



Massachusetts State Soccer Association

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2022 AGM Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2022

Meeting held in person at the Natick Community Center, Natick MA.

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 19 votes + 4 board members= 23 votes

League		Rep	Votes
BSSL	Bay State Soccer League	Damian Priday	2
CCASL	Cape Cod Amateur Soccer League	Keith Clark	-
CMCRSL	Central Mass Coed Recreational League		-
CMO35	Central Mass Over 35	Roland Butzke	1
CMTSL	Central Mass Twilight Soccer League	David Partridge	1
EMWSL	Eastern Mass Women's Soccer League	Lisa Zagura	3
FAI	Football Alliance of New England		-
FUTSAL	Massachusetts Adult Futsal Association	Richard Williams (P)	1
KICK	Kick Soccer Leagues	Soorena Farboodmanesh	1
MSSL	Mass State Soccer League	0	-
NEOTHSL	New England Over the Hill Soccer League	Jim Buza	7
NECL	New England Champions League	Luke DeDeus (P)	1
OCWSL	Old Colony Women's Soccer League	Michelle Sherman	1
OSSL	Ocean State Soccer League	Bryan Hessler	1
USAfrica	USAfrica Soccer League	0	-
VINE	Vineyard Football Club	0	-
MASS	President	Andy Weiss	1
MASS	VP	Garrett Solomon	1
MASS	Secretary	Nadia Sussman	1
MASS	Treasurer	Moulay Ridaoui	1
Total Votes:			
	Total # of votes + 4 executives		23
Other Attendees			
Liz McQuilkin – Mass Soccer			
Debbie Forte – Mass Soccer			
Elie Nassif - MSRC			
Lisa Zagura - Media Relations			
Tommy McLaughlin – BSSL VP			



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II: Approved last minutes

Unfinished/Ongoing business:

- U18 Players – previous decision, MassSoccer excludes U18 players.

Recent US Soccer meeting stated it was okay to take U18 players (up to each league); if a claim is filed for SafeSport – all will be covered under Mass Soccer liability insurance. Only issue is if you knowingly let a player on the field that has violated the SafeSport policy.

Motion made to change U18 rule -- Passed

Notify Debbie Forte if any league does not support U18 players.

- U23 Free Membership Extended – new recruiting tool – continue to work on advertising
- Unity Cup Returns – in 3rd yr of operation, July 12-14th (group stage games), July 22-24nd

Tournament weekend – great place to promote leagues.

• Registration System Updates – new parts to the website (pending league additions, red cards are noted, players noted not currently playing on rosters)

- Player count summary: 12, 564, Managers --164
- Manger Cards – 1st batch going out this week. Cards offered 1x per year for new managers.

III: Executive Committee Report:

Hall of Fame Committee: looking for committee volunteers. Currently three nominations being reviewed.

Revolution Soccer Game: 4 tickets per game, parking pass included.

Metrowest Indoor league: Start in November. At least one session, possibly 2 or 3.

Soccer Fest: Returning to the regular format. July 13th-17th, in Chattanooga, TN. Offering a subsidy to Mass Teams.

IV: Financial statement by Treasurer:

- **Financial Reports:** (slide) Moulay Ridaoui Reviewed financial statements: Approved.
No more revenue from International Games

Standing Committee reports

Disciplinary Committee:

- 3 hearings via zoom in 2022; going to improve system of notification (will send more messages to confirm emails and mailing address on file, re-validate contact information.) 2 current appeals to US soccer level.



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Coaching Update: Women's Futsal

Appeals committee: None

Cup Updates: Liz for JP

- Warner Fricker Open Cup 2022 (15 teams registered); made it to the Regional Semi-Finals.
- Women's Qualifier to go USASA
- Other cups Mass Soccer is supporting: Amateur Cup, Mengel O30 cup, 040 cup:
- Champions Cup – Opening round July 24th, Final August 14th

Coaching Updates: Andre Ferriera

- **1st women's futsal program** – 2 teams entered in regionals
- Coach Andre asked to coach US Futsal Team

Media Relations: Lisa Zagura

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram -- looking for more support
- Internship opportunities – offer membership fee coverage or Rev's Tickets

Referee Committee: Elie Nassif

- The new intro program now includes an on field instructional session; will also extend this opportunity to the least experienced refs who are recertifying

Election of Officers:

President (Andy Weiss) and Secretary (Nadia Sussman) – both nominated and approved

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution Changes & By- Law Changes: None

New Business

Affiliation Request: Brockton Soccer League

- Had temporary approval, submitted bylaws. Motion to approve new league: Approved

Mass Soccer Membership Benefits:

- Current: Teamsnap, WeGotSoccer, Revs Tickets, AED
- New benefits – Avis Car Rental Discounts (Bryan Hessler), ForeKicks Foot Golf Discount

Referee Recruiting:

- **MSRC/MassRef** – we are down over 1,000 certified adult-aged referees from 2018
- Soccer community needs to be a part of helping recruit refs

Good of the Game- (slide)

- HITSS – study for repetitive head contact, looking for 040 participants
- NEOTHSL Crete Trip – successful trip!
- 068 league – currently a waitlist
- 1st Women’s Summit – hosted by Boston Dream

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