

Melrose Youth Soccer - November 08 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Rich Altonaga	Heather McSween
Bob Lynch-Galvin	Carlos Charry
Sean O'Brien	Steve Finley
Steve Silveira	Dennis McCarthy
Gary Smith	

Rich Altonaga called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Secretary's Report

- Heather accepted the assignment to record the November meeting minutes
- The October meeting minutes were accepted as presented
- Scholarship nominations for three families (totaling 4 travel registrations) approved.
- Board agreed to form a scholarship sub-committee to establish a process moving forward with scholarship requests. Sub-committee to be chaired by Sean O'Brien with participation from: Carlos Charry, Dennis McCarthy, Bill DeSimone, and Bob L-G. Items discussed for possible inclusion include:
 - Application
 - Deadline – vote on all requests @ one time
 - Limit amount awarded per season
 - Ask for volunteering as form of payment (take flags down etc)
 - Soliciting donations for scholarships during registration process
- Need replacement for Webmaster. Candidate needs to have expertise in PHP programming and extensive SQL knowledge. Job-opening to be posted on web-site. Board members need to seek out volunteers.
- Beth resigned from Board – volunteered to continue coordinating MAYS tryouts. Board OK with Beth continuing in this role.

Treasurer's Report (Rich submitted on behalf of Janice)

- All coach reimbursement checks not cashed may be submitted for payment now. Coordinators to notify coaches.
- Adminsports paid MYS \$8695 last week for registrations; account is at approximately 16K.

Registrars' Report

- Registration open until November 30th for City and U16/U18 Travel (U10T through U14T closed 11/2/08). Registration numbers for the spring (to date) are:

Program	Total
Boys U10 Travel	33
Boys U12 Travel	46
Boys U14 Travel	34
Boys U16 Travel	16
Boys U18 Travel	11
Girls U10 Travel	31
Girls U12 Travel	62
Girls U14 Travel	63
Girls U16 Travel	26
Girls U18 Travel	8
U10 City	42
U6 City	53
U8 City	139
Grand Total	564

Registrars' Report, continued

- Bob LG noted that spring registration total was 669.
- Reminders sent via email to fall 08 registrants and spring 08 registrants about 11/30/08 deadline.
- Discussion took place surrounding child who wants to play down in U8 league due to cognitive issues. League does not allow players to play down in age groups due to physical size. Suggested TOPS program run out of Winchester. Bob LG to refer parent to TOPS.

Field Scheduler

- Meeting for spring season to take place with Joan Bell December 15th. Carlos/Dennis and Rich to attend. Initial discussions indicate:
 - No U10 field on WSK. WSK will be for full-size games only
 - ESK questionable for spring 09 season.
 - Cabbage Patch to be shared with Lacrosse
 - MYS has Roosevelt, alternating schedule at Pine Banks, and Franklin fields.
 - U12 field in jeopardy – we need a home for U12.
- Carlos to complete permit application for Stone Zoo field.

Field Manager

- Dennis moved nets off Hesseltine and secured them.
- Bill and Dennis to move nets on WSK Friday 11/28
- Dennis removing nets off common goals and securing Dean's lockbox at WSK.
- Wants to engage in discussion with City about repairing ESK. City ruined field last winter – Rich suggested going to mayor with article posted online over a year ago about ESK being designated for U12 soccer.

Travel report

- Rosters submitted to MYSL and imported in to Sportsmanager successfully.
 - Three Boys U10 teams : roster sizes 12-11-10
 - Three Girls U10 teams: roster sizes 10-11-10
 - Three Boys U12 teams: roster sizes 15-15-15 *1 player wait-listed*
 - Five Girls U12 teams: roster sizes 12-12-12-13-13
 - Two Boys U14 teams: roster sizes 16-18
 - Four Girls U14 teams: roster sizes 15-16-16-16
- Division placement request submitted – to be discussed in January
- Payment for 20 teams \$4,540.00 mailed to MYSL Registrar
- Travel photoID cards underway – ordered paper from MAYS – only missing approximately 9 photos of players: emails sent to parents requesting photos
- Still need a few coach photos – in progress: Passcards due January
- U16/U18 imports to start 1st week in January; U16/U18 photo ids due February 3rd.
- Girls U16/U18 in progress. Bill handling. Girls selected for MAPLE team will be withdrawn from system so they aren't included in our reports. Rich to attend MYS banquet 12/3 and will try to get more players.
- Travel season starts 4/5/2009 and ends 6/15/1009

City League Report

U10

- Steve Silveira reported that the fall league went well. Championship game under lights was exciting. Game went in to over-time. Steve to submit suggestions for U10 City league at December or January 09 meeting.

U8

- Sean O'Brien reported that the fall league went well. Results of survey monkey were positive. Sean distributed his ID and password to members in attendance at meeting.
- Coach plaques worked in meeting. Sean to distribute. Heather and Bob took some travel plaques for distribution. Missing plaques for several teams; Sean to f/u with photographer.

Munchkins

- Gary reported that Munchkins went extremely well. Coaches went through MAYS training – goals/objectives were clear. People bought in to philosophy. MAYS would like to see more scrimmages.
- Gary feels higher level of play is coming out of Munchkins program.

Referee Coordinator

- Referee payments from MYSL for travel distributed 11/24/08. Steve to coordinate City payments.

Co-President's Report

- Rich Altonaga stated that he will have expense report for December meeting. May need to raise travel fees.
- Revolution tickets invoice due soon. Board agreed to continue purchasing season tickets with a few requests to increase number of tickets.
- Bill to purchase t-shirts for U16/U18 players. Need to look at smaller uniform sizes for U8/U10 and U10/U12/U14 travel. Uniforms still too big.
- Winter Skills clinic information posted on web-site and sent to all players via email.

New Business

- Use of linesman in spring season for U12 and U14 D1 and D2 games. Steve Finley to investigate and come up with proposal. Melrose would pay \$10-\$15 per linesman for games.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59: Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 22nd 7-9PM.