

McLean Youth Soccer Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2016

Board Members Present:

Mariano Diaz-Bonilla
Richard Irons
James Socas
Marc Noe
John Poncy
Matt Richardson
Kirk Robertson
Beth Singer
Jamie Walton
Louise Waxler – Executive Director

MYS Staff Present:

Keith Tabatznik – Director of Soccer
Clyde Watson – Technical Director

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the MYS Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair James Socas. The Chair welcomed Keith Tabatznik to McLean Youth Soccer as its new Director of Soccer.

Motion to Approve the January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 28, 16 meeting minutes with a correction to add Jamie Walton in attendance at the January meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Executive Director Updates

- VYSA President Denise Edwards will discuss the upcoming age group changes on March 15 at 7:30 pm at McLean High School.
- Recreation Program enrolled is consistent with previous years.
- FCPA has proposed a per player fee and tournament fee Increase for next season. Fees will increase from \$5.50 per player to \$8.00 per player and tournament fees will increase from \$30 per team to \$50 per team. FCPS has also added a 4th season (summer) thereby requiring all field user groups to pay for another season. Numbers remain steady despite predicted fee increases.
- Recreation coaches meeting is scheduled for March 16th; games begin April 2nd

- Letters of Employment for Travel coaches to be distributed this month. However, since the budget will not be approved until May, the Executive Director is seeking Board approval to move forward with offers based on an approved increase pool of 5%. A motion was made and seconded to approve issuing the coaching offers with a 5% increase pool contingent on the Finance Director showing how much is structural and how much is pool merit increases. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Fiscal year 2012 was the last fee increase for the travel program and the budget may necessitate a slight increase in travel fees for 2016-2017.
- It was suggested that the timing for preparing the annual budget be changed such that the budget is approved by the Board in March and prior to coaching offers being extended. The Board supported this recommendation.

III. Fields Committee Report

Matt Richardson gave the report of the Fields Committee.

- MYS is waiting for language from FCPA on the Use Agreement for SH4. FCPA is preparing a draft.
- A public hearing on Langley Forks scheduled on March 23rd to discuss the land swap with the NPS. MYS is preparing a statement of support for the proposed Park.
- Louise Waxler and James Socas will meet with The Lewinsville Coalition on March 22nd to discuss adding lights to Spring Hill #5.

IV. Recreation Committee Report

Rich Irons gave the report of the Recreation Committee.

- The Recreation Committee recently met to discuss the age group change for 2016-17. A formal announcement of the changes will be made at the recreation coaches meeting later in March.
- The recreation program continues to grow and registration is strong.

V. Travel Committee Report

Marc Noe gave the report of the Travel Committee.

- Plans are moving forward for the launch of the U12 Academy.
- Player pathways are being developed and there are a number of discussions underway for possible collaboration with other clubs to provide for highly talented players to play in other academy programs beyond the U12 level.

VI. Development/Outreach Committee

Beth Singer gave the report of the Development/Outreach Committee.

- The Committee provided an overview and goals of the development fund
- The Board discussed increasing potential maximum financial aid from 85% to 95% of costs as well as increasing amount of financial aid in budget
- Discussion ensued regarding giving members the opportunity to “Opt Out vs. Opt In” to contribute to the development fund during the on-line registration process. The consensus of the Board was to offer members the ability to “Opt In.”

VII. Governance & Nominations

Since Sharon King Donohue, Vice Chair was not able to attend the Board meeting, James Socas informed the Board that Sharon is working with the Nominating Committee to solicit nominations for election to the Board in June.

VIII. Director of Soccer

Keith Tabatznik gave a presentation to on his background as a player and coach at the collegiate levels as well as his philosophy on the game of youth soccer. He also talked about his preliminary goals as Director of Soccer and his plan to get to know the coaches and MYS programs.

IX. Relationship with MYA

MYA has requested a meeting with the MYS Executive Committee to discuss the relationship between the two organizations. The MYS Executive Committee is working with MYA Executive Committee to set up a date to meet. In the meantime, MYS has sent MYA a letter agreement to consider related to the MYS Field. We are waiting for MYA's response on the proposed field agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Prepared by Louise Waxler, Executive Director
Submitted by Sharon King Donohue. MYS Secretary