

MASSAPEQUA SOCCER CLUB

Minutes of the Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club held on Tuesday September 29th, 2015 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 June 16, 2015 meeting. Yuri discussed the need for another board member to assume the responsibilities of Intramural Coordinator. He went on to thank Oliver Raymond for taking over Interleague Coordination responsibilities; Oliver took over for long-time Interleague volunteer Nick Sarno. Yuri mentioned that MSC had received a donation of 3 AED devices, but that in order for us to take possession of them we need to find and appoint a club Doctor or Nurse.

As early as Spring 2016 LIJSL may be moving to a club pass ie "Massapequa U10" versus a straight roster to allow for roster flexibility. Yuri announced that there are three committees we need volunteers for: Finance Committee, Arbitration Committee, DOC Committee (oversee Job Richard is doing, confirms with contract) - those interested were instructed to see YF after the meeting. Lastly Yuri thanked Jay Sherman for heading up the Volunteer efforts as Volunteer Coordinator.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT:

Richard Nuttall, MSC Director of Coaching thanked everyone for volunteering. He mentioned the U19 Arsenal National Championship. He also mentioned the U17 Crush and their great performance as well. He went on to highlight some other teams performances in the Long Island Cup (Fusion, Mayhem & Sharks). Rich commented on our club affiliation with the New York Cosmos and then moved to give Stephen Roche's report in his absence discussing the younger ages going to the East Islip tournament. Richard then turned it over to Boys DOC Paul Bigilin.

Boys DOC Paul Bigilin lead off by highlighting around the club all of the identification opportunities he has been working hard to procure for the boys. He highlighted a number of players who were having some success at the collegiate level. Paul noted that the Cosmos Academy ID Center has sessions for age groups 2003-2005; we were able to recommend 2 players per calendar year plus alternates. He also noted the NYCSL PDP program where we have terrific representation. He noted our U17 group and 2 players that made the Region 1 team that are hoping for chance to get into National Pool mix. Paul also talked about The "Next Gen" training series and the three 2003s and the four 2002s selected for the program. The takeaway from the discussion is that we have had some terrific success gaining recognition for our players.

Paul went on to discuss the Summer sessions at Field of Dreams where our high school age players get the opportunity to play with collegiate players and current semi-professionals/trainers in the club.

Paul talked about us procuring Hofstra's Bubble for winter training for the older age groups (U12=U18, Jan 4 - Mar 7 530-830p). He highlighted all of the boys and girls teams that will be attending the Jefferson Cup. He reminded all NPL teams to provide water for the opposition and game balls and to continue to email results/synopsis to him of weekend games.

Paul's report finished with a discussion of USSF mandates around Calendar Year. To note, US Club Soccer members will be required to transition age grouping of teams from school-year based (Aug. 1-July 31) to calendar-year based (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) by Aug. 1, 2016. LIJSL has not yet announced the final timetable around this transition. Paul noted that MSC will not make any changes until mandated by the individual leagues and that the NPL on boys side is already birth year. USYSA and Region 1 you can have 3 club carded players, so the older boys will continue to have large rosters managed across US Club USYSA Region 1. Once birth year is implemented, the first year we enter teams into leagues is U9. The U9 group will then be moved to birth year. Paul noted that if anyone has to repeat an age, he would rather have them repeat a travel year (playing in full games vs. going back into a small sided year). Once birth year is implemented across the leagues we play in, we will begin to register non travel teams to birth year as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer Kyra Kirtyan discussed that she is working with our Audit firm AVZ towards a November 15th audit. She is also working through electronic timesheets and direct deposit for the staff members. Kyra also discussed the "guinea pig" trial run with running U13 teams costs through sportssignup instead of the current invoicing process. She will ask U13 PAs in a few months to speak about the process good and bad post implementation. A question came up about fundraising and Kyra noted that you can also have fundraising applied to team fees.

INTRAMURAL REPORT:

Denise Mushorn discussed the intramurals and noted all was well with the program.

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:

Board member and head of Services for MSC, Rob Giordano, introduced himself to the membership. He asked that he be made aware of anything equipment that needs to be fixed. He asked that he be contacted via email at "services@massapequasc.com". Rob requested that flags be put away by those that have the last game at a given field and mentioned that we all need to take responsibility for our equipment noting how expensive it all is. Rob noted that the staff had been spoken to about

making sure as well, but that the PAs need to take some responsibility in conjunction with the training staff. Peter Anarumma noted that the player benches at Burns are still broken. Bob Muir said he would call Tommy at Burns to take care of it.

GIRLS TRAVEL REPORT:

Bob Muir spoke briefly about how smoothly the program was going and gave a quick update.

BOYS TRAVEL REPORT:

New Boys Travel Trustee Rob Lepre introduced himself to the membership. He discussed what he has seen thus far behind the scenes and stressed how much work so few volunteers do in the club and encouraged everyone to consider helping out. He mentioned he is just getting his feet wet and all has been smooth thus far on the boys side.

COMMITTEES REPORT:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

There was open discussion around the U9 teams and how they were divided (ability vs. even teams and how that all came about). We also had a discussion from a member around club curriculum and club philosophy which DOC Richard Nuttall addressed.

MOTION: Adjourn Meeting

With there being no further business before the Membership on a motion by Yuri Fishman, seconded by John O'Neill on the September 29th Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer club was adjourned at 10:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Yuri Fishman, President



Jim MacLeod, Secretary