



# Massachusetts State Soccer Association

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2018 Semiannual Meeting  
*Approved 4/24/18 at 2019 AGM*

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 19 votes + 4 board members= 23 votes
  - Roland Butzke (CM035), Lisa Zagura (proxy for EMWSL), Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (proxy for Garrett Solomon - MassSoccer), Nadia Sussman (MassSoccer), Debbie Forte (MassSoccer), Liz McQuilkin (MassSoccer), Andy Weiss (MassSoccer), Jim Antonakas (NECL), Waldecy DaSilva (NESL), JP Musanda (Cup Commissioner), Kevin Griffith (BSSL), David Partridge (Twilight League), Colleen Kelly (OCWSL), Jim Buza (NEOTHSL), Sal Afonseca (USAfrica), Nilda Morris (Appeals Committee Chair), Moulay Ridaoui (MassSoccer), Jess Berry (Rules Committee), Andre Ferreira (Coaching Director), John Stack (Guest), Joselito Ventura (Mass Soccer League.), Kate Painter (EMWSL), Soorena Farboodmanesh (MassFutsal)
  
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved
- **Unfinished Business** –
  - Website Updates: included with Reports of Officers
- **Reports of Officers** – summary report given for Executive Committee
  - Registration is open for 2019-2020
  - Insurance is now calendar year
  - Website updates:
    - Field database has been launched
    - Resources tab enhancements: Health & Safety
      - AED Subsidy & ordering
      - USSF's Recognize to Recover Modules
    - Annual Calendar & Upcoming events
    - Mass Soccer gear from We Got Soccer
      - 10% discount on full site
      - Looking to getting discounts on uniforms
    - Forthcoming:
      - Way to search for free agent players
      - Guest Players
      - Team Snap- discount or Sports Edge Engine Functionality
        - Sports Edge Engine demo forthcoming
      - USSF's Safe Soccer information from Safe Sport Act under "Health and Safety"
      - Watch Local Sports! (similar to EMWSL)
      - Looking to simplify the home page
  
- **Financial Statement** – reported by Moulay
  - Financials accepted as submitted.



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## • Standing Committee Reports

- **Rule Committee** - No conflicts or items to report
- **Disciplinary Committee** - No conflicts or items to report
- **Appeals** - No items to report
- **Referee Report** – No items to report
- **Coaching**- no items to report
- **National Cup Committee** – USASA
  - Amateur Cup now: 2 teams in June regional finals
  - Fricker Open Cup in March /April 2019
  - Region 1 Indoor Tournament Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>; Northeast Division hosted by MASS Soccer
  - SoccerFest July 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster, MA
- **Registrar Report** –
  - Insurance now January – December coverage
  - In future, may use USSF #'s instead of MA IDs

## • Election(s):

- Media Relations – Lisa Zagura. Elected.

## • Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

- None

## • New Business

- Approval of New Leagues –MassFutsal
  - Approved, Unanimous
- USASA Membership
  - Trending down, but Massachusetts has increased over past few years
  - MA has lowest registration cost
    - Some other state fees include medical insurance/player
    - Pending budget, there is margin for fee increase
- New England Sports for Women- Kate Painter
  - New Balance Cleat Drive with EMWSL
  - Pursuing 300+ acre campus for women's sports- 5 pitches to start
  - Part of NE Health study on females
  - Looking for more biotech and healthcare partners
  - Looking to bring women's professional sports team to area
- USASA Safe Sport
  - Objective to protect children from abuse
  - Limit players < 18 1:1 time with adults
  - Makes adults mandatory reporters & could have criminal implications
  - Training forthcoming
- Referee Assignment of Match Officials Policy
  - The assignor is in violation if an unaffiliated or uncertified referee is assigned
  - Referee assignors would pay referees if policy is violated
  - League's responsibility to find certified referee assignor
  - Link to Mass certified referees on MASS Soccer website
  - **Policy was ratified**
- Director of Referee Recruiting
  - Temporarily remove ad from website
- International Massachusetts Cup/Boston World Cup



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- Model on Unity Cup
- Jim & Andre to organize, Sal to assist when possible
- Use MASS Soccer registered players
- Select 2 dates for tournament
- US Open Cup Bond is \$1,000 held for 60 days
  - Based on history of teams dropping out/ not travel
- USASA Dream Project? - \$3 million for growing sport
- MASS Soccer is now a 501c3, not a 501c4, so can collect sponsorships and donations
  - Difficult for state and local and we lack the expertise
  - We have the data to support website use, membership, etc.
  - Fidelity has >200 foundations for supporting organizations
  - Add a box to MASS Soccer registration to donate some more

• **Good of the Game**

- Steve Siniscalchi of the OTHSL helped save a player's life using an AED purchased through the  
Mass Soccer program.

• **Adjournment**

**Action Items:**

- Moulay- post budget online (from last meeting's minutes)
- Kate Painter, Andre Ferreira and Jim Antonakas- Work on USASA Dream grant for MASS Soccer World Cup
- Andre Ferreira and Jim Antonakas- select 2 days for MASS Soccer World Cup tournament
- Ceasar- Look into \$1k bond holding time (60 days)
- Member leagues and teams- provide Liz McQuilkin with number of teams using Team Snap
- Website team- add a box to registration payment for "extra donation"
- Website team- add link to MASS certified referees website



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