

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, March 17, 2025**

The Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association was called to order on Monday, March 17, 2025, by President Mike Poulos, at 6:30 PM via 'Zoom'.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Tina Ramirez, Doug Prim, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovich, Anthony Spica, Connie Campbell, Bre Brendsel, and Susan Jaske.

**Board Members Excused:** Adam Dixon, Oscar Castañeda, Gerhard Mengal, Ron Grobbel, and Robin Crawford.

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

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

The Meeting Minutes for the 2-15-25 Board Meetings (Pre-AGM & Post-AGM) will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

Received/responded to communications from Brian Scherzer & Andrew Klaczekiewicz (MMYSL). MSYSA bylaws permit board members to run for positions (from the floor) despite concerns voiced by several board members at the 2-15-25 (Pre-AGM) board meeting. Current policy references how complaints and disputes involving board members should be handled. Mr. Scherzer chose to resign. Mike Poulos instructed Tom Faro to complete a refresh of MSYSA's present governance policy, and conflict of interest (COI) policy. Mike Poulos will review any recommended changes, and updated policies will be sent to the Board.

US Soccer's Youth Council announced a shift to Birth Year Registration (9-1 through 8-31) beginning in the fall of 2026.

The 'New Referee' Grant Program is open through April 1, 2025. Clubs can receive a \$500 grant from MSYSA by securing newly certified referees.

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

Tom Faro relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending February 28, 2025, was \$1,666,632 with year-to-date (YTD) expenses totaling \$1,377,101, resulting in a year-to-date net profit of \$289,531, and Deferred Revenue (on balance sheet) is currently \$512,085.

**Staff Report(s):** Tom Faro, Mark Zathey

Tom Faro: Written Report submitted, and financial audit engagement communications have been signed/sent to Cole, Newton, and Duran.

Mark Zathey: ODP Sub-Regional events (Indiana) take place in June. ODP 101 sessions for spring are now scheduled. A number of grassroots and licensing courses are coming up.

**Unfinished Business:**

Proposed amendment to MSYSA Bylaw Article III, Section 3 (Associate Membership) will be sent to the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee for their review.

**New Business:**

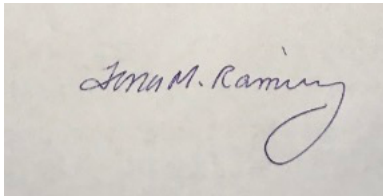
Denise Moote shared GVSA's concerns regarding MSYSA's official try-out date. Staff is in touch with Sue Crabtree (GVSA) and Bre Brendsel (West District Commissioner). A survey was recently sent to our club/league representatives regarding the try-out date as well.

**For the Good of the Game:**

Bre Brendsel: Rapids FC (Grand Rapids area) has started a Top Soccer Program!

The next MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM via Zoom** (Reporting Meeting).

The Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tina M. Ramirez", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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