

## McLean Youth Soccer Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Via Teleconference

### Board Members Present

Mariano Diaz-Bonilla

Richard Irons

Sharon King Donahue

Marc Noë

John Poncy

Matt Richardson

Kirk Robertson

Beth Singer

James Socas

Louise Waxler – Executive Director

### MYS Staff Present

Kelly Key – Director of Finance

Melissa Riemer – Director of Operations

#### **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. Motion to Approve the December 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 9, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.**

#### **III. Executive Director Updates**

The Executive Director Report was sent by e-mail to Board members prior to the meeting. Louise Waxler distributed the current Financial Report to Board members. The designated field account is not yet funded. More funds are forthcoming with spring registration.

Louise updated the board on the NSCAA meeting and the pending birth year transition. There have been several recent announcements, and there is still some uncertainty around the direction of specific leagues, particularly on the recreational side. The club was to begin informal age group practices this week, but those have been delayed due to the snow.

The club will also be rolling out a new website shortly and final staging of the website is underway.

#### **IV. Financial Report**

Kirk von Seelen and Kelly Key reported on the club's financial position for the first six months of fiscal year 2016 and the outlook for the remainder of the fiscal year. The recreation and travel programs have

had strong enrollment and as such the club's finances are in a good position and on budget. Kelly reported that the club expects a small surplus for FYE and that the Field Development Account will also show a small surplus after all outlays for the recent Police Field construction. Kelly also pointed to operational improvements in the club's financial management, specifically significant expense savings through a change in our credit card processor.

#### **V. Financial Aid Report**

Kirk Robertson and Beth Singer presented a report on the club's financial aid policies. Kirk reviewed the current levels of financial aid provided by the club to recreational and travel families and players and the policies for granting aid. Costs to participate in all youth sports are high and sometimes prohibitive for players and their families. The club has increased its financial aid budget this fiscal year and now provides financial aid to approximately [70] players. Kirk recommended that the board consider increasing financial aid next fiscal year and the board will work with staff to fine tune the recommendation. Fundraising is critical to enhancing financial aid, both from families within our community that have the resources to support financial aid grants as well as from companies in our community willing to donate for financial assistance for players and their families.

#### **VI. Field Report**

Matt Richardson and John Poncy reported on the 10 year fields development plan, that is periodically updated by the Fields Committee. The plan covers both anticipated replacement of our existing turf surfaces as well as some hypothetical investment in new fields if they become possible, such as Langley Fork. Matt also reviewed with the board the potential funding of a new turf field at Spring Hill 4, which is a smaller sized field (currently grass) located next to the Spring Hill recreation parking lot.

#### **VII. Nominating Committee**

Sharon King Donohue reminded the directors to consider names for next year's board nominees, and ideally to encourage interested members to attend board or committee meetings in advance to familiarize with the board's operation. The Nominating Committee will begin its work for the 2016-17 board composition shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Sharon King Donahue MYS Secretary