



MASSACHUSETTS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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- **Roll call/Credential check:** 18 votes + 4 board members= 22 votes
 - Peter Kokolski (Referee Committee), Joselito Ventura (Mass State Soccer League), Jared Scarpaci (MYSA), Garrett Solomon, Peter Silverman, Roland Butzke (CM035), David Partridge (CMTSL), Jim Antonakas (NECL), Michelle Sherman (OCWSL), Deidre “Dee” Woolley (EMWSL), Lisa Zagura (EMWSL), Jessica Berry (Rules Committee), Steve Robinson (NSL U23), Steve Siniscalchi (OTHL), Kevin Griffith (BSSL), Jim Buza (NEOTHSL), Nilda Morris (Appeals Committee Chair), Keith Clark (CCASL), Matt Sciandra (BSSL) Nadia Sussman (MassSoccer), Debbie Forte (MassSoccer), Liz McQuilkin (MassSoccer), Andy Weiss (MassSoccer), Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (MassSoccer)
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Fixed 19 votes + 4 board members = 23 votes. Minutes approved.
- **Unfinished Business –**
 - TeamSnap – working to get a discount. Likely MassSoccer would need to pay a fee per year to use. Idea that each team have a code and let them sign up via MassSoccer. Put a margin in for each team if we are charged. Do a trial for the first year? Approved.
 - NESFW – New England Sports for Women – no one present to report
 - Mass “World Cup” Tournament – Jim A – 4-week tournament, 3 weekends of game, 4th weekend is the finals. Trying to source fields. Will be in touch with dates afterwards. Looking at 7/20- middle August. Hoping for Saturday’s, etc.
- **Reports of Officers –** Debbie (registrar) – Boston Unity Cup -- We are partnering with them for the registration part of it, but not hosting. 20 men’s teams, 14 women’s teams – each representing a different country. City of Boston is running this. They did not want to affiliate. Runs same time as SoccerFest.
 - **Andy** – getting better at PR. Still a goal to do better. Keith and Steve present for two new leagues for affiliation. Positive that leagues want to join. We want to support every league, do what we can for them.
- **Financial Statement** – reported by Andy for Moulay
 - Money came in from the International Game. Made \$13,000 for the year. Currently at a loss; review reserve and revenue shares.
 - Financials accepted as submitted.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - **Rule Committee** - No report.

- **Disciplinary Committee** - No conflicts or items to report. Number of hearings has gone significantly down.
 - **Appeals** - No items to report.
 - **Referee Report** – Andy asked for review of SafeSport. July 1st registration change for referees. How can stronger a/r's be brought into the CMO35 league? How can the referee committee support this training program, etc. Referee recruiting is currently flat – good and bad. 5,000 registered referees in MA. Working with club teams to recruit new referees – seeking alternate ways to recruit. Vast majority referees are Grade 8 (18yrs or younger) Grade 7 (adult refs) – 150, Grade 6 (40) – state referees, more females and males, Grade 5 referees (3). (Jim), Grass Roots programs, 15 towns. List of assigners on the MassSoccer Website.
 - **Coaching**- Andre Ferreira not present (Liz Reported) – Combine was broken into two age groups; Men's Open (52, 4 managers) and then separated men and women (36 players and 12 managers.) Trying to place the players as best they can.
 - **National Cup Committee** – Champions Cup this summer. 3 teams in regional competitions – heading to NY in the next few weeks. Getting teams and players involved on social media is a good idea.
 - **Registrar Report** – Field Liability Insurance is current for a full year. Ton of renewals, need to upload a headshot and an ID. Expiration date on ID cards – needed for National Tournaments. Talk to the leagues and ask what the needs are, etc.
 - **Media Relations:** (Lisa) working on a story from the Score for a Cure for it. *Welcome packets for new players.*
- **Election(s):**
 - Vice-President for re-elect. Garrett Solomon. **Nominated – elected.**
 - Treasurer – Moulay. **Nominated – elected.**
- **Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws** –
 - Constitution changes updated due to 501c3, status - updated for compliance issues. Constitution changes accepted.
 - By-Laws (1.2, 6.2, 7.3) updated due to 501c3 and US Soccer language– updated for compliance issues and registration status clarify. By-law accepted.
 - 6.2 Issue is with individual players registered with league that use electronic roster but not MassSoccer database for the roster. ADD – leagues need to be required to use the online roster system in addition to the online registration system. Add in a timeframe to comply – by the second season? - Approved
 - Eliminate requirement for reporting the numbers of players- passed.
 - 7.3 – Add to online roster, personnel on the bench (player, coach, manager) - approved
- **New Business**
 - Nomination of two new leagues: 1.) Cape Cod Amateur Soccer League – accepted, 2.) NSL U23 – 5 players over age of 23 (mentors) increase the level of play. Played in July and August. Focused in Eastern MA. (NH, RI, MA, CT) – Affiliated with Club Champions League down in VA. – accepted.
 - Question of Increase in Liability Coverage – OTHL went to book a field and they were told they needed a 5million dollar policy instead of a 2-million-dollar policy/
 - Program to support Adult Referees (MSRC to administer it) – to happen at SoccerFest in the summer – continuing education, etc. –accepted. Work on referee training.
 - Registration fee for 2020 – getting close to line of “do we need to make money?”
 - Why Federally issued ID's required? What do we do about people who are not citizens? Who do not have US ID's? Requirement never changed, technology updates so we could.

- Design an App to be able to show ID on phone. (Michelle Sherman to connect with Liz)
- **Good of the Game**
 - Discount fee for Mass Teams for SoccerFest, will get registration figured out. Broadcast message being put out. Facilities vs. location.
 - Hosted Walking Soccer event 2 weeks ago, 14 people there. Going to have another game this weekend. Looking for more players.
- **Adjournment: 9:18pm**