

MASSAPEQUA SOCCER CLUB

Minutes of the Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club held on Wednesday February 24th, 2016 at Birch Lane Elementary School, Massapequa Park NY.

The Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club was called to order by President Yuri Fishman at 8:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

The meeting minutes were accepted from the January 19th, 2016 meeting. Yuri opened the meeting by asking the membership to recognize Jay Sherman as Volunteer of the Year. He noted that we need volunteers for our Lincoln Page Memorial Day Tournament booth at the LIJSL Convention in 2 weeks. Yuri discussed that MSC awards scholarships to graduating seniors and that currently we only have 3 applications. The application deadline is April 1st. Yuri noted that registration is open for the LPMDT and that Massapequa teams should register ASAP and also help to promote the tournament. Yuri also brought up that we are still in need of a club RN or doctor in order for us to take possession of the donated AEDs. His impression was the the club representative was to test the AEDs once a year and is also responsible to return them to service in the event they are used. Please reach out to president@massapequasc.com if you can help with this. Yuri then turned it over to club Director of Coaching, Richard Nuttall.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT:

Richard discussed the USSF's announcement of the launch of a girls academy noting that the DOC staff would be on top of all of the changes coming through in soccer in the United States. He noted that more information would be provided in the future regarding the girls academy structure. Richard highlighted that the MSC Aces have 5 players on the state team that are going to the National Final Four in Phoenix, AZ. Richard also announced that the club has been working on a new matching plaque for the girls team that won the National Championship in 1986, the MSC Falcons. The new plaque will be unveiled and dedicated Memorial Day weekend during the LPMDT.

Richard gave Stephen Roche's report on the younger age groups highlighting good times and quality finishes for the club at both East Islip and East Meadow tournaments.

Richard asked the training staff present at the meeting to introduce themselves, to talk about their backgrounds and give their thoughts on their time in the club thus far. The following coaches spoke: Mike Megaloudis, Tom Paris, Dave Falcones, Paul Yarde, Brian Anselmo and Bruce Stegner.

Richard introduced Paul Bigilin for his report and noted the amalgamation of the Boys and Girls DOC roles into a role called "Director of Soccer Operations." Richard introduced Paul Bigilin as Director of Soccer Operations for the Massapequa Soccer Club.

Paul Bigilin spoke about the National Letter of Intent signing day, congratulated the players and directed the membership to see the club website for pictures and information about those players.

He thanks Chuck Gates our Webmaster and Jim MacLeod, club Secretary for their efforts in getting those pictures up on the site to celebrate our player accomplishments.

Paul continued and discussed the efforts he has made to push EDP and ODP and to get our players the recognition they deserve. He talked about Kevin McCarthy's NextGen USA program and recognized Matthew Prusan being selected to travel to Spain with NextGen and also noted that Matthew was asked to become part of the inaugural class of of the NextGen Leadership Academy (Pemberton, NJ), a residential soccer specific school for high level players (similar to the IMG Academy) in grades 6-12.

Paul made available the birth year matrix and standards chart noting that he had held meetings already with PAs and that all of this information would be posted on the website. Paul discussed the girls NPL training and ID sessions that would be taking place once a month in addition to the birth year vertical training. The first session is March 8th. - details to come via email and the club website. He noted that at 9,10, 11 all the boys and girls are going birth year. That at the older ages the LIJSL teams would likely remain in tact on the boys side and that the boys are already calendar year in the NPL.

Lastly, Paul discussed the Aces success in Arlington, VA and noted the Raptors open up Region One play this weekend.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer Kyra Kirtyan introduced the membership to a move towards flat fee pricing for the NPL that the board has been discussing. She laid out a number of features/benefits of the flat fee noting that winter training will be included as will goalkeeper training. Kyra also noted that the board is in the process of evaluating how this might be possible or not with the LIJSL teams and that a decision with regard to LIJSL teams would be made by April.

INTRAMURAL REPORT:

SECRETARY REPORT:

Club Secretary Jim MacLeod discussed the Tournament reimbursement policy and that Travel Teams cannot miss more than two General Meetings to be eligible for the tournament reimbursement. Again, the reimbursement is not awarded if a team misses more than 2 General Meetings throughout the soccer year. John O'Neill asked a question and it was confirmed that this policy is in place only for Travel Teams U13 and above. Jim highlighted the purpose behind the policy and encouraged PAs to get their parents involved as far as General Meeting representation.

SERVICES REPORT:

GIRLS TRAVEL REPORT:

Girls Travel Trustee Bob Muir noted that he had already sent out an email to PAs to collect information on sizing for the Adidas coaches shirts. He advised LIJSL teams to pick up their passes

from Eric Deaton asap. He also noted that the practice grid was in the works and the clu scheduler would release the practice grid shortly.

BOYS TRAVEL REPORT:

Boys Travel Trustee Rob Lepre noted that an email was upcoming about the coaches shirts and thanks everyone for attending noting a great turnout.

COMMITTEES REPORT:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

MSC Webmaster Chuck Gates spoke about managing individual team pages on the website and that he is working on a tutorial to help those with that process. He also encouraged everyone to send him stories/highlights etc so that he can get any deserved recognition up on the website. He can be reached at webmaster@massapequasc.com.

Yuri noted before closing that anyone who would like to be part of the HOF Dinner committee should reach out to Denise Mushorn (techdir@massapequasc.com).

MOTION: Adjourn Meeting

With there being no further business before the Membership on a motion by Yuri Fishman, seconded by Jim MacLeod on the February 24th Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer club was adjourned at 9:16 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Yuri Fishman, President



Jim MacLeod, Secretary