

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, October 26, 2020**

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

**Board Members Present:** Mike Poulos, Tina Ramirez (teleconference), Wendy Zielen (teleconference), Ron Grobbel (teleconference), Anthony Spica (teleconference), Doug Prim (teleconference), Denise Mootte (teleconference), Mike Egnotovich (teleconference), Gerhard Mengel (teleconference), Doug Prim (teleconference), Brian Scherzer (teleconference), Andrew Klackiewicz (teleconference)

**Board Members Excused:** Robin Crawford, Adam Dixon, Matt Solek

**Board Members Unexcused:** Jeremiah Belton

**Committee Chairperson Present:** Mark Klein

**Administrators Present:** Tom Faro (teleconference), Mark Zathey (teleconference)

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

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

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

The Girls State Cup (Elite & Premier) Finals were held in Saginaw over the weekend. There are now two (2) pathways for teams. One pathway is Regionals & Nationals and the other pathway is for teams to head to Regional President's Cup and National President's Cup. In my opinion, players, parents and coaches did a good job adapting to the new 'normal'. Special thanks to Sarah, Robin Crawford and our staff for their hard work and efforts in Saginaw.

The Empowering Olympic, Paralympic & Amateur Athletes Act was passed by the US Senate. In short, the legislation calls for the USOPC (United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee) to increase athlete representation, to 33%, on National Governing Bodies Board of Directors (e.g. US Soccer). The legislation also calls for more funding (and independence) for the US Center for SafeSport. US Soccer's National Council will vote at its Annual General Meeting (virtual) in February on a few different options to reconfigure the Board composition to comply with the legislation. One option being considered is to have the National Council increase the Board Composition by 4 members, which would be the addition of the Athlete Representatives.

Girls Academy (GA) and MLS girls are registering through US Youth Soccer State Associations. MLS boys will register through US Youth Soccer State Associations next year. Tom Faro and I will be meeting (via Zoom) with Skip Gilbert, USYS CEO, on November 4. Once we have additional information, that information will be shared with all of you.

MSYSA's Executive Committee Member Compensation Policy will be discussed under New Business.

A few other reminders:

- Nominations for MSYSA Board Positions are due November 1, 2020.
- MSYSA's Holiday Party has been canceled, due to COVID.
- Tim Turney, US Youth Soccer Vice President, and Bill Taylor, President of Idaho Youth Soccer intend to run for US Soccer Vice President at US Soccer's Virtual AGM in February 2021.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon (excused)

Report Submitted.

Tom Faro provided report. Tom indicated that the year-to-date total revenue for the month ending September 30, 2020 is \$731,691 with year to date expenses totaling \$107,023 resulting in a year-to-date income of \$624,668 on the month, to date.

**MSPSP Chairperson Report:** Wendy Zielen

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**MSYSA Vice President:** Andrew Klackiewicz

Non-Reporting

**Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

Non-Reporting

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

Non-Reporting

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

Non-Reporting

**Recreation Director Report:** Brian Scherzer  
Non-Reporting

**North District Report:** Matt Solek  
Non-Reporting

**Metro East Report:** Anthony Spica  
Non-Reporting

**West District Report:** Doug Prim  
Non-Reporting

**Metro Southwest Report:** Denise Moote  
Non-Reporting

**Metro Central Report:** Michael Egnotovich  
Non-Reporting

**Nominating Committee Report:** Jeremiah Bolton  
Non-Reporting

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

Tom thanked Ron Grobbel, and the referees, for their hard work and efforts this past weekend at State Cup. Our Programs Coordinator position has been eliminated. Tyler Zbik will take the lead on ODP and ODP 101 administration, with Mark and Julie. Ryan Theisen is now working with us on a permanent basis and we may add a Marketing and Communications position in the future.

**Technical Director:** Mark Zathej

Coaching education courses has resumed with a new blended format, supported by US Soccer.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion:** (Denise Moote) To adopt revised MSYSA's Executive Committee Eligibility Restrictions Policy.

**Second:** (Anthony Spica)

**Discussion:** It was noted, and discussed, that the current policy has been in place since March 2015.

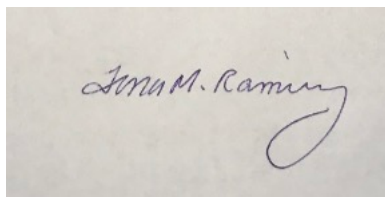
**Motion:** Motion passed 6-3, with one abstention.

**For the Good of the Game:**

The next MSYSA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom (Reporting Month).

Denise Moote congratulated MSYSA staff and referees on a great Girls State Cup tournament.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

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

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