

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, September 25, 2023**

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

**Board Members Present:** Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Adam Dixon, Tina Ramirez, Oscar Casteñeda, Gerhard Mengal, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovich, Anthony Spica, Steve DeVries, Paul Tinnion

**Board Members Excused:** Doug Prim, Brian Scherzer, Robin Crawford

**Administrators Present:** Tom Faro, Julie Pearson, Mark Zathey

This is a **Reporting Month**.

The Meeting Minutes for the August 28, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

The Board will review/discuss Operating Reserves under 'New Business'.

US Soccer plans to build a National Training Center and relocate its headquarters from Chicago to Atlanta.

Plans to meet (via Zoom) with Jim Cosgrove and Tom Faro to discuss planning meeting in November.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon

Financial audit through Cole, Newton & Duran is near completion.

Adam Dixon relayed that the year-to-date total revenue for the month ending August 31, 2023, is \$2,591,859, with year-to-date expenses totaling \$2,447,790, resulting in a fiscal year end income of \$144,069.

**Vice President Report:** Denise Moote

USYS is offering small grants to State Associations to assist with Top Soccer Programs.

Roni Andrew is new Top Soccer Chairperson for the Midwest Region.

**Recording Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

No Report.

**MSPSP Chairperson:** Oscar Casteñeda

MSPSP will begin strategic planning in early 2024 and MSPSP's Holiday Dinner will take place in January.

Discussed quality issues and other concerns related to MSPSP patches on team uniforms.

**Recreational Director:** Doug Prim

Excused.

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

No Report.

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

The MRC is transitioning to a new referee assigning program (Ref-Insight). Will coordinate & offer training to local assignors.

**North District Report:** Brian Scherzer

Excused.

**Metro East Report:** Anthony Spica

No Report.

**West District Report:** Steve Devries

Susan Roberts (2007 Girls ODP) was called up and played for Puerto Rico National Team.

**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  
Provided a brief status update regarding OV United SC.

The Girls State Cup Quarterfinals will be held in Saginaw Township, 9/29, 9/30 and 10/1.

The Amended FY 24 & FY 25 budgets along with Proposed FY '26 budget will be presented/discussed at the October Meeting.

Joe Malachino has stepped down as the Girls ODP Head Coach. A new Girls ODP Head Coach will be appointed soon.

**Technical Director:** Mark Zathey  
Indoor facilities have been contracted for ODP Winter Training. Thank you to Julie Pearson.

The Alternate ODP Try-Out scheduled for 11/18 & 11/19 (Outdoor) in Clarenceville.

Coordinating coaching education courses and in-services with Paul Thomas.

**Unfinished Business:**  
None.

**New Business:**  
Motion: (Mike Egnotovitch) To designate and restrict an additional \$100,000 from net assets to ensure at least six (6) months of Operating Reserves.  
Second: (Paul Tinnion)  
Discussion: None.  
Motion: Approved.

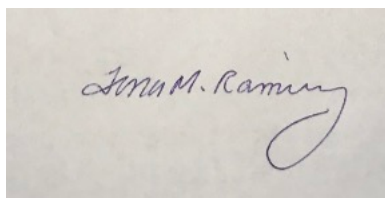
Motion: (Denise Moote): To approve the MSYSA Board Meeting Calendar for 2024.  
Second: Tina Ramirez  
Discussion: None.  
Motion: Approved.

**For the Good of the Game:**  
Tom Faro congratulated Sarah Shiguango on 20 years of employment with MSYSA!

Gerhard Mengal shared that Nick Radu, former MSA President, has been inducted in the USASA Hall of Fame.

**Upcoming Meeting(s):** The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.**

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

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