

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, January 29, 2024**

This Board of Directors Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) was called to order, via 'Zoom', on Monday, January 29, 2024, by President Mike Poulos at 6:30 PM.

**Board Members Present:** (Teleconference) Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Adam Dixon, Tina Ramirez, Oscar Castaneda, Doug Prim, Gerhard Mengal, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovich, Anthony Spica, Brian Scherzer, Steve DeVries, Paul Tinnion

**Board Members Excused:** Robin Crawford

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

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

The Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2023, MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

Pete Zopfi recently resigned as USYS Chairman. Todd Lockhart has been elevated to USYS Chairman. Pete Zopfi is running for US Soccer VP. Mike Cullina (US Club Soccer) has elected not to run for US Soccer VP. The other candidate running for US Soccer VP is Nathan Goldberg.

For candidates running for MSYSA BOD positions, please send relevant information regarding candidacies to Tom Faro by February 9, 2024.

Regarding investments towards strategic initiatives in Fiscal Year '25 and Fiscal Year '26, Tom Faro and staff will discuss and then propose to the Board for funding consideration. FY 24 strategic initiatives is budgeted at 50K.

**Vice President's Report:** Denise Moote

Reported on Midwest Region, NCS, and Cindy Cone (US Soccer President) meetings in Anaheim, CA. There is a potential for the Midwest Region to be split East/West for future USYS Regional Championship events and/or USYS Regionals Presidents Cup events. However, there are no changes to any USYS Midwest Region events in 2024.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon

Year-to-date total revenue for the month ending December 31, 2023, is \$1,478,195, with year-to-date expenses totaling \$869,611 resulting in a year-to-date income of \$608,584 on the month. Adam discussed notable revenue/expense variances over the prior year.

**Recording Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

No Report.

**MSPSP Chairperson:** Oscar Casteñeda

No Report.

**Recreational Director:** Doug Prim

No Report.

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

No Report.

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

No Report.

**North District Report:** Brian Scherzer

No Report.

**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 Egnotovich

No Report.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Paul Tinnion

No Report.

**Immediate Past President:** Robin Crawford

Excused.

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

MSYSA is not making any changes to the U13 Ball-Size in MSYSA Rules and Regulations unless mandated by US Soccer.

There is a special meeting of the MSYSA Board of Directors scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2024, for the purpose of hearing a risk management appeal.

**Technical Director:** Mark Zathey

ODP is adding the 2014 age group to this year's cycle. The MSYSA Coaching Symposium is taking place on February 9, 2024.

Also, Paul Thomas was successful in securing US Soccer 'B' and 'C' licenses in MI.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**For the Good of the Game:**

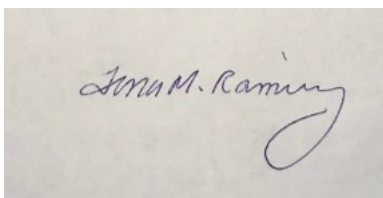
Jim Harkins (Canton SC) has been nominated and will be inducted to MSYSA's Hall of Fame (posthumously).

Denise Moote thanked the Board for their efforts in youth soccer and those that attended meetings in Anaheim.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

The next (Regular) MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. An additional Board Meeting will take place immediately following the MSYSA AGM as well.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:40 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, Recording Secretary  
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.