



Massachusetts State Soccer Association  
*A proud member of the United States Adult Soccer Association*

## 2024 Semi-Annual AGM Meeting Minutes

November 7th, 2024 **Meeting held in person at the Verve Hotel in Natick, MA**

League		Rep	Votes
BSSL	Bay State Soccer League	Tommy McLaughlin	2
BROCKTON	Brockton Soccer League	Gilson Gomes	1
CCASL	Cape Cod Amateur Soccer League		0
CMO35	Central Mass Over 35	Roland Butzke	1
CMTSL	Central Mass Twilight Soccer League	Dave Partridge	1
EMWSL	Eastern Mass Women's Soccer League	Rebecca Brooke	3
CMW	Central Mass Women's	Guilia Herrick	1
FUTSAL	Massachusetts Adult Futsal Association		0
NEOTHSL	New England Over the Hill Soccer League	Eric Dragsbeck	6
OCWSL	Old Colony Women's Soccer League	Michelle Sherman	1
OSSL	Ocean State Soccer League	Bryan Hessler	1
MASS	President	Andy Weiss	1
MASS	VP		0
MASS	Secretary	Nadia Sussman	1
MASS	Treasurer	Moulay Ridaoui	1
Total # of votes			20
Other Attendees			
Liz McQuilkin – Mass Soccer Operations		Debbie Forte – Mass Soccer Registrar	
Paul George - D-One League		David Amidon, Rob Holliday - MYSA	
Ronnie Firmin, Jory Desrargèves - Boston Premier League		Jim Buza - NEOTHL	
Elie Nasif, Rich Frongillo, Soorena Farboodmanesh - MSRC		Cezar WW - Past President	

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 17 votes + 3 executive board members= 20 votes

## ***I: Last meetings minutes – Approved***

## ***II: Unfinished/Ongoing business -***

- **D&O Insurance Status**
- **Website status - working on and improving the MassSoccer Website**
- **Women's New England Tournament - Unable to get fields and participants**

## ***III: Executive Committee Report/Reports of Officers:***

- Reminder for people register at the end of the year

## ***IV: Financial statement by Treasurer:***

- **Financial Reports:** Approved
- **2024 budget** – Approved

## ***V: Standing Committee reports***

- **Disciplinary (Bryan):** Overall, under control and being managed.
- **Appeals:** None
- **Rules (Roland):** None
- **Referee (Rich/Elie)** - assaults are down, referee attrition is up, less games are uncovered
  - How can the league support the referees better? Have more players sign up to be referees to cover games and continue to send zero tolerance messages?
  - Use \$ to subsidize NEOTHL players to take referee courses?
  - Recruiting at college campuses?
- **Coaching (Andre Ferreira):** New Player Trainings, ACL and Injury Prevention Trainings
- **MediaUpdates** - Bryan Hessler (SM posting), Lisa Zagura (photography, website articles), Abraham Johnson:
  - Special Event Staging, Videography) would like to add one more person to the team
  - - 13K accounts reached this fall Insta & FB; Twitter(X) leveled 3-5K views on anything, Need to get more
  - YouTube Channel Followers to LiveStream
- **Cup:** Athletico Boston Cup Champions 2024 - going to regionals. One team for the US Open Proper - playing NY UPSL team Nov 16th, 2024 6pm
  - March 2025 - Women's Amateur, Werner Fricker, Mengel 030, Men's 040
- **Sponsorship** - Open position

## ***VI: New Business:***

- **New League Affiliation - Boston Premier League** - Open Summer League (3yrs running),
- **Mass Youth Soccer (Rob Holliday/Dave Amidon): Soccer Landscape** (MYSA 1 in every 8 kids in Mass is registered in MYSA - 167K kids) - Volunteerism is down with adults in the town's leadership. Spring 2025 - Boston Town Clubs (East Boston, Hyde Park, X) - hardest part of the city to reach. Obstacles - permitting, bureaucracy, facilities, access. Idea to teach them (leagues/community) how to lead vs bring in people who will eventually leave (hire a temporary coach or have temporary affiliation with a training program). Mayor's Cup on Sat 11/9/24.  
  
How to transition from Mass Youth Soccer to MASS ADULT Soccer - on going conversation

- **Short Term aka Temporary/Tourney Pass to increase attendance?**
- **Roster Checking:** Issues with fraudulent behavior regarding roster fraud, people are getting more creative
- **Substitution Moments:** Fifa put in place 1-2yrs ago, minimizing how many stoppages were in the game - written for 1st division and above (MLS, NWSL) - currently 5 (does not apply to amateur league soccer) - brought up due to in game issue
- **Regional Women's Cup:** Massachusetts offered to host (Cezar W-W is now the regional director)
- **Squad Locker:** Masssoccer20 (20% Promo code)

## ***VII: Good of the Game***

- USASA Adult Soccer Hall of Fame - Cezar Wasecki-Wislocki
- U23 Free Membership trying to promote for them to come back to playing
- D-One (started 2008- Everett/Malden) Summer League Considering Affiliation

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