

**McLean Youth Soccer
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2017**

Members in Attendance:

James Socas
Sharon King Donohue
Rich Irons
Marc Noe
Laura Mattis
Mariano Diaz Bonilla
Kirk Robertson
Bryan Judd
Matt Richardson
John Poncy
Louise Waxler

Members Not in Attendance:

Michael Kunz

Staff Present:

Keith Tabatznik
Kelly Key
Marcia Sikes

Meeting convened at 7:08 pm.

Motion to approve Minutes of the November Board Meeting - Motion passes

Update on CDC Concussions Grant-
INOVA notified MYS that we can not move forward with the grant application process. INOVA feels there is not enough research/experience.

Executive Director Report-Louise Waxler

- Adopt-A-Field Proposal-
Document has been submitted to the attorney with minor requests; who maintains irrigation system and is responsible for wear and tear on fields? How can the county help with proposed maintenance to help bring our costs down? And what do they provide?
Concerns- will our contractor be grandfathered in? Or does the County contractor take priority? MYS will have priority use of the field via the Adopt-A-Field policy, however other user groups will have availability for field time if MYS is not using the field. Hope to have all concluded by Spring.
- Uniforms-
Meeting with adidas in LA and it has been 2 years so new uniform kits for players will be required for next year. Rising 18 year old teams can continue to use existing uniforms
- Other items discussed-
MYS continues to communicate with MYA. Moving forward with team bank accounts. Looking into using Google Translate for the Spanish speaking

members. Usage is free as opposed to custom or other fee-based translation site.

Travel Report-Keith Tabatznik, DOS

Announced that Louise Waxler has received the NSCAA Youth Lifetime Achievement Award while at the National Coaches Convention in LA.

- Jaime Moreno-
Joining MYS as Player Development Advisor. He is a very talented player/coach and wants to focus on developing 8-12 year old players with some exposure to the older players as well. Having him work with MYS will help attract players and potential staff.
- AGD Reports-
Having them write end of the season reports helps them set goals and see details from the differing age groups. Would like coaches to do post game reports starting this Spring to help set targets, look for trends, would take 10 minutes on Google docs so easy to share.
- College Showcase-
Girls showcase is April 1st in South County. Hope to have feature college game played that weekend but don't know which teams yet. Couldn't set a date for a boys showcase so it has been tabled until next year.
- College Coaches Panel-
Feb 26 at Longfellow Middle School. For players and parents U15 and up with 5 colleges coaches on the panel (3 are MYS coaches as well).
- ECNL Boys update-
Issues won't be resolved before the Spring with closer teams.
- SFL update-
Louise met with the new Exec. Dir of Vienna but they are not ready to talk about a partnership with MYS right now. Rich Irons led a discussion about the pros/cons of SFL. The age group transition had gone better than expected. Will a new rec program be created with other local teams (ie Vienna)? It was suggested that a Rec tournament (in addition to All-Star tournaments) maybe with Vienna and/or South County would be a good idea. All Rec players who could and wanted to could participate as opposed to having to try out for All-Star team.
- ECNL/Girls Academy-
A discussion was had about how the girls academy is struggling. Braddock Road has requested ECNL membership but has not yet been accepted. ECNL is saturated in this area. On-going decisions to be made about where MYS is within these programs.
- Goal Keeper program-
We had 16 keepers participate this winter. John Szaro wants to hold a combined camp for strikers and keepers this summer.
- Camps-

Goal is to elevate entire camp program, bring in more revenue, offer more weeks in the summer. Celtic would like to do camps a bit differently with offering open 9-12 pm mornings and then evening team camps.

- CCL update-
There will be a followup meeting in 2 weeks to go over the 3 year strategic plan; expansion, protocols, competitive destination for colleges. Keith continues to be impressed with the league.
- Celtic update-
Kaitlin Moon (ECNL 00) only girl in the country selected to train in Scotland. Celtic online training sessions are available to member coaches.
- Academy parents meeting-
Met with parents to talk about players not missing opportunities. They like the coach so that helps with retention of players. A discussion followed regarding looking at the soccer framework/"McLean Way" for soccer education/curriculum from ages 5 up to 18 and how to help keep players. How can we find out why they leave? Exit polling? Or poll existing parents on a monthly basis? Melissa and Louise working on a polling questionnaire.

Finance/Budget Report-Kelly Key

Kelly presented a finance report covering cash forecast, field development and maintenance update, and initial FY18 budget look and assumptions. She gave an overview of the cash on hand and the money that has been taken out for the fields at this point. She explained that being 6 months into the budget we haven't gotten all statements yet so her projections are a high level forecast. This year we are a little low on revenue which may have resulted from the age change and we don't anticipate registration increases for now. There was discussion about showing the field expenses separately and Kelly suggested creating an account for fields and would update the budget between now and the March Board meeting. The topic of AGDs becoming more engaged and the importance of the board knowing who is doing what and what the roles and expectations are at that level was discussed. Kelly announced that we have moved our banking to Fulton Bank. That progress is being made to open team accounts with team treasurers. There will be an online portal and expanding of financial aid and transferring of money making the process easier. Hopefully all accounts will be set up by mid-February. MYS received three bids from banks and ultimately chose Fulton. What is done with year-end surplus was discussed and that we need to grow an emergency fund but still keep some surplus funds in the operating account.

Fields Report-Matt Richardson

- Langley Fork-
Progress is moving slowly.
- Grass Fields-
Lewinsville Center grass field is unusable due to construction at the center. Louise noted that most Rec games have been moved from the grass, school fields to turf with all U11 and older age groups. We are trying to reduce use on grass fields but still use some (Longfellow MS, Churchill, Chesterbrook, Spring Hill) for practices mainly. We have improved the fields at Longfellow and Cooper but others use them and they continue to see damage. The grass fields

- are of good use and needed still for teams who often play away games on grass fields.
- Spring Hill 5-
It was proposed that we install lights at SH5 with a cutoff of 8 pm. Surrounding neighborhood says no and that it's more about the extra noise than the lights as the parking lot already has lights. What about portable digital lights?

Miscellaneous-

- Financial Delegation of Authority Matrix was discussed and modified. Motion to approve is passed.
- Dual controls have been put in place now with the bank to prevent any breach/hacking.
- Rich Irons announced a Recreation Committee meeting would take place on January 18, 2017.

The next Board meeting will take place March 13, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Submitted by Marcia Sikes

Approved by Sharon King-Donohue, MYS Vice-Chair