



# Massachusetts State Soccer Association

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

November 1, 2017

- **Roll call/Credential check:** 17 votes + 3 board members= 20 votes
  - Lisa Zagura (EMWSL), Peter Silverman (CM035), John Stack (CM035), Nadia Sussman (MassSoccer), Russ Wolf (MSRC), Joselito Ventura (Mass League), Deidre Woolley (EMWSL), Liz McQuilkin (MassSoccer), Jessica Berry (EMWSL), Debbie Forte (MassSoccer), Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki (MassSoccer), Joao Pereira (NELASA), Peter Kokolski (MSRC), Jim Antonakas (NECL), Garrett Solomon (MassSoccer).
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Approved – pending names included.
- **Reports of Officers** – summary report given for Executive Committee
  - USASA – Deal signed with Abenity – email sent to members to sign up for discounts
  - Mass Youth Soccer – how to filter the youth players in to the adult leagues. Idea of joint effort to run a U-23 league (hope to happen summer of 2018)
  - Survey sent out to MassSoccer Community – pretty good response. Members looking for discounts (tickets, apparel)
  - Ongoing National effort regarding how states gets to pick how to elect the person who runs the referee committee for each state. Federalize state referee program? Work in progress, a lot of debate without resolution thus far.
  - Cezar – note National ByLaw changes: 1. working on standard requirements for semi-pro players, 2. Budget for USASA is at \$300,000 deficit – not good. Liability insurance issues due to two huge cases in the last year, 3. Reduce fee per individual player nationally – was voted down by National Board
  - Officer reports approved as is.
- **Unfinished Business** – reported by Andy
  - **5 Year Plan for MassSoccer:** a lot of positive work and feedback. See handout.
  - Discussion of what operative reserves should be; new policy accepted.
- **Financial Statement** – Moulay absent, reported by President
  - Financials accepted as submitted.
  - Insurance is open and available to players though no one has opted in, line remains on the budget.
- **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-** New appointment of Coaching Director – Andre Ferreira
  - **National Cup Committee** – No report.
  - **Registrar Report** – No report – see below.
  
- **Election(s):**
  - None.
  
- **Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws** –
  - None.
  
- **New Business**
  - Appointments: Peter Kokolski - (New SRA), thanked Chris Camille stepped down from being Coaching director, New Coaching Director Andre Ferreira
  - Social Media Director – in search for one
  - Community Survey – 677 responses (league admin, coaches, players – every league responded) – people looking for discounts (game tickets and clothing were top two), more indoor/winter options and coaching license courses/coaching courses.
  - Field List Project – collecting soccer field data in the state and making a database for all to access, member benefit. Not posted on the internet yet.
  - Many people have yet to renew their memberships, prompted leagues to put out a blast to their leagues/teams.
    - How to handle coaches and players who have been recently suspended with registration? Important that reports are made and registered.
  - Pass Card Proposal: Stop sending automatic hard copies of the MassSoccer ID card. Do we keep getting the hard copy mandatory, make it optional, online access okay to show off a phone? Work towards getting an app so people can have it show up quicker.
    - If MassSoccer is sending a team to a tourney out of state, we will get them cards (low incidence)
    - New Player to MassSoccer, gets free ID card.
    - Will prompt people to update photo every 5 years.
    - Voted to stop automatic distribution of player passcards, individuals can opt to purchase one for an additional fee when they renew their registration – approved.
    - MassSoccer Membership card proposed and ‘joining’ kit/packet
  - League Fee Policy Proposal – incentive for league level participation in certain activities with MassSoccer.
    - Approved at \$400 for league fee
  - MSSL Unpaid Balance – tabled.
  
- **Good of the Game**
  - None reported
  
- **Adjournment**