

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, August 28, 2023**

This Board of Directors Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order, via Zoom, on Monday, August 28, 2023, by President Mike Poulos at 6:30 PM.

**Board Members Present:** (Teleconference) Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Tina Ramirez, Gerhard Mengal, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovitch, Anthony Spica, Steve DeVries, Paul Tinnion

**Board Members Excused:** Adam Dixon, Oscar Casteñeda, Doug Prim, Brian Scherzer, Robin Crawford

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

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

The Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

Fiscal Year End (FYE) is August 31, 2023. MSYSA's financial audit will take place in September/October timeframe.

A proposed change to Rule 3.6 C will be discussed and voted on under New Business.

Jim Cosgrove, former USYS CEO, has been contracted to assist with Strategic Planning/Initiatives.

Nominations for MSYSA Board Member Positions are due November 1. Proposed Bylaw Amendments are due October 15.

The United Soccer Coaches Convention/USYS Workshop will take place in January.

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

Tom Faro provided Adam's report. Year-to-date total revenue for the month ending July 31, 2023, is \$2,553,498, with year-to-date expenses totaling \$2,344,396, resulting in a year-to-date income of \$209,102 on the month. Tom outlined notable revenue/expense variances over the prior year.

**Vice President Report:** Denise Moote

No Report.

**Recording Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

No Report.

**MSPSP Chairperson:** Oscar Casteñeda

Excused.

**Recreational Director:** Doug Prim

Excused.

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

No Report.

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

No Report.

**North District Report:** Brian Scherzer

Excused.

**Metro East Report:** Anthony Spica

No Report.

**West District Report:** Steve Devries

No Report.

**Metro Southwest Report:** Wendy Zielen

No Report.

**Metro Central Report:** Mike Egnotovitch

No Report.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Paul Tinnion

No Report.

**Immediate Past President:** Robin Crawford

Excused.

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

Membership registration increased over the prior year.

Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2023. A communication was disseminated to club/league representatives.

A communication was disseminated to club/league representatives regarding future player development initiatives (PDIs) for U5-U6 age groups and U13 ball size.

**Technical Director:** Mark Zathe

Pleased to report 41 players (boys/girls) were selected as Regional ODP Pool participants!

Working with Julie Pearson to coordinate/book indoor facilities for ODP indoor training. Also, a 'B' and 'C' license are planned for next summer in MI.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Motion: (Mike Egnotovich) To approve proposed amendment to MSYSA Rule 3.6 C, as presented.

Second: (Steve DeVries)

Discussion: None.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Steve DeVries) To reinstate St. Clair Shores YSL as a direct member of MSYSA.

Second: (Ron Grobbel)

Discussion: St. Clair Shores YSL meets requirements for reinstatement.

Motion: Approved.

**For the Good of the Game:**

Ron Grobbel shared that Katie Nesbit was selected as an AR in the Women's World Cup.

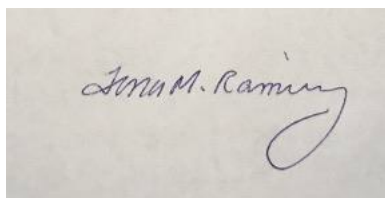
Wendy Zielen shared positive experience with a men's professional team from Guatemala.

Steve DeVries shared that WMYSA has provided 24 scholarships, to-date, to new referees.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.**

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

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