

McLean Youth Soccer

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2016

In attendance:

James Socas
Sharon King Donohue
Kirk von Seelen
Rich Irons
Marc Noe
Matt Richardson
Kirk Robertson
Jamie Walton
Beth Singer
Mariano Diaz-Bonilla

Staff Present:

Louise Waxler
Clyde Watson
Kelly Key
Melissa Riemer

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the MYS Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair James Socas.

II. Approval of March 10, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved.

III. Reminder about Annual General Meeting

There was a reminder that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2016 at 7 pm at the McLean Community Center. Awards and recognition of Recreation Coach of the Year and other teams will be held. Families and players are encouraged to attend.

IV: Executive Director Report

Louise Waxler provided a review of the Executive Director report which had been distributed by email.

Highlights include:

- o Recreation program - showing stable membership number and increases in programming, including a GK clinic and training.
- o Financial - significant improvements continue to be made regarding federal reporting and finance management.

- o Communications - with the upcoming birth year changes, the staff has worked diligently to continue to communicate with families and educate them about the upcoming changes through the website and email.
- o Travel Programs - teams continue to advance to regionals and national competitions. Louise presented a brief overview of the upcoming potential NCSL / WAGS merger.
- o Fields Update -Louise reported that the county has increased player fees from \$5.50 to \$8 per player per season. NCS has also indicated that it hopes to limit the expose of member clubs who would with NCL to \$100,000 per field when it is time to replace the turf fields.

V. Travel Initiatives Update

Marc Noe and Louise Waxler discussed the opportunity provided by the new Girls Development Academy, and there was discussion around this application which is due July 1, 2016. Further discussions about potential partnerships with the Washington Spirit and others were discussed, and Louise indicated that all options would be considered and vetted.

GK Director Position has been expanded with increased responsibilities. The position has been posted.

MYS is working with Arlington to field CCL U-23 teams for men and women. MYS will not be participating in the ECNL U-23 League this season. MYS will host the CCL U-23 women's team, and Arlington will host the men's team. This league is primarily for returning college players and those who are preparing to go to college. Marc Noe will continue to vet this opportunity based on discussion at the Board.

VI. Recreation Report

Rich Irons presented the outcome of the recreation committee meeting. The program is focused on managing communication with the membership around the new birth year changes. Gary Evans leading the efforts to help explain the likely impact of the changes for the recreation members. Clyde Watson stressed that we should assess additional communication needs when we see the numbers of interested and affected players.

VII. Fields Report

Matt Richardson provided an update about Langley Fork. The public meeting demonstrated overwhelming support for the land swap and was very positive.

MYS representatives met with the Lewinsville Coalition homeowners association about the possibility of lights at the Spring Hill Rec # 5 field. The Coalition was concerned about noise and disruption. The likelihood of convincing the community to support lights in the near future appears to be remote.

There was also discussion about the fields at the Lewinsville Center. Matt informed the Board that the fields project is on hold pending development of the larger construction project.

VIII. Travel Report

Marc Noe presented the Travel Committee report. The club continues to work on addressing the player pathways on the boy's side. When the club applied for the U12 Development Academy, we were hopeful that we could potentially add a U13 / U14 DA next year. We have since learned that US Soccer is unlikely to grant any other academies in our area for a couple of years until it sees how strong the player pools are. Given that, the club has been in discussions with various clubs about potential alliances and the technical staff believes that the best short term solution would be an alliance with Arlington and DC United which would allow referral of MYS U13 players to Arlington or DC United while limited recruitment of MYS players to non-DA teams.

The Board discussed the benefits and issues associated with an agreement with DC United and Arlington compared to any other potential alliance partners. It was decided that there were additional issues that needed to be addressed before the Board was prepared to approve entering into an agreement with any particular affiliates. It was suggested that a follow up discussion be scheduled with the Director of Soccer who was not able to attend the meeting to further flush out any issues related to a potential affiliation with DC United and/or any other club which has a full Development Academy.

Marc Noe next presented an agreement for a possible relationship with South County Athletic Association (SCAA). At this point in time, SCAA is looking for help with technical training and other aspects of its program. Eventually, SCAA is interested in a longer term affiliation with a club to manage its travel program. The MYS technical staff is recommending that MYS enter into a trial agreement with SCAA under which MYS would provide some limited assistance with technical training. There is a belief that SCAA is geographically situated in an underserved soccer area which is expected to experience significant growth. SCAA also has a good field complex that MYS might be able to utilize to help with tournament field shortages. The Board discussed possible concerns with such an affiliation including the 30-mile geographic distance between the clubs. The Board declined to vote on approving the agreement with SCAA until additional a more detailed discussion can be had with the Director of Soccer.

IX: Budget - Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Kirk von Seelen reviewed the draft 2016-2017 budget which was distributed prior to the meeting. Overall, the club is in good shape fiscally. The budget includes an increase in travel fees which is designed to continue to fund priorities and make commitments to a rainy day fund. Overview: For 2015-16, the club at year-end is predicted to produce a surplus of \$30,000. Enrollment for spring of 2016 has been constant. The financial aid budget is approximately \$78K. Credit card processing and other savings have been applied.

There was discussion about the 'rainy day' fund and whether the initial funding could come from the anticipated budget surplus. There was subsequent discussion about the financial aid fund and how to address the need for additional funding to meet the new scholarship goals.

The motion was made to approve the budget with the modification that the travel fee increase would be \$100 (instead of the proposed \$125) and a line item would be added that fundraising to offset the a portion of the scholarship expenses would be determined. The motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

X. Board nominations

Sharon King Donohue discussed the Board nomination process and indicated that eight potential new candidates have been nominated. She also asked that the Board approve the following individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dale Skoric, Scott Marinus (outside members) and Kirk Robertson, Beth Singer and Sharon King Donohue (Chair). The Board unanimously approved the membership of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will be interviewing candidates for election to the Board as well as candidates standing for re-election. Following the interviews, the Committee will present the slate of candidates for election and re-election for the Board's approval prior to publication of the slate to the membership which will vote at the June AGM.

XI. Executive Committee

The meeting continued in closed session to address MYS' relationship with MYA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Prepared by Melissa Riemer, Operations Director

Submitted by Sharon King Donohue, MYS Vice Chair