



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

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom

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

League		Rep	Votes
BSSL	Bay State Soccer League	Damian Priday	2
CCL	Club Champions League	0	0
CCASL	Cape Cod Amateur Soccer League	0	0
CMO35	Central Mass Over 35	Roland Butzke	1
CMTSL	Central Mass Twilight Soccer League	Dave Partridge	1
CSL	Chelsea Soccer League	0	0
EMWSL	Eastern Mass Women's Soccer League	Dee Woolley	3
FA1	Football Alliance of New England	No attending	0
FUTSAL	Massachusetts Adult Futsal Association	Emily Rollender	1
KICK	Kick Soccer Leagues	Soorena Farboodmanesh	1
MSSL	Mass State Soccer League	Rafael Santos	1
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	Reuben Fitzgerald	1
MASS	President	Andy Weiss	1
MASS	VP	Garrett Solomon	1
MASS	Secretary	0	0
MASS	Treasurer	Moulay Ridaoui	1
Other Attendees			
Jess Berry- Counsel			
Shanna Costa & Heather Fortunato - Central Mass Coed Soccer League			
Andre Ferreira -Coaching Committee			
Elie Nassif & Rich Frongillo - MSRC			
Jared Scarpi - MYSA			
Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki - Past President			
Lisa Zagura - Media Relations			



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Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Approved

Unfinished/Ongoing business

Team Snap Pilot: (slide) Jim Buza

Rousing success. Deal for anyone who signs up and also beneficial for managing team. Made a small amount of \$ as well.

CPLP: (slide) Liz

Postponed until 2022. Purpose is to bring people together so we will wait until we can fully do that.

Safe Sport: (slide) Liz

- Any league w. player under 18 needs president or director to be SafeSport certified. Also- any team w. player U18 must always have one certified person at the field.
- We need to keep track of who has taken it and which teams have players under 18.
- Debbie will notify all league presidents of teams within their leagues that have U18 players.

Indoor League update: (slide) Andy & Liz

- Men's brackets didn't fill enough to run.
- Did fill women's teams- ran a women's 030 league (first time).
- Have space reserved already for next year and hope to run both men's and women's leagues again.

Referee Coins: (slide) Liz & Andy

- To show appreciation for all adult referees that referee our games we designed and distributed a coin.
- All leagues- please send assignor names to Andy to ensure we cover all referees

Financial statement by Treasurer

Financial Reports: (slide) Moulay Ridaoui

- Nothing really changed too much from November meeting. Got some US Soccer game money. Will be paying out large chunk to USASA in the next ten days or so.
- Reports approved.

Executive Committee Report

Disciplinary (slide): Garrett Solomon

- There was one case in November. It was appealed to US Soccer however not followed through so dropped.

- There was another case that had been heard approximately 5 years ago. Was (recently) appealed to US Soccer. They returned it to Mass Soccer however since 4 ½ years out of 5 had been served we let it go.
- Roland offered to share existing language they have in their by-laws which protects league against repeat violent conduct offenders

Standing Committee reports

Referee Committee: Elie Nassif/Rich Frongillo

- Rich is new state referee administrator
- Challenging time to get referees now. Would like 4300- have about 3300.
- New people in new roles- director of assessment, instruction, assignment,
- Enthusiastic about year ahead
- Effort underway to hire a referee recruiting team to roll out over next 6-8 months. Target those playing in adult leagues.
- Website was updated- more timely info & how to get involved
- Per Roland- would be interested in talking about referee development committee. Rich will connect with him. Was discussion about adding a few dollars to referees to fund this however nothing definite at all now.
- Andy- encourage your players to become referees- we have an opportunity to help ourselves.
- Also- good opportunity to make \$\$ - possibly a few hundred \$ a weekend.

Cup Committee Updates: (slide) Liz

- Report out on:
 - 040 Cup – Brand new to us 6 teams
 - Amateur Cup
 - Mengel 030
- Next tournament July/August- 2021 Amateur Cup- may have to do special team invitations as strange year w. COVID and not all leagues played fully.
- Congratulations to JP who was appointed as Regional Cup Commissioner

Coaching Updates: (slide) Andre Ferreira

Some training videos on site - use link under Resources tab to see videos. More will be added

Media Relations: (slide) Lisa Zagura

- Team effort! If anyone knows anyone who wants to be part of this. Even college student who would enjoy- opportunity for internships, etc.
- Anyone who's willing to get involved at any level- even just to take pictures of league activities- please send them to us!

We Play On: (slide) Liz McQuilkin

Most leagues up & running. If not, they're in planning mode. Just unsure about:

- US Africa
- Club Champions League
- Chelsea Soccer League

Election of Officers

Elections:

- Vice President: Garrett Solomon is current Vice President. No other candidates. Garrett will continue to serve another term- two years.
- Treasurer: Moulay Ridaoui is current Treasurer. No other candidates. Moulay will continue to serve another term- two years,

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution Changes: (documents sent out previously) Andy- Changes accepted - Unanimous approval

By- Law Changes: (documents sent out previously) Andy- Changes accepted - Unanimous approval

New Business

Affiliation Request: (slide) Central Mass Coed Recreational Soccer League- approved!! Welcome to Shanna and Heather

Hub Sports: (slide) Liz McQuilkin

- Currently have over 10000 players that play all different sports. Approx 4000 of those are soccer players. They will collect \$ and pay us lump sum. They are looking to affiliate all of their players to MassSoccer. A lot of young professionals serving Boston area.

Directors & Officers Insurance: (slide) Liz McQuilkin

- USASA policy no longer covers boards of our leagues (effective Jan 1, 2021). They offer the same policy if your league is interested. Multiple options- contact Liz for support if your league is interested.
- Request from Roland- what is board opened up to from liability standpoint. Andy provided info and will make sure it's sent to everyone.

AED Program: (slide) Andy Weiss

No real change to us. MASS will reimburse \$250- great program.

Player Safety Video: Andy Weiss

Was hoping to share with everyone tonight however couldn't get- Andy will send out to everyone.

Soccer Fest: (slide) Cezar Wislock-Wasecki

- Big changes 3 day event July 9-11- (fr/sa/su) will be 7v7, limit sidelines, COVID safety
- There are 52 teams registered- expecting 75- will get four 60 minute games.
- \$525 team registration.
- Subsidies removed b/c of 7v7. Expect subsidies to resume next year.
- Older age groups registering- younger ones do not seem to be interested in 7v7.
- Registration deadline is end of May.
- In Milwaukee- no direct flights- Chicago- and drive 1 ½ hours.
- Soccer Fest won't have beer garden although park may do one.
- No spectators, teams can't come in & out- trying to be very safe.
- There is a risk if things get worse it may be cancelled.

Field Initiative: Roland

Background- lots of challenges with fields- conditions not great. Roland has worked to improve fields. Although we're not the owners/managers, and we pay \$ to use fields that are sometimes not in great shape- grass, sprinkler heads, etc.

Roland recommendation/suggestion- work toward culture change/mind set... that we can help to improve field conditions. Partner w. communities to serve as 'clearing house' to provide info to towns, etc. on how to improve fields (ex. rotate fields, grass care, fertilizer, etc.) Better for games, player safety, etc. Benefits both the field owners and US!

Liz- suggestion- US Soccer- grant program??

If anyone can identify anyone who's interested contact Roland. Liz, Roland and Debbie will work on communication out to folks

USAfrica (slide): Andy Weiss

They need assistance getting league back up & running – have asked for help. We will help put league back together and hand it back over to them.

Mass Youth Soccer- Jared

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

Good of the Game- (slide)

Safira players

Will greatly miss Angelo Bratsis- referee legend.

Jordan – was named adult referee of the year a few years ago. Became a state trooper- delivered a baby girl on I-95!!!

Adjourned 8:49 PM