

**McLean Youth Soccer  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2017**

Members in Attendance:

James Socas  
Sharon King Donohue  
Marc Noe  
Laura Mattis  
Kirk Robertson  
Michael Kunz

Members Not in Attendance:

Bryan Judd  
John Poncy  
Rich Irons  
Mariano Diaz-Bonilla  
Matt Richardson

Staff Present:

Louise Waxler, Executive Director  
Keith Tabatznik, Director of Soccer  
Kelly Key, Finance Director

Marc Noe, Chair convened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Motion to approve Minutes of the March Board Meeting - Motion unanimously passed

**Executive Director Report-Louise Waxler**

Highlights of the report that were discussed:

- MYS and ASA partnered to offer a presentation by Dr. Dan Freigang, sports psychologist, on the topic of “Where Does Confidence Come From?” This joint partnership resulted in more than 300+ attendees with Dr. Freigang offering suggested readings for parents/players post-presentation.
- The Holladay field transition to MYS is complete as the club has entered into an Adopt-A-Field Agreement with the FCPA. The club is now using Premier Sports, official county contractor, to provide field maintenance. There are several benefits associated with this new agreement, in particular, the ability to offer sponsorship signage during the season. It was suggested that the club consider sponsoring a community service event at the Spring Hill sites to help promote MYS’ commitment to the community and to demonstrate that the club cares about the neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Langley Forks - NPS has negotiated with FCPA to reduce the number of fields at the park after the land swap. There will now be two turf fields with lights and one grass field without lights. Many issues remain including FCPA master plan adoption, funding, historic use rights, and potential for CIA objection. The date for the land swap remains uncertain.
- WorldStrides/Excel – MYS has entered into a formal three-year agreement to offer MYS players the opportunity to experience international soccer travel. This is a voluntary program and is not required of any player in the club. WorldStrides is a reputable company in operation for 50 years offering travel for sports teams, schools, and

universities with no claims history. The DOS, Keith Tabatznik, was asked to provide input on the values of technical development of the players and coaches and what are the strategic initiatives driving the international trips. Louise will create a MYS travel policy and ask MYS legal counsel to review. Information on the company may be found at <https://worldstrides.com/sports/>. It is important to note that coaches will not serve as chaperones on these trips and the motivation for travel must be tied to technical opportunities for players and whether there are tournaments that can offer MYS players premier competition.

- Financial Aid program had a robust year with more than \$84,000 in aid awarded to recreation and travel players.
- Recreation program is going well under the direction of Kayley Sullivan. There was discussion about how we can encourage more players to come out to All-Star tryouts. Fifteen teams participated in Spring All-Stars. It was suggested that technical leadership could host an All-Star seminar for coaches.
- The South County partnership was discussed in terms of the value to the club. MYS will continue to assess the benefits on an ongoing basis.
- There was discussion of tryout numbers being lower than previous years. Louise Waxler will provide final numbers at the next Board meeting after tryouts have been concluded. This appears to be a trend across clubs with player pools being diverted as a result of the DAs and new leagues.

There was discussion of the potential impact on the club as a result the new leagues that are launching in 2017, i.e. Girls DA and Boys ECNL. The MYS technical leadership will continue proactively monitoring these developments and the future impact this may have on MYS programs.

#### **Director of Soccer Report-Keith Tabatznik**

- Prior to tryouts, a document was distributed to all coaches detailing the tryout protocol.
- Increased roster sizes for some older teams were discussed along with the plan to dual-roster a number of players for CCL and ECNL. The importance of complete transparency in communicating to parents and players on rosters and league play was emphasized. The travel committee will add this to their agenda and Keith Tabatznik will develop a communication plan with the coaches and parents.
- Diane Drake, AGD is leaving MYS for the Girls DA. MYS hopes to promote a new AGD from within the club and all coaches have been notified of the opportunity to apply.
- The coaching curriculum has been completed and will be available for review by the Board. The document will be proprietary to MYS staff. The document will be used for the 2017-18 seasonal year.
- Coaching Rosters – There was discussion about whether coaches should be able to coach their own children. This is generally to be avoided except in rare circumstances approved by the Executive Director in advance. The DOS and technical staff believe assignments are based on the best coach for the age group.
- College Support – The Sport Source  
Due to the CCL negotiating a league wide agreement with the Sport Source we will now have a college service company dedicated to the needs of our aspiring collegiate student-athletes. The program has no “actual cost” to us as it is being paid for by revenue via the CCL-adidas shirt sales. Details of the program will be shared with membership shortly. More details will come after the next CCL meeting in June.

## **Finance**

Kelly Key, Finance Director, presented an addendum to the budget passed at the March 2017 meeting. The purpose of the addendum was to reflect the increased costs associated with funding financial aid, additional training and education funds, accounting outsourcing and additional staff positions. A Motion was made to accept the revised budget. The motion unanimously passed.

## **Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session without staff present. Sharon King Donohue presented a proposed slate of candidates for election to the Board at the AGM. The Board unanimously approved the following slate of candidates for presentation to the membership for election to the Board in June:

- ☐ Renewal of Terms for Existing Board
  - Kirk Robertson        2 yrs.
  - James Socas            2 yrs
- ☐ Election of New Board Members
  - Michael Dalakis        2 yrs.
  - Brian Luwis             2 yrs.
  - Whitney Bergendahl   2 yrs.

**The MYS AGM is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Government Center.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.**

Minutes transcribed by Louise Waxler

Approved by Sharon King Donohue