



**Massachusetts State Soccer Association**  
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## 2020 Semiannual Meeting Minutes

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual meeting via Zoom**
- **Roll call/Credential check:** 17 votes + 4 board members= 21 votes
  - Andy Weiss (MASS), Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (MASS), Garrett Solomon (MASS), Nadia Sussman (MASS), Debbie Forte (MASS), Liz McQuilkin (MASS), Moulay Ridaoui (MASS), Roland Butzke (CM035), Deidre “Dee” Woolley (EMWSL), Michelle Sherman (OCWSL), Brian Hessler (OSSL), Evan Milho (FA1), Jim Antonakas (NECL), David Partridge (CMTSL), Matt Sciandra (BSSL), Nilda Morris (Appeals Committee Chair), Jess Berry (Rules Committee), Lisa Zagura (EMWSL), Jim Buza (NEOTHSL), JP Musanda (National Cups), Jared Scarpaci (MYSA), Keith Clark (CCASL), Yaoui Jondoh (MA Futsal), Luke DeJeus rep Danielle Athanasiadis (NECL), Paul Athanasiadis (State Games Assignor), Emily Rollender (MA Futsal), Joao Barata (NSLPro23), Steve Robinson (NSLPro23), Rafael Santos (MSSL), Diana McKee
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved
- **Unfinished/Ongoing Business –**
  - TeamSnap update – \$39 per team, purchased 75 accts. Renewal Date 3/31, 2021. Only 7 sold during the shut down, currently 52 teams registered with TeamSnap. Extended offer all MASS members (not just managers).
  - “CPLP” Torneio Lusófonos – postponed to July 2021. US Soccer Grant 10,000, \$5,000 funds received to date. Teams will represent their community.
  - Mass Soccer Indoor League at Bosse – Advertised for 2021 sessions, hope for January start – 4 team bubbles (Open, O30, O40, Coed). Team registration only - no deposit required to save space.

### **Reports of Officers – summary report given for Executive Committee –**

- Andy – State referee administrator – announced resignation end of 2020. Replacement TBA.
- D&O Insurance – likely disappearing end of 2020; new policy purchased.
- COVID updates and positive outputs: training videos, guidelines (4 major changes this fall from the state of MA), waivers, overall focus to sustain the organization (MASS)
- **Financial Statement by Treasurer – reported by Moulay**
  - Financials accepted as submitted.
  - Budget: approved as stated.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
  - **Rule Committee (Jess)** - No conflicts or items to report
  - **Disciplinary Committee (Garrett)** – 1 hearing next week.
  - **Appeals** - No items to report
  - **Referee Committee (Diana)** –US Soccer rolled over registrations to 2021. If someone didn’t officiate in 2020, they can attend recertification, with no fee taken.

- **Coaching-** (Andre Ferreira) Created and posted “Small Group Training” videos and ACL Injury Prevention Training
  - **National Cup Committee** – (JP Musanda)
    - Amateur Cup – 2019/2020 finally played. Brockton defeated GPS Omens 2-0.
    - Mengel O30 cup –declared Safira & Battery Park Gunners co-champs.
    - Champions Cup 2020 – 8 teams entered. Brockton defeated Providence City 4-1 in final.
    - 2020 – Amateur Cup Tourney - 12 teams registered. All games played. Final – Safira defeated Brockton 2-1.
  - **Registrar Report** – worked on retention of players.
    - “Risk Free Renewal” offered at discounted rate. 933 people renewed as part of program.
    - Players who did not play in 2021, offered one year extension. 951 wanted extension.
    - Recruitment –U23 free year (129 new players), 2021 – promote with Mass Youth Soccer.
    - Current Registration – 11,126; 50/50 split for expiration 2020/2021.
    - New Player Waivers – players need to sign to play in 2021.
  - **Media/Relations (Lisa, Debbie, Abraham, Liz)** – Big team effort. New YouTube Channel. Facebook Live Feed (reached 3.3K in Amateur Cup Final)
  - **Operations:** Play on – 6 leagues resumed play. EMWSL – scrimmaging in small pods, open training. MASS hosted 2 Cups – Champions and Amateur Cup
- **Election(s):**
    - None
  - **Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws** –
    - None
  - **New/Other Business**
    - Directors & Officers Insurance – New Policy includes COVID defense, covers league presidents/directors, subcommittee members of MASS now included
    - Mask wearing – as of now mandatory
    - Soccer Fest: Final decision TBA at the end of February 2021
    - Responsibility of the activity organizer – to uphold guidelines
    - Three Affiliation Requests:
      - North Atlantic Futsal League (Based in Milford, MA) – approved
      - Vineyard Football Club – (Based in Martha’s Vineyard) – approved
      - Club Champions League of New England (old name NSLPro23) - approved
  - **Adjournment (8:58pm)**