

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**Monday, July 27, 2020**

This Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order on Monday, July 27, 2020 by President Mike Poulos at 6:38 pm 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), Anthony Spica (Teleconference), Doug Prim (Teleconference), Denise Moote (Teleconference), Mike Egnotovitch (Teleconference)

**Board Members Excused:** Robin Crawford, Gerhard Mengel, Andrew Klackiewicz

**Board Members Unexcused:** Jeremiah Belton

**Committee Chairpersons Present:** Mark Klein

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

This is a Reporting Month.

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

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

At the recent US Youth Soccer AGM Peter Zopfi was re-elected as USYS Chair, Tom Sowinski defeated Kathy Zolad to become US Youth Soccer Secretary and Teresa Goody was re-elected as Independent Director.

US Youth Soccer announced for the 2020-2021 year only, the oldest age group would be the U20 age group. This means our clubs and leagues can register players born in 2001 to their rosters, if desired. Danielle Henry has assembled the appropriate rule changes for our review and consideration.

MSYSA has enlisted legal counsel to assist with the State of Michigan. We are working within the Governor's Executive Orders. Duane Johnson will provide feedback on his inquiries soon.

Our next call with Club and League Representatives is on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 4 pm.

Board Members should have received an email from Executive Director, Tom Faro, recommending some direct member deactivations for clubs that no longer meet our direct member requirements.

MSYSA will begin collecting new fees commencing FY '22. The Member Organizations approved the FY '22 Budget at the AGM, including Membership Registration, which includes the fee increase for FY '22. MSYSA is absorbing the USYS fee increase in FY '20 and FY '21.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon

Report Submitted.

Adam indicated that the year to date total revenue for the month ending June 30, 2019 is \$1,334,452 with year to date expenses totaling \$1,587,053 resulting in a year-to-date net loss of \$252,601 on the month.

**MSPSP Chairperson Report:** Wendy Zielen

MSPSP is only 4 teams short of what was registered last year, although the number of players registered is also lower due to COVID-19.

**MSYSA Vice President:** Andrew Klackiewicz

Excused

**Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

No Report

**MSA (Adult) Report:** Gerhard Mengel

Excused

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

The Michigan Referee Committee sent a letter out last week to all 2020 certified referees advising that they will continue to be certified with no additional fees until 12/31/2021.

**Recreation Director Report:** Brian Scherzer

No Report

**North District Report:** Matt Solek

No Report

**Metro East Report:** Anthony Spica

No Report

**West District Report:** Doug Prim

Registration numbers for the west side of the state are up for the younger players but have dropped slightly for the older participants.

**Metro Southwest Report:** Denise Moote

No Report

**Metro Central Report:** Michael Egnotovich

No Report

**Nominating Committee Report:** Jeremiah Belton

Unexcused

**Executive Director's Report:** Tom Faro

Report Submitted

**Technical Director:** Mark Zathay

Regional coaches have started reaching out for the upcoming November Inter Regionals. It is a little more complicated this year with us not having a summer camp. Many of the selections will be based on those that played on previous regional teams.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion:** (Doug Prim) To approve the deactivations of current direct membership for the following clubs: Ann Arbor United, Michigan Tigers, Macomb Recreational Soccer League, Nationals Youth Soccer League, Detroit PAL and Lakes Area Youth Soccer League.

**Second:** Brian Scherzer

**Discussion:** Wendy suggested that going forward MSYSA should review how impactful it is to small clubs when a larger for-profit club moves into an area, otherwise we could start losing grassroots community led clubs.

**Motion:** Passed unanimously

**New Business:**

**Motion:** (Denise Moote) To collect/add \$1.25 increase to existing fees commencing FY '22.

**Second:** Adam Dixon

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Passed unanimously

**Motion:** (Brian Scherzer) To adopt proposed rule amendments adding U3 and U20 age group.

**Second:** Ron Grobbel

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Passed unanimously

**Motion:** (Ron Grobbel) To approve budget adjustments, as presented, which reflect the cancellation of the C license training and the ODP ID weekend.

**Second:** Denise Moote

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Passed unanimously

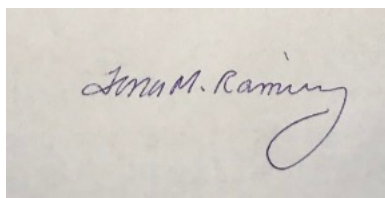
MSYSA was asked to assist two clubs in finding a resolution for a player who signed with one club and changed his mind and wanted to sign with another. Under rule 3.6B Player Transfers, MSYSA is authorized to grant a player transfer when two parties can't come to an agreement. MSYSA staff will instruct the two clubs to work with the family to consider what's best for the player and to try and work something out so the player can participate.

**For the Good of the Game:**

Congratulations to Los Angeles who have established a new Women's soccer team!

The next MSYSA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the MSYSA State office (Non-Reporting month).

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored piece of paper. The signature reads "Tina M. Ramirez" in a cursive script.

Tina Ramirez, Secretary

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