

## Melrose Youth Soccer February 2009 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rich Altonaga at 7:00 p.m.

### In attendance

Rich Altonaga, Krissy Carter, Carlos Charry, Bill DeSimone, Steve Finley, Bob Lynch-Galvin, Janice Mancini, Dennis McCarthy, Heather McSween, Sean O'Brien, Steve Silveira, Gary Smith

### Secretary

- The January 2009 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

### President

- Winter Skills Budget – Bill will bring copies to the next Board meeting
- MAPLE Budget - Bill will bring copies to the next Board meeting

### Fields

- Carlos is going to meet with Pine Banks regarding games and practice times (currently practice time 6-9 pm (M, W)).
- Carlos' contact #: 617.233.4301
- No changes from last month's status:
  - U-14: WSK
  - U-12: Carlos would like to have games and practice at the ESK (if not, then Upper Franklin)
  - U-10: Upper Franklin and Cabbage Patch (Middle School)
  - U-8: Lower Franklin and Cabbage Patch (Middle School)
  - U-6: Greenwood Park (across from Stone Zoo)

### Field Manager

- Dennis reported that the fields are wet and frozen.
- Cell #: 781.640.7789
- Email update: dmccarthy104@gmail.com

### City League

- The Board determined that David Valade is not ready at this time to assume the position of City U10 Coordinator (to replace Steve Silveira).
- No change to rule proposal change [City U-10]: *Limit teams to 11 players. Although you could, in a pinch, get away with 12 players in the spring because there are so many absences. But, in the fall 12 players is too many. Playing 6 v 6, having 11 players allows you to switch out everyone but the goalie midway through the quarter.* The Board agreed no change to current rule.
- Start date for the City league: April 18<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> (with no games on Memorial Day weekend) and a potential June 20<sup>th</sup> rain date. This allows for at least 12 games/weekend.

### Munchkins

- Gary reported that no new equipment is needed for this year
- 1 MAYS coach used per week

### Coach Education

- Coach education will happen again this year. Mass Youth Soccer recommends smaller teams
- Possibly use 1 MAYS teaching person (or Middlesex) for skills: start with one group (this spring) U12 girls (travel): 2 hour block; 2 practices + 1 additional session (skills)
- Give coaches assignment; more clinical (come prepared to present – based on real life situations)

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### **Travel League**

- Heather has arranged to have Shawn Harty attend our March meeting to present Sportsmanager to the Board. Sportsmanager would be less work; Admin Sports is confusing to work with (coaches); 20-30 hours last registration period (importing to Middlesex); no cost to switch back; same cut % is taken as Admin Sports; Heather would like the cutover to be for the fall season
- MYSL Placement – status at the February meeting: U10-U14 placements final; U16-U18 were not final; as of 3/16/2009: all team placements are final.
- Rosters have been approved and final
- Coach ID signatures not required moving forward. Heather already has them for the spring.
- 3/24 coaches meeting changed from 3/24 to 3/26: Girls 6:30PM Boys 8PM
- Travel starts 4/4 – 6/6; 4/5 (U-16)
- Tryouts: TBD

### **Tryouts**

- Need to lock in dates and tell Registrar. Beth hasn't confirmed these dates yet.

### **Referee Items**

- Steve Finley Cell: 781.254.5324
- Email to find referees?
- Steve to check in couple of weeks from February meeting to see what's left for classes. No March classes in Chelmsford
- If refs not recertified, they can do City League (as long as they are patched)

### **Website**

- Carlos reported that he can post excel files to the website (for schedules).
- No travel schedules should be posted on the MYS website.

### **New Business**

- Coach Reimbursement
- Sportsmanager vs Admin Sports

### **Next Meeting**

March 30, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m., Melrose Public Library