

MASSAPEQUA SOCCER CLUB

Minutes of the Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Birch Lane Elementary School, Massapequa NY.

The Monthly Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club was called to order by Vice President Denise Mushorn at 8:20PM.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Denise made everyone aware that Kevin Ferrari was held late at work and is on his way. As described in an email that went to all Parent Administrators, LIJSL placement form must be completed and returned to our LIJSL registrar, Eric Deaton, by the end of the week. If you have not received your forms they are in Eric's mailbox at this home. Kevin Ferrari arrived and let everyone know that he is planning a referee course for interested people within the club. Kevin thanked Robin Lee for attending, as Rich Nuttall had a family emergency and will not be able to make the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Yuri Fishman provided copies of an update Profit/Loss statement for those that were interested. Yuri met with our auditors last week to review our books from 2010-2012. There were no major findings. Teams that have not paid their Fall travel fees must pay them prior to receiving their player passes in the Spring. Yuri commented on the recent news story involving fraud and the former President of the Dix Hills Soccer Club. There was a question from the floor asking how the older NPL teams and Spring training fees. Teams will be billed for NPL league fees and trainer fees. Referee fees will not be collected by the club.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT:

Robin Lee, reporting on behalf of the training staff, reminded the membership that Spring registration is open. The deadline for travel players is 12/31/13 and the deadline for intramurals is 2/28/14. An email reminder has been sent to all previously registered players but a reminder from the Team Parent Administrator will be more effective. The winter schedule was released recently with all core age groups scheduled for weekly training at minimum. There is gym time available for the U6-U9 groups as well as the U10-U12 core travel teams. Intramural registration for the winter program at TNT is down. There will be emails in January about winter tournament registration. The Snowflake Cup was cancelled due to weather. The Snowflake League is scheduled to open during the first week in January. Travel teams can request outdoor field space starting the first week in January. Robin will send a weekly email to PA's and coordinate the schedule. Travel teams participating in tournaments/showcases will be given priority. Robin reminded PA's to make him aware of any scheduled practice times that are going unused. TOB does not like to leave the lights on if we are not using the fields.

INTRAMURAL REPORT:

Denise Mushorn reported that there will be 'in-person' registration for the Spring Season held on January 9th and January 11th at the Burns Park Shed. Denise reminded all that online registration for Intramurals is open and will remain open until 2/28/14. We will look to participate in the 'Kick-for-a-cure' penalty kick contest held at Hofstra on 2/22/14. The East Meadow Indoor Tournament will be held in January and the West Islip Indoor Tournament will be held in February. We hope to have a handful of teams participate in these events.

SERVICES REPORT:

Ed Murphy reported that all equipment was moved according to needs during the Boys Showcase tournament. There was a question from the floor concerning the condition of the fields at Walker Street. Kevin Ferrari explained that we are having an ongoing issue with raccoons damaging the fields. We have had the fields patched several times only to have them damaged again. We will continue to assess the problem and communicate with the Village of Massapequa Park.

BOYS/GIRLS TRAVEL REPORT:

Bob Muir asked that if any of the core age groups are concerned or confused about their winter plans to please contact him. Kevin Ferrari mentioned that the GU16 Crush won their bracket at the CASL Tournament. Kevin also mentioned that both the Boys and Girls Soccer Teams at Massapequa High School won the NY State Championship in November.

COMMITTEES REPORT:

Kevin Ferrari thanked members of committees that were in attendance, in particular John O'Neill, Finance Committee. John has helped the club complete all tax returns that were due. Kevin will be meeting members of other committees, such as the DOC Committee, to ensure the club is running efficiently. The DOC Committee was created to oversee the functionality of the DOC role.

OLD & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kevin is working on a date for the MSC Golf Outing. Kevin asked that the membership keep us posted on team and individual accomplishments so we can highlight them on our website. Kevin would like to pursue his idea of creating a MSC Hall of Fame. The Board is also discussing the possibility of having a soccer only facility, perhaps Field of Dreams, and building a clubhouse.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

There was some concern that the club is allowing the training staff to advertise or coordinate private training sessions through our website. Yuri Fishman explained that this

was a customary way for trainers to supplement their income. The membership understood that but questioned if they should be coordinating these sessions through our site. Kevin Ferrari said that he would review the process and discuss it with Rich Nuttall. Kevin wants to make sure trainers are not providing private sessions to players that are on teams that these trainers are assigned to.

There was a question from the floor asking if the club's decision to commit to the NPL is being evaluated. There was a handful of people in attendance that felt the NPL is a poor choice and do not see the benefit of participating in the league. A lengthy discussion took place with many club members sharing their insight and opinions. Most of these opinions were critical of the NPL management. There was a sentiment that we are caught in the middle of the ongoing conflicts between NPL and LIJSL/ENY. Kevin Ferrari gave a brief history behind the decision to commit to the NPL two years ago. Kevin also agreed that the NPL is not running exactly how it was sold to us. It was asked from the floor if the Board could have an NPL discussion with those parents of children that are U10-U12 and getting ready for premier travel. Kevin agreed to meet with members of the club and community who have a good understanding of the soccer landscape and reiterated that the Board's focus is to provide the best environment for the kids/players to develop and grow.

MOTION: Adjourn Meeting

With there being no further business before the Membership on a motion by Kevin Ferrari, seconded by John O'Neill the December 2013 Membership Meeting of the Massapequa Soccer Club was adjourned at 9:55PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Ferrari
President

Bob Muir
Secretary