

The meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2009

In attendance

Rich Altonaga, Krissy Carter, Carlos Charry, Bill DeSimone, Steve Finley, Bob Lynch-Galvin, Dennis McCarthy, Janice Mancini, Heather McSween, Brad Michaels, Gary Smith, David Valade

Secretary

- The May 2009 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

President

- Commissioner's Cup last weekend. GU14 won. MTOC – Rich will be referee (Lancaster MA). Policy going forward for Divisional champs: Heather will send write-up for proposal for future policy. Div 1 and Div 2 – Divisional winner; Div 3 and Div 4 – can't go to MTOC, can compete in Comm. Cup; Comm. Cup - Div 3 and Div 4; MTOC – Div 1 and Div 2; Middlesex League Champs. Today – we will give \$15 a player to use toward a tee-shirt at the States. They don't win their division until they compete (and win) in playoffs.

Equipment

- Bill gave an update on uniforms: U6, U8, U10 prices stay same. 250 sets of uniforms for Munchkins (based on #'s from Gary). 140 shin guards- all set; Bill ordered 72 #3's (can use those for U8). Videos-120 (U8 & U10 combined) – supply good on videos. 429 U8 & U10 combined: order 600 uniforms. U10 gets new shirts (reversible), shorts and socks for all players.
- Travel: \$28.25 (\$30)/2 shirts (1 red/1 white) with #'s on back, logo on front, coaches shirt (MYS in addition to their logo – Inaria), 1 ball per team, socks, shorts (both red). If we sign in for 2 years, we get same price both years. They will sort the stock as well. Have to pay 20% deposit when order submitted. Balance COD. 4-5 wks turnaround. Coach's shirts ALL travel, U6, U8 City and U10 City. Board did not like mock turtleneck; order collar shirts for each coach (approx 80 shirts) with MYS on red shirt, white writing.

Registrar

- Fall 2009 - 894 registrants to date, as compared to end of Aug 2008 (911).
- U6 -110 (7 WL); U8-282 (4 WL); U10-147 (4 WL); Travel – 250
- Registration is now closed. Waiting List is all paid.
- Board confirmed start of Fall season: Travel & City 9/12/2009.

SportsManager

- Logins needed. Heather has admin pw; Carlos has had it in the past as field scheduler. It is also password for creating rosters. Ideally, we would like to have an admin login and then 1 login/password for each age coordinator, field scheduler. Heather has asked Shawn to look into that option. Until resolution-admin pw will be emailed to Sean, Brad, Gary & David.
- FAQ on age groups? No user guides. Questions? Call Shawn Harty.

Field Scheduler

- Carlos introduced David to Joan Bell so he'll know what to do for the fall. Melrose permit main contact: Joan Bell; Stoneham: Wed & Sat; Sun afternoon only; we seeded the other days to the Charter School. Pine Banks: John Burgess is contact (have had issues obtaining permits in past).
- Roosevelt field in fall is not too bad. We have a permit – we never use it. Need U10 size soccer field.

Treasurer

- Janice provided Profit & Loss for January-May 2009

City League

- U10 City has an abundance of coaches (approx 21), 14 asst coaches. Brad emailed all volunteers inquiring about experience, then ranked them accordingly. 12 have G or F licenses. Board: top priority is getting coaches up to speed. MYS sponsors licensing course through MAYS. We will reimburse if they take a course in another town (on MAYS) that we don't offer (ie scheduling conflicts, etc.). Reimbursement happens when they get their certificate.
- Last year we had 12 teams. This year we have 14 teams.
- Where do we put the practices and games? Cabbage Patch (8:30 start end @ 4:30) used by U10 last year (we will have that again this Fall) and the Common. 1 hr 10 min allocated per game. U10 – 1 field will be sufficient. Brad will have coaches meeting in August (2 wks prior to season start). License is not mandatory, but strongly recommended.

Travel

- Travel registration information came out today. Approx \$4160 for Fall.
- Team totals: Boys U10-5, U12-7, U14-3; Girls U10-3, U12-5, U14-3. Concerned about U12 fields. SF1 is turf (baseball) SF2 Sylvan St, SF3 lights. John hasn't given us SF3. U12 – we need 1 good field for games. Pine Banks – Malden scheduling has been problematic.
- Travel – 4 or 5 games on Saturdays.
- Regarding one U14 girl - not paid: was going to pay at tryouts, did not. Scholarship granted.

Coach Development

- Gary to send blanket email encouraging coaches to take MAYS license courses.
- Last 3 years. Sample practice from MAYS for U6 coaches.
- Patch program – would like 2 hrs/wk to run option U8 U10 skills practice; revolves around patches based on 4 different skill levels. Not too expensive. We just need the field space. David: we'd need to do it when no other practices/games are impacted. Wait for schedule for U8 and U10. MAYS will send out their coaches for 2 hr min. Carlos has a guy that will do it for U10 (1 hr/every 2 wks) for free. Rich thinks we should do both. U10 and U8 city and pre-season clinics for coaches and asst coaches: U6, U8, U10, combine U12/U14: 1 ½ hr session
- G & F licenses are common; E (needed); skip D clinic: 4-8 hrs—not needed. Offer E license.

Miscellaneous

- Question about player who enrolled, but dropped out and expected only to lose 10% of cost. Decision by Board is to refund her 50% (as stated on MYS site [current policy]).
- Carlos doesn't think we should impose charge late fee until we pay \$ out. Discussion: hard to manage 'gray area' (4 hours late vs 2 days late). Rich wants suggestions in writing to discuss at future Board meeting.
- Summer Soccer Clinics -Heather will send out email tomorrow.

Referee Items

- We are in good shape for Fall. 3 or 4 new kids signing up.
- Steve submitted payment to Janice for refs for Spring 2009.

Field Manager

- All fields are closed except WSK (will be done this Wednesday 6/24).
- Pine Banks – goals are broken (Rugby field) and should be removed. Everything will be in locker by Sat (6/27).