

MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 29, 2018

This Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order on Monday, October 29, 2018 by President Robin Crawford at 6:30pm at the MSYSA State Office located at 9401 General Drive, Suite 120, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Board Members Present: Robin Crawford, Andrew Klaczkiewicz, Mike Poulos, Wendy Zielen, Brian Scherzer, Yvonne Curtis, Denise Moote, David Jagodzinski, Steve McGuirk, Ron Grobbel (teleconference), Doug Prim (teleconference)

Board Members Excused: Matt Solek

Administrators Present: Tom Faro, Josh Sherman, Mark Zathej

Committee Chairpersons: Mark Klein (MSYSA Bylaws & Standing Rules Chairperson)

This is a **Reporting** month.

The Board Meeting Minutes for the September Board of Directors Meetings be filed for audit.

President's Report: Robin Crawford

The Girls State Cup went well. Thank you to the staff and to Ron Grobbel, Mike Poulos, Andrew, Wendy and Matt Solek for attending and helping with the event.

US Soccer is requiring its members, including State Associations, to adopt specific participant safety policies. We must adopt these policies by 2/14/19. In addition, Safe-Sport (or equivalent) training will be required of those who are contact with amateur athletes by September 1, 2019. Danielle & Tom are coordinating these activities with Duane Johnson and will be present the specific policies we need to adopt prior to US Soccer's 2/14/19 deadline.

USYS is planning to increase player fees beginning in FY 19-20. We will know more once the USYS Board meets on 12/9/18.

USYS has created an ODP Task Force in an effort to revitalize the ODP program.

Nominations for MSYSA Board Positions (VP, Secretary, MSPSP Chair & District Commissioners) are due by November 1.

Our Administrative Workshop will take place on Saturday, November 10 from 8 am to 4:30 PM at the Livonia Marriott.

The Junior State Cup and State Cup Applications are now posted. The deadline to apply is February 1.

The Regionals Site Visit will take place on November 8 & 9 in Saginaw, MI.

Tom will speak to US Soccer's stance with respect to USYS Rule 201. (Boundaries)

Our Financial Audit is complete.

The MSYSA Holiday Party is on Friday, December 7 at the Novi Chophouse.

Vice President's Report: Andrew Klaczkiewicz

Attended the most recent Local Organizing Committee (LOC) meeting in advance of the upcoming site visit for the 2019 Midwest Regional Championships and everything appears to be on-track.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Poulos

Report Submitted.

Mike indicated that total revenue for the month ending September 30, 2018 is \$1,154,969 with expenses totaling \$192,481 resulting in net profit of \$962,488 on the month, to date. Mike referenced areas that are up and/or down in revenue/expense from the prior year and areas that are consistent with prior year reports.

The MSYSA audit with Cole, Newton and Duran has been completed. A physical copy of the audit was passed around to the Board Members. Mike reported that there were two, non-material, adjustments noted by the Auditor.

Mike reported that the MSYSA budget revisions for FY 19 and 20 will be presented in November. Additionally, the MSYSA FY '21 proposed budget will be presented in November.

MSPSP Chairperson Report: Wendy Zielen

Reported a reduction in coach red cards over the prior year and they hope to continue to see a downward trend in coach sendoffs.

The MSPSP College Scholarship applications have been posted and are due at the beginning of December, 2018.

Announced that MSPSP has finalized and adopted a newly designed logo for MSPSP and are excited to share it with everyone soon.

MSA (Adult) Report: Gerhard Mengel

Michigan Adult Soccer (MSA) will be hosting an indoor (adult) tournament on December 29-30, 2018.

Gerhard provided an article that provides an update to potential MLS expansion in Detroit.

A discussion took place relating to those players that are age eligible for playing adult soccer but not being able to locate a local team/club within the adult body to participate with. Brief remarks were made about attempts to continue the youth path through the adult path for playing. MSPSP and other member organizations indicated that they would be willing to disseminate information on behalf of MSA to their member clubs.

SYRA Report: Ron Grobbel

Finished the Fall (Girls) State Cup a few weeks ago that had 23 new referees introduced to the Fall State Cup weekends.

6 nominations for youth referee of the year were received and the Michigan Referee Committee (MRC) provided MSYSA with the final candidates for male and female to be submitted to the Region. The winners will be announced on November 17 at the Michigan State Referee Recert class.

A brief discussion took place relating to Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) creating and utilizing a new electronic game report form for their league.

Recreation Director Report: Brian Scherzer

Brian reported that he is going through the submitted recreational grants that were received by MSYSA. In total, 20 grants were submitted over 12 organizations.

Recreational player registration numbers are flat compared to the prior year at this time.

North District Report: Matt Solek

Excused.

Metro East Report: Yvonne Curtis
No report.

West District Report: Doug Prim
No report.

Metro Southwest Report: Denise Moote
No report.

Metro Central Report: David Jagodzinski
No report.

Nominating Committee Report: Steve McGuirk
Receiving nominations through November 1, 2018 for the various open positions.

Executive Director's Report: Tom Faro
A written report was submitted.

Proposed MSYSA Rule 2.8 will be addressed under new business as recommended by MSYSA Legal Counsel, which may require edits in the future. Proposed budgets, including 2019 Regionals, will be presented at the November meeting.

Please see the enclosed US Youth Soccer memo as it relates to US Youth Soccer Rule 201.

The audit is complete. Tom noted that there were two immaterial/passed adjustments.

Currently, registration is at 64,341 (last year's report indicates MSYSA was at 63,772).

US Soccer disseminated information to all member organizations, including State Associations, on October 25, 2018 that all member organizations must adopt by February 14, 2019, 6 specific athlete and participant safety components to take effect on or before September 1, 2019. Those six areas include: 1) prohibited conduct: bullying, hazing, harassment (including sexual), emotional misconduct, physical misconduct and sexual misconduct. 2) Appropriate background screening of participating adults prior to contact with youth participants or within 45 days of the participating adult taking on roles giving them access to youth participants. (US Soccer is referring background screening to the Youth Task for additional discussion and expects further policy development in this area). 3) Education/Training (Safe Sport or equivalent) will be mandatory on or before 9/1/19. (An annual refresher course and training to be offered for youth participants that relates to the prevention of child abuse, which requires member organizations to provide a description of the training including dates/times and locations. It was noted that Safe Sport is developing training for youth participants and more information will be made available soon on various member conference calls and at the USSF AGM 4) Mandatory reporting and a policy that prohibits reporting retaliation. 5) Limits one on one interactions with youth participants and adult participants 6) Enforcement – we must enforce the 6 specific athlete and participant safety policies.

It was noted that MSYSA submitted an application to host a C license in Michigan in 2019.

Technical Director: Mark Zathay

Grassroot courses will be announced soon as they will be hosted in December. Additionally, a D license will be announced soon for January.

Coaching Symposium guest speaker, Mr. Poulisic, may be secured depending on his availability. Mark is aiming to have this take place in January or February.

There is a new ODP Youth Task Force that has been formed that has a good selection of members on the Committee.

There is a National invite for ODP players to participate at an upcoming event that could have US Soccer Scouts present.

The US Youth Soccer Coaching Committee will meet on January 9 from 9am-1pm in Chicago during the Convention. It was noted that Sam Snow (prior DOC for US Youth Soccer) is still supporting US Youth Soccer on a contract basis after his retirement.

A discussion took place relating to the newly announced Lansing Ignite USL team and how it may have a youth component in the future.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to be conducted.

New Business:

Motion (Andrew Klaczkiwicz): To approve proposed MSYSA Rule 2.8.C. as it relates to federal legislation within the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017.

Second: Wendy Zielen

Discussion: None

Motion: Passed

Mark Klein presented the MSYSA Bylaw Amendment Proposal submitted by Yvonne Curtis to MSYSA Bylaw Article V, Section 3, B that removes term limits to elected officers. Mark indicated that a few other amendments may be forthcoming as they are either 'housekeeping' updates/amendments or re-wording to mirror the intent of the Bylaws or Rules.

A brief discussion took place relating to the Bylaw & Rule amendment deadline of October 15 of each year.

Gerhard spoke about the MLS expansion bid as it relates to Detroit and the ownership group's latest updates to the bid (e.g. Ford Field update, etc.).

Tom indicated that MSYSA has not received registrations for the following member organizations: Ann Arbor United Soccer Club, Farmington Soccer Club, Cheboygan Youth Soccer, Fraser Soccer Club, Huron Soccer Association, Michigan FC, Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer and Van Buren Community Soccer Association. Tom mentioned that Danielle may be reaching out to the District Commissioners for assistance.

For the Good of the Game:

The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30pm at the MSYSA State Office (non-reporting month).

The MSYSA Holiday Party will be hosted on December 7, 2018 at the Novi Chophouse.

Wendy Zielen indicated that the next MSPSP Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 12, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Faro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Faro, Executive Director
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.