

McLean Youth Soccer Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2015

McLean Community Center

Board Members Present

James Socas – Chair

Sharon King-Donahue – Vice Chair

Kirk Von Seelen- Treasurer *by conference*

Richard Irons – Recreation Director

Marc Noe – Travel Director

Matt Richardson – Field Director

Beth Singer – At Large

John Poncy – At Large *by conference*

Mariano Diaz-Bonilla – At Large

Louise Waxler – Executive Director

MYS Staff Present

Julie Caramanica – Assistant Administrator

Kelly Key – Finance Director

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by James Socas, Chair.

II. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2015

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 12, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

III. Executive Director Updates

Executive Director, Louise Waxler, introduced Julie Caramanica who will be serving as Administrative Assistant to Melissa Riemer.

The Executive Director Report was sent prior to the meeting by e-mail. Louise reported that registration numbers remain consistent at approximately 3100 about players. She reported that Marianna Sullivan is relocating and will not return as Recreations Program Director. Two individuals have been identified and appear to be good candidates. Interviews will be conducted and a target date of July 1 is planned to have this person in place.

Louise announced that Diane Drake has joined the club as the U8-U12G AGD. Diane is the former Women's Coach at George Mason University. She coached at Georgetown prior to this position. Diane will also host a college prep camp this summer in McLean.

Travel team tryouts are being conducted. Marc Noe, Travel Director will discuss the program in his report. The majority of offers for coaching are complete. Some assistant coach positions are still open. There was discussion about whether coaching salaries in McLean are comparable to other area clubs.

Recognizing that it is a competitive market for top coaching talent, McLean will continue to do a salary survey every two to three years in addition to looking at fees charged by other area clubs for travel and recreation playing. Louise met with a group of area travel directors in April and she believes McLean is in line with others.

It was reported that it is planned to have two more teams in each age group in the CCL. CCL does not have roster limitations and movement between teams makes team management easier.

McLean Day is set for Saturday, May 16, 2015 and the 2014-2015 and MYS will be hosting various activities. The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm at McLean Community Center.

IV. Fields Committee Report

Field Director, Matt Richardson, summarized the Field Report that was distributed by e-mail. Louise reported that the expected start date for Police Field is July 6th and the projected finish date is August 3. Field Turf has sent samples for artificial surfaces. A request for approval to sign the turf contract was made. The Board authorized the Fields Committee to review the contract and, as long as the total construction cost for the Police Field remains on budget (projected costs are \$450,000), the committee should select the turf it feels is most appropriate for the use and move forward with the contract.

There was discussion about the fact that there have been complaints from members that there are too many teams using the practice fields at the same time which results in smaller practice areas for each team. The Board acknowledged that field space continues to be an issue (especially lighted space). The Fields Committee will confer with the technical staff about what are the optimal field size training requirements and consider this in conjunction with the field strategy.

It was reported that the County has approached MYS to consider a proposal to jointly fund and turf a small-sided field at Spring Hill Rec Center known as field #4. The County will cover half the cost for the turf field on Spring Hill Rec 4 which means the cost to MYS would be approximately \$100,000. There was general support by the Board for continuing to explore the proposal once the budget for 2015-16 has been finalized and we know the final costs associated with the Police Field.

V. Recreation Director Report

Recreation Director Rich Irons summarized the Recreation Director Report, which was distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. The Recreation Program has been doing very well and Rich presented some of the ideas the Recreation Committee has been gathering to strengthen the program even further:

- **IDEAS:**
 - Offer Age Group wide optional second practice (assuming there is field space). This would allow rec players to have more time for training without the pressure to attend and by making it age group wide there would be a greater chance to have adequate numbers to conduct a meaningful practice. This could be done with volunteer coaches and perhaps assistance from professional staff.
 - Schedule scrimmages for U12 teams versus U13 teams to get them used to 11 v 11 format.

- Assign coaching mentors to NEW coaches. Have experienced coaches keep in contact with newer coaches to assist with practice planning and tactics.
- Begin discussing the transition to 11 v11 early with the existing U12 coaches, We could have them all meet and use 2-3 seasoned U13+ coaches to talk about their experience and best practices. It was also suggested to have these coaches and players go and watch an 11v11 game to understand its scope first hand.

It was reported that US Soccer is considering changing age groups back to birth year in the fall of 2016. We should not underestimate the impact this could have on teams and will need careful planning for the implementation. According to current available information, it is proposed that clubs would have an additional year to fully implement the change (fall of 2017).

VI. Finance and Budget Review

The Finance Report was distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Finance Director Kelly Key reported that finances are close to budget and income is favorable compared to last year, only slightly below planned. Expenses are greater than last year but a surplus is expected. She reported that the reserve fund is sufficient to cover the projected field development costs for the Police Field.

A draft budget should be ready the end of May for circulation at the June AGM

VII. Executive Session

The Board met in executive session.

Prepared by
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Date

Submitted by
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MYS Board Secretary

Date