executive Committee Report:

- Website improvements – easier to manage rosters, etc
- Registration Report – 13, 496 registered (best in the country currently) and registration is open now for 2022-2023
- TeamSnap still available at a discount
- Continuing free U23 registration and for 1st time sign ups

IV: Financial statement by Treasurer:

Financial Reports: (slide) Moulay Ridaoui

- Not much loss this year
- We received an international game payment from 2 years ago
- Reports/Budget approved

Standing Committee reports

Disciplinary Committee:

2 new cases from 2 games, 3 players impacted

Appeals committee: None

Referee Committee: Elie Nassif/Rich Frongillo

- The new intro program now includes an on field instructional session; will also extend this opportunity to the least experienced refs who are recertifying
- Recertification: virtual affords flexibility of time
- Discussion about referee assignor fees – how to start the conversation of change
- Continue to encourage your players to become referees
- Publish list of sanctioned tournaments to distribute to the leagues – Try to avoid scheduling games on tournament weekends due to the referee shortage.

Cup Committee Updates: (slide) Liz (speaking for JP)

- SoccerFest 2022 – Chattanooga, Tennessee (July 13th-July 17th)
- USASA brought back Women's Amateur Cup – EMWSL Sidekicks Won Region I, went to Championship of Regions and lost in the finals
- Women's Cup – in April/May 2022
- 2021 Champions Cup – 8 teams entered, excellent competition, Brockton Amateur Soccer won the tournament
- Qualifiers are currently happening for the Open Cup
- 2021 Lamar Hunt Open Cup – 3 Massachusetts teams joined

Coaching Updates: (slide) Liz reporting for Andre Ferreira

- Futsal combine in January – take top 20-30 players, will work with the State Director of Coaching in February (in concept right now, will then send out information to membership)

Media Relations: (slide) Lisa Zagura

- Working on Social Media audience (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Team effort! Looking to involve college students (possible volunteer hours/internships)
- Want to make sure there are videos of the women's and the men's tournaments/playoffs
- Continue to send along photos and videos to us Mass Soccer Media Relations

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution Changes & By- Law Changes: None

New Business

Affiliation Request: None

Safe Sport & U18 players: Andy

- Currently have 115 players, 1% of our total players
- Board of Directors of Mass Soccer have to take Safe Sport training
- Any team with a youth player needs to take the Safe Sport training, but we do not yet know who will keep track of this
- Many states have decided to stop taking youth players.
- NE Club soccer league is stopping taking U18 players.
- USASA is going to be distributing updated rules/requirements on this after their November 2021 meeting.
- Proposal made to discontinue accepting U18 players – passed
- Effective for 2022 registration year, with already existing U-18 players being grandfathered in.

Directors & Officers Insurance: (slide) Liz McQuilkin

- Mass Soccer Board and Committee Chairs are covered by new USASA Policy.
- The insurance covers League Presidents doing in state soccer business only, therefore, league boards are no longer covered by the national policy.
- 2 are available for purchase – reach out to Liz for details

Use of ITG Money:

- Received \$10,000 from US Soccer – received \$5,000 for a tournament we had to cancel due to COVID. Possible idea of a charity tournament

Mass Youth Soccer- Jared

- Nothing to report from him. He will share our info with board.

Good of the Game- (slide)

- Last weekend of October – game getting out of play, the Referee stopped the game and pulled together the teams and gave a speech, both teams applauded him
- OTHSL – Turns 40 years old in 2021! 6 original players still participate

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