

## **MASSAPEQUA SOCCER CLUB**

Minutes of the Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club held on Tuesday June 16th, 2015 at Birch Lane Elementary School, Massapequa Park NY.

This Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club was called to order by President Yuri Fishman at 8:15 PM.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

The meeting minutes were accepted from the May 20th meeting. Yuri Fishman, club President, turned the floor over to Richard Nuttall for the DOC report as the first order of business.

After the DOCs finished their reports, Yuri to the the floor to discuss the LIJSL President's meeting. He noted from the meeting that the U13 going to U14 age group will now play Sundays in the Fall and in the Spring. He noted that if a player receives a Red Card it is now known that it will be a one game suspension and you will no longer need to visit LIJSL to pick up the pass, the pass will be mailed back for the game following the suspension. He asked LIJSL to extend registration given that the season was extended; the request was denied. YF added that there is no deadline in the Fall to add to a LIJSL roster, but that once a game is played with a roster that the Cup rosters cannot be changed. LIJSL offered to come to a club general meeting to answer questions we might have; we plan to take them up on it.

Yuri also noted some LIJSL changes coming for Fall 2017 mandated by USSF (US Club USYSA):

- U4-U7 all games will be 4v4 with no GK
- U8-U10 will play 8v8
- U11/U12 will play 9v9
- U13 and up will play 11v11

The LIJSL will also make a decision in the next year if the age groups will go to calendar year for the Fall 2017 implementation.

A question was asked about registration. Denise Mushorn, the Technical Director noted that any players playing up an age group will not be able to register properly unless they email [techdir@massapequasc.com](mailto:techdir@massapequasc.com). Denise asked the PAs to please email her the team name, the age group, and the names of the kids that are playing up. She will then manually add them to the proper age group and then the parents will be able to complete registration.

### **DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT:**

Richard Nuttall, MSC Director of Coaching, highlighted all of the teams in Massapequa that made and/or won state cup and long island cup finals. This information will be made available on the club website. RN noted that PAs should help communicate the message that training, the training environment and player growth is much more important than wins and losses.

Paul Bigilin, the Boys Director of Coaching, took over to discuss the solvency of all of our boys teams. He highlighted the U9 into U10 (Fall 2015) age group as a model of success where the group made 4 teams with smaller rosters (10) and used the flexible rostering allowed by NYCSL/US Club to supplement all of the games. PB thanked Bill Stanton, Pete DeAngelo, and Brian Anselmo for their efforts in making it all work and asked them to speak to the logistics of it. Pete DeAngelo noted that communications on MOndays of each game work was key in making sure each team had the numbers for their games. He noted that those who wanted to participate in extra games were able to play in anywhere from 1-4 extra games with significant/meaningful minutes for all of the boys on all of the teams. All teams achieved at the very least some success with roster movement noted Pete. Brian Anselmo commented that the communication throughout the year in the group was excellent between the PAs and Colin Nannery. Lastly, Bill Stanton commented on their efforts and how coming into the group for the Fall there will be 9 additional players, some from intramurals as well as a few from out of town. Brian Anselmo noted that although the player movement was smooth, the importance of a "home base" on these teams is needed for it to work versus a pure age group without any team structure. The message was a job well done by all involved and was a structure that was mirrored on the girls side in the same age group.

PB then went on to discuss the use of player movement or supplemental movement between age groups at the older ages and how it provided great additional opportunities for the boys. Paul mentioned BU12- on up NPL teams are encouraged to attend the Spirit United Classic and that all teams are encouraged to attend the August 29th/30th EMSC Tournament. Paul mentioned the Next Gen Camp and the July 1 coaching education session that accompanies it. Paul also discussed AFTLI's 8 to 10 week fitness/agility sessions for teams and or combined groups; contact AFTLI directly or reach out to Paul to for any needed help. Lastly Paul discussed the MSC Camps run by Eric Schmidt. Please see the club website for details on all of these camps. PB then turned it over to Stephen Roche, Director of Youth Development.

SR said a special thank you to the PAs in the U9 age group, Bill Stanton, Pete DeAngelo, and Brian Anselmo. Steve thanked Lorraine Brucato and Jay Sherman for their work with Mike Megaloudis on the Father's Day Tournament. He noted that we now have 106 teams participating. Steve then walked through a list of all of the teams that have won their league on both the boys and the girls side (U9 white girls, U10 girls 2 teams, U12 Freedom, U10 Explosion etc). Well done all! Stephen also hammered home the point that adding an extra team at lower roster numbers builds age groups and gets the kids comfortable playing with each other; he again mentioned the Bu10 age group as a model and how it has also worked in the Gu10 group as well.

Lastly, Richard Nuttall took the opportunity to talk about a Hofstra v Syracuse game on August 28th and that 400 tickets for younger age groups in MSC were being made available.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Kyra Kirtyan discussed team payment for the current soccer year noting 57% payment with 50% of teams paid in full. She read aloud those who paid in full, who are partially paid, and those missing payment fully. She mentioned having checks/reimbursement checks for those that were

awarded the tournament award. Kyra discussed some of the club-wide analysis she is running at the moment including year over year registration numbers which will be discussed at the next meeting. Kyra touched on the U13 pilot program running league fees, ref fees, and trainer fees through sportsignup. There will be an email coming about this and about the details of payment plans/dates etc. To note, Tournaments will still not be covered/paid for through the club system. Kyra also discussed the outstanding unpaid dollars as a result of payment plans and how that will be something we look at as we pilot this to the U13 age groups.

A question was asked by John O'Neill if fees are going up. Kyra noted that despite NYCSL raising fees, MSC will not be raising fees.

#### **INTRAMURAL REPORT:**

Denise Mushorn talked briefly about the Father's Day Tournament and thanked Lorraine and Jay for their work with Mike Megaloudis on tournament. Denise talked about how well intramurals went and how successful she thought it had been and thanked Stephen Roche for his great work there.

Denise also took the opportunity to talk about the MSC awards night dinner. She mentioned the Hall of Fame induction ceremony stories and how many in attendance who hadn't been privy to club history came away with a new appreciation from where we have come and how special remembering our roots is. She thanked everyone for their Raffle Baskets and noted that we did well for the player assistance fund and the scholarships going forward. Lastly, Denise noted that we need some volunteer help on Saturday of the Father's Day tournament, any older kids/players would be great to get involved and help the little ones.

#### **SERVICES REPORT:**

#### **GIRLS TRAVEL REPORT:**

#### **BOYS TRAVEL REPORT:**

#### **COMMITTEES REPORT:**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

A question was raised about NPL places and those who cannot commit to it because of the travel and how player movement would work and where and what spot would be available for those that cannot commit. The discussion was guided by Stephen Roche to take place after the General Meeting as an aside with the U11 going to U12 girls age group.

Club Secretary Jim MacLeod read aloud dates regarding registration deadlines for NYCSL/NPL, LIJSL, etc as well as a number of important dates in the Fall (team camp info, league start dates, clinic and practice grid dates etc.). He noted that all of the information gone over will be sent along to everyone this week.

**BOARD SEATS:**

Three board seats were up for election at this meeting. Jim MacLeod was up for election and was elected. Yuri asked those eligible for volunteers for the two vacant spots. Rob Lepre and Rob Giordano were identified as eligible and willing members for Board positions. Rob Lepre and Rob Giordano were voted in without opposition.

**MOTION:** Adjourn Meeting

With there being no further business before the Membership on a motion by Yuri Fishman, seconded by Jim MacLeod, the June 16th Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer club was adjourned at 9:46 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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Yuri Fishman, President



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Jim MacLeod, Secretary