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The meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. on March 22, 2010

**In attendance**

Rich Altonaga, Krissy Carter, Bill DeSimone, Bob Lynch-Galvin, Janice Mancini, Brad Michaels, Gary Smith, David Valade

Also in attendance were the following individuals who expressed an interest in volunteering on the MYS BOD:  
John Flynn, Mark Donahue, Bianca DeLuca, Tom Vait

**Secretary**

- The February 2010 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

**President**

- Discussion with BOD members and outside volunteers regarding open positions [potential replacement]:
  - Referee Coordinator/Assignor [Mark Donahue]
  - Registrar [Bianca DeLuca]
  - U8 City Coordinator (could be 2 positions: U7 and U8) [John Flynn (U8)]
  - Boys Travel Coordinator: Bob L-G will take over this position if Registrar is filled
  - Girls Travel Coordinator (minus administrative piece)
  - Field Manager
  - Vice President
  - Communications Director
  - Volunteer Coordinator
- Fields – Joan Bell: Melrose (Parks Department) has committed to fix ESK and will fund it; timing is expected in the Fall (2010).
- Sexual abuse with children: Rich attended meeting with the Mayor about a program to increase sensitivity around sexual abuse. The website is [darknesstolight.org](http://darknesstolight.org) – this is a roadmap which focuses in on this issue and helps raise awareness.

**Equipment**

- 8:00 Saturday – equipment distribution

**Treasurer**

- Received one check from Stoneham Sports
- Received check from UniRoyal from Fall program

**Registrar**

- Spring 2010 Registrations (as of 3/22/2010):
  - Total: 638 (counting waitlists)
    - U6 – 80
    - U6 W/L - 4
    - U8 – 164
    - U8 W/L - 2
    - U10C – 91
    - U10C W/L - 0
    - B10T – 34
    - G10T – 32
    - B12T – 52
    - G12T – 58

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- B14T – 33
- G14T – 50
- B16T – 6 (?)
- G16T – 17
- B18T – 10
- G18T – 0
- Travel Waitlist – 2 (DiFranco, Gates)
- *For Reference - Spring 2009 Registrations (as of 3/30/2009):*
  - *Total: 702 (3 WL)*
    - U6 – 86
    - U8 – 193 (1 WL)
    - U10C – 66 (1 WL)
    - B10T – 34
    - G10T – 31
    - B12T – 46 (1 WL)
    - G12T – 61
    - B14T – 34
    - G14T – 65
    - B16T – 18
    - G16T – 30
    - B18T – 17
    - G18T – 7
- Two affiliation submissions to MA Youth Soccer have been completed.
  - Would like to only do one additional submission (possibly 2 depending on number of coaches/assistant coaches assigned. No volunteers should be assigned after the first week of the season.)
- Plan for Fall Registration dates
  - Need tryout dates: Andrew and Bob L-G need to discuss and provide dates back to BOD
- Bob Bigelow (*Let the Kids Play* author) speaking engagement update
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday) 7:30-9:30: Melrose Highland Congregational Church
- Feedback from MYSL on SportsManager deficiencies
  - Rich spoke to John Linehan about issue Bob reported – but item wasn't formally on MYSL meeting. No other complaints. Rich will circle back.

#### Field Scheduler

- David mentioned the state of Greenwood – currently has 3 ft of water on it. Concern over field not draining before season begins.
- Field status provided by David:
- I have all the permits with the exception of Pine Banks RF1 (hope to have that Monday). Here is how I'm planning the season:
  - Munchkins – Greenwood
  - U8 – Franklin Lower (painted for 2 teams)
  - U10C – WSK, Cabbage Patch (Games only)
  - U10T – Franklin Upper
  - U12 – ESK
  - U14/16/18 – WSK / RF1
  - I've updated Sportsmanager and updated / confirmed all the travel games. Note that at this point all the U14 games are on WSK. I don't know which weekends we have RF1. When we get the permit I'll do what I can to move some games to RF1. I know I'll need to work with the referee coordinator to do this.

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- For U10C I updated Sportsmanager with availability for games. I didn't do this for U8 because Sean didn't use it in the fall. I can activate the fields for U8 if need be. Brad, let me know if you plan to schedule practices in SM and I'll add those times as well.
- I've sent out requests to travel coaches for practice times. I'll work on that over the next few days as things come in.
- One note for U10C: We only have WSK Mon/Tues/Thurs from 5:30-dusk. That provides 12 practice slots assuming that two teams are on the field at a time. With eight teams this should be enough. If there is anyone who needs to practice on another night then I'll work with Brad and either put them on Franklin Upper or Greenwood.
- There are two dates I need to blackout. One is on the Cabbage Patch. The mayor is doing some sort of health fair. I'm not sure where the other one will be. I've asked Joan to send them to me. Once I get them I'll update Sportsmanager. I'm hoping that the second blackout is not a Saturday on ESK. If it is I'll have a bit of scrambling to put U12 somewhere!
- At this point I have U12 on ESK. We probably will be able to play there. Joan is going to paint both ESK and Franklin Upper with U10 and U12 lines. I believe we have enough U12 nets to have a set at each location and to keep the ones at Greenwood to be used for practices. Once the field has been painted Joan is going to repair the damaged spot near the coach's area. She's waiting to see the layout so she'll know where to fix. If we still have water problems I'll swap U10 and U12. There is enough area that stays dry at ESK for a U10 field.

#### **Field Manager**

- Port-a-potty's have been ordered for the season

#### **Munchkins**

- Gary needs approximately 12 or so copies of *The Novice Coach* DVD
- Munchkins starts April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **City League**

- U10 going smoothly – indoor practices starting on 3/29
- Fields open on 4/3; 1<sup>st</sup> game on 4/10; season ends 6/12
- Leave Memorial Day available for makeup games (no scheduled games this weekend)
- Cabbage Patch (9-12 on Sat) and WSK games. Brad would like to consider getting in 3 games on CP, starting earlier in the day.

#### **Travel**

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#### **Coach Development**

- Gary proposed to make changes to coaching manual on the website as it may be outdated. Manual includes Coaches Code of Conduct from MYSL as well as BOD positions. Gary will update and send for review to board.
- Coach licensing – U7/U8 should get G course (online) – and will be reimbursed upon completion of course. In the Fall, we should run the F course, then the E course the following Spring.
- Mass State Privacy Act – does MYSL have guidelines? Rich will follow-up with MYSL to see what we should be doing/not doing.
- Challenger Soccer program – Beverly uses this. The concept is to bring over (paid) trainers from Britain, set them up with housing, etc. You can define how they assist with your program (run

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clinics, coaching, etc.) \$7,000 [35 hrs/wk] total of 8 weeks. Basic skills needed; incorporate player/coach training.

- Gary is proposing U8 clinics during the week – integrate during practice. David offered to help Gary set up process and teach skills, etc. Brad will collaborate with his U10 coaches to see what help they may need.

**Referee Items**

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**Miscellaneous**

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