

MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2020

This Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order on Monday April 27, 2020 by President Mike Poulos at 6:31pm at the MSYSA State Office located at 9401 General Drive, Suite 120, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Board Members Present: Mike Poulos, Adam Dixon (Teleconference), Tina Ramirez (Teleconference), Wendy Zielen (Teleconference), Ron Grobbel (Teleconference), Brian Scherzer (Teleconference), Matt Solek (Teleconference), Doug Prim (Teleconference), Michael Egnotovich (Teleconference), Jeremiah Belton (Teleconference)

Board Members Excused: Andrew Klackiewicz, Denise Moote, Gerhard Mengel, Robin Crawford

Administrators Present: Tom Faro (Teleconference), Julie Pearson (Teleconference), Mark Zathey (Teleconference)

Committee Chairpersons: Mark Klein (Teleconference)

This is a **Non-Reporting** month.

The Board Meeting Minutes for the March 30, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting and the April 13, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Mike Poulos

The National League Conference (NLC) structure will change this fall from teams having considerable travel across the country to a more local, 'Showcase Events' structure. We hope to receive additional details from USYS in the near future.

All ODP camps have been cancelled and the USYS AGM in July is being moved to Dallas, TX or Frisco, TX. USYS is also looking at ways to have State Associations be able to vote, even if they do not want to travel to TX.

USYS is planning on providing State Associations' another a return-to-play date. Based on our Governor's extension of her 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' Executive Order, and current social distancing restrictions, MSYSA's return-to-play date should now be June 1, 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Adam Dixon

Report Submitted.

Adam indicated that the year-to-date total revenue for the month ending March 31, 2020 is \$1,857,724 with year to date expenses totaling \$1,362,154, resulting in a year-to-date net profit of \$495,570 on the month.

Executive Director's Report: Tom Faro

As a reminder, MSYSA has an anticipated loss of 112K due to the USYS fee increase, but due to cancelled DA, MSPSP and NLC seasons and other anticipated program/event cancellations, a considerable deficit on the fiscal year is now anticipated.

We need to consider what return-to-play will look like, what protocols will need to be in place before, during and after practices. How do we manage social distancing? Do we need to require sanitizer be accessible/available? Masks? Gloves? We may need to consider having parents/guardians stay in their cars, etc.

Tom has been added to the 'USYS Return-To-Play Committee'. This will be helpful for MSYSA in potentially securing needed information, quicker.

Tom relayed that he has taken a voluntary 20% pay cut and relayed that there is the potential of staff pay cuts and/or layoffs in an effort to ensure MSYSA's long term viability.

Tom conducted a Tournament Director's call this past Friday that was well attended and received.

Per the proposed Travel Team Formation Policy, we will not be offering any in-person try-outs this year nor will we be accepting ads from clubs that include in-person try-out dates. We will collect general information only from our affiliated clubs and that information will be posted on our website, at no cost to the clubs.

We are trying to get an idea on the level of interest of NLC, MSPSP and DA teams for a potential summer program in July. A decision will be made once feedback has been reviewed.

The Board will vote tonight to fill the vacant Metro East District Commissioner position. If elected, Anthony Spica has agreed to resign from his position on the MSYSA Poaching & Illegal Recruitment Committee, per MSYSA bylaws.

Vice Presidents Report: Andrew Klackiewicz

Excused

MSPSP Chairperson Report: Wendy Zielen

No Report.

MSA (Adult) Report: Gerhard Mengel

Excused

SYRA Report: Ron Grobbel

No Report.

Recreation Director Report: Brian Scherzer
No Report.

North District Report: Matt Solek
No Report.

West District Report: Doug Prim
No Report.

Metro Southwest Report: Denise Moote
Excused

Metro Central Report: Michael Egnotovitch
No Report.

Nominating Committee Report: Jeremiah Bolton
No Report

Technical Director: Mark Zathey
No Report.

Unfinished Business:

Motion (Doug Prim): To extend MSYSA's return-to-play date through to May 31, 2020.

Second: Wendy Zielen

Discussion: The new return-to-play date is now June 1, 2020. This may need to be reviewed again.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Motion: (Brian Scherzer): To elect Anthony Spica to fill Metro East District Commissioner position until the 2021 MSYSA AGM.

Second: Adam Dixon

Discussion: A bio outlining Anthony's soccer background and interest was provided to the Board via email.

Motion: Passed unanimously

New Business:

Motion (Mike Egnotovitch): To grant direct membership status to Liverpool SC.

Second: Brian Scherzer

Discussion: Mike Egnotovitch confirmed that their application is in order and Liverpool FC meets our requirements.

Motion: Passed unanimously

Motion (Tina Ramirez): To adopt the 2020-2021 Travel Team Formation Policy, and related rule changes, effective April 27, 2020.

Second: Wendy Zielen

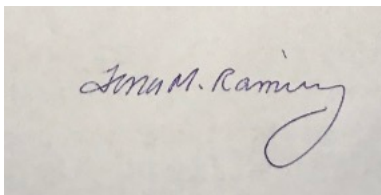
Discussion: A shortened time frame of six (6) days versus (12) to recommit to an existing club/team was discussed.

Motion: Passed, one abstention.

For the Good of the Game:

The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 29, 2020 at 6:30pm at the MSYSA State Office (Reporting month)

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tina M. Ramirez".

Tina Ramirez, Secretary
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.