

MYS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2015

Board Members Present

Juan Aguilar, Mariano Diaz-Bonilla (via teleconference), Sharon King Donohue, Rich Irons, Marc Noe, John Poncy (via teleconference), Matt Richardson, Beth Singer, James Socas, Kirk von Seelen, Jamie Walton, Louise Waxler

MYS Attendees

Eileen Hopkins, Ken Krieger, Melissa Riemer, Clyde Watson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by James Socas, Board Chair.

James Socas welcomed the board members and also wished John Poncy a speedy recovery on behalf of the Board.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Board Meeting

Motion was seconded, and after Board discussion, the motion was approved.

II. Executive Director Report

Louise Waxler, Executive Director, reviewed recent club highlights and developments.

- Spring 2015 Registration
 - Registration numbers are ahead of those for the same date in the past five years.
 - MYS may encounter a supply and demand situation with field availability as registrations continue to increase, thereby requiring deadline dates for recreation registration.
- Recreation: Pre-Season Coach Meeting – Monday, March 23rd
 - McLean Community Center
 - Positive Coaching Alliance – Level 1
 - Planning coaching education course for spring with NSCAA
- Winter Ballmasters Training
 - Numbers are very strong
 - Challenge to growth is gym availability
- Spring Travel Leagues:
 - NCSL, WAGS, ECNL, ODSL, CCL, EDP (U17 Boys only) Champions League (U14B, U18G)
 - PWSI (U9/U10) wrapped up
 - ECNL, CCL, EDP (U17 boys only) – ongoing
 - CCL College Showcase, February 5-8 (U15-U18 teams)
- Teams and Programs
 - U14 Gold moved from ODSL to NCSL
 - Spring Break Camp – week of March 30th

- Summer Camp – added a week of Coerver training, August 3-7 at Spring Hill
- Technical Staff
 - Goal Reports – coaches submitted fall player evaluations
 - Most were completed by December 1st
 - Player evaluation process being reviewed to continue optimizing the process
 - Survey scheduled to be sent to travel families in March
 - Individual meetings conducted with AGDs
 - TDs compiled team statistics
- Club Software Management Program
 - Active research of nine viable options
 - Anticipate decision by early March to transition by April 15
 - Wide range of functionality offered by various vendors including tryouts, registration, web and cloud based systems, management of travel team finances
- Fields
 - Spring 2015 permits being finalized
 - Spring Maintenance scheduled
- Community
 - Homestretch supplies holiday drive very successful again
 - MYS was featured at the Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast on January 8th. Special thanks to Rich Irons for delivering our message
 - Chamber has assisted with promotion of MYS staff awards, registration for Ballmasters and camps.
- Grants
 - MYS applied for FCPA Mastenbrook Grant for fencing at Linway Terrace
 - MYS applied to US Soccer Foundation for Musco lighting at the proposed Police Field
- Alliances
 - Possible alliances with other clubs were reviewed
- MYS Recognition
 - Clyde Watson – DC/VA Hall of Fame – induction 1/31 at VYSA Workshop
 - Jamil Walker – NSCAA 2014 Boys Youth Coach of the Year – 1/16
 - Louise Waxler – NSCAA Letter of Commendation for service to the sport – 1/16

III. Fields Report

Matt Richardson (Board Member and Chair of the Fields Committee) reviewed status of certain MYS fields' initiatives.

Field Development Updates

- Police Field
 - Construction expected to commence in spring 2015; MOU is in final stages of negotiation and will be sent to the Board for approval once finalized.
- Linway Terrace
 - MYS has applied for grant from FCPA to partially fund fencing on Linway Terrace

- New Field: Jones Branch Drive
 - One and one half turf fields with lights are nearing completion. NCS has indicated MYS and VYS will each receive time on these fields during the spring 2015 season
- Spring Hill 4
 - MYS has been approached by the county regarding possible turf installation

Kuykenstrong Motion presented by: Beth Singer, MYS Board Member

Shawn Kuykendall was a Mclean Youth soccer coach well known to most of the MYS board members. The story of his rise from northern Virginia soccer league player to American University soccer star to his DC United and New York Red Bulls MLS play and his sad passing last March at the age of thirty-two has been well publicized. A group of his former Mclean Galaxy u9-u10-u11 soccer players and their parents all gathered in August of 2013 for a "Juggleathon"; an idea created by MYS two players as a way to honor Shawn and raise funds for his cancer treatments. The "juggleathon" took place on the Spring Hill 5 Field and was covered by Fox News and in local papers. His hard fought battle to survive was also covered in a front page story of the Sports section of the Washington Post.

In recognition of Shawn’s achievements, Beth Singer made a motion for MYS to make \$2,000 of funds available for a bench to be installed at Spring Hill 5 to commemorate Shawn's life. The Fairfax County Park Authority Foundation has proposed a site location in between the two metal fan stands at Spring Hill 5. They gave \$2,000 as the estimate of funds required.

Motion was seconded and after Board discussion, the motion authorizing the funds for the bench was unanimously approved.

Louise Waxler has met with the FCP Foundation at Spring Hill 5 to determine location and will contact the Foundation to let them know the Board has approved this expenditure in memory of Shawn Kuykendall.

IV. Travel Report

Marc Noe, Travel Director, provided Travel program updates to the Board.

- MYS Camps
 - Coerver Camp has been announced for the week of August 3rd to enhance the opportunities for MYS players at all levels
- Partnerships Explored with Professional Teams
 - Recommendation by Ken Krieger, Clyde Watson, Louise Waxler and Marc Noe was made to form a Level 1 strategic partnership with Celtic Football Club
 - Terms of a Level 1 partnership were reviewed with the Board by Ken Krieger, MYS Boys’ TD and Marc Noe

Motion presented by Marc Noe:

MYS Travel Director asked for approval to enter into a Celtic Club Partnership Level 1 agreement with the Celtic Football Club. This will be a three-year agreement; however there is no financial commitment for MYS. Celtic has been most amenable in the discussions and appears very flexible with regards to camp numbers and the necessity/our ability to send teams abroad each year. Our MYS Executive Director and Senior Technical Staff have found Celtic to be genuinely interested in helping MYS with player development. Celtic is known for developing players within

its Academy system, and then helping place select players with bigger European clubs. Such an agreement could provide a professional development opportunity for an MYS player.

Motion was seconded and after Board discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Local Collaborations**

- MYS has also met with nearby clubs to discuss future collaborations, the status of which were reviewed with the Board.

Executive Session:

MYS Board moved into Executive Session at 8:40 PM. During the Executive Session, a motion was made to acknowledge the service of Bill Gray to MYS for his long-term involvement with field development. The following motion was seconded and approved.

“The Board of Directors of McLean Youth Soccer wishes to recognize former board member and Fields’ Committee member, Bill Gray, for his many years of service to the organization. Thanks to Bill’s tireless efforts, as well as the contributions of other MYS leaders, our children today enjoy playing on some of the finest fields in Northern Virginia. Bill’s long time support of McLean Youth Soccer will not be forgotten.”

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM by MYS Chairman, James Socas.

Minutes prepared by Eileen Hopkins, MYS Club Administrator

Minutes submitted by Sharon King Donohue, Secretary