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Minutes of MSA Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 11:15am by President David Dodd at the Hilton Hotel Meeting Room in Jackson MS.

Executive Council Present: David Dodd – President, Kim Quarles - Div 3 VP, Doug Kitchens - Div 2 VP, Lane Smith - Div 4 (adult) VP, Gene Phillips – Treasurer, Barbara Bent – State Registrar, Ed Goyette – Secretary, Jeff Martella – Div 1 VP

Not present Tim Clements – State Referee Administrator

District Directors Present: Tommy Gore – South, Alex Farned – North, Sonja Rowell – Central, Gerald Self – West

Staff and Committee Present: Brent Clements – Executive Director, Terry Eguaoje – Technical Director of Coaching, Shirley Griffin - Kidsafe, Doug Irby – State Youth Referee Administrator, Dawn Wright – Rules and Revisions, Tom Velek – Soccer Across America

Guests – Johnny Renfro, Terry Rodriguez, Rusty Comely (Clinton)

A quorum was established.

Motion to Approve Dec 3 Minutes made by Doug Kitchens, Seconded by Tommy Gore, motion carried with no objection.

President's Report – will be given at AGM

Kim Quarles report – met with Meridian regarding Kohl's cup, remainder is in AGM booklet

Doug Kitchens report – in AGM booklet

Lane Smith – new team forming, new league forming and is asking questions regarding AAU vs MSA

Registrar – In AGM booklet

Doug Irby – reported in place of Tim Clements that referee numbers are better and they are working on getting E-Referee to be maintained after switchover

Jeff Martella – in AGM booklet

Sonja Rowell – in AGM booklet, possible issue with District Tournament host but is working with them to fix it

Alex Farned - in AGM booklet, Oxford will host the District Tournament.

Tommy Gore reported that still working on details with South MS Soccer Club on likely host of District Tournament.

Gerald Self reported that Greenville is possible host of District Tournament, if not then Vicksburg, still pending

Brent Clements – report is in AGM booklet, working with setting up the new Academy program in Got Soccer with Barbara, Hattiesburg is the first club that will be implementing it at multiple age groups

Terry Eguaoje - report in AGM booklet

Shirley Griffin – 17 Kidsafe rejections YTD, 4 pending resolution presently

Gene Phillips – Financials are in AGM booklet, encouraged Council Members to ask questions regarding budget, presented a commemorative plate to President Dodd for all Council members to sign for his service to MSA.

Unfinished Business

ODP Coaches Bios- Terry has created these and posted online, they hold a minimum of a National D license

ODP Report – Stratton and Cooper made National camp, now have 174 registered pool players. MS placed more kids on Regional ODP teams than any other state.

Revisions to Kidsafe Program – Shirley discussed reason behind them, Motion to accept as presented made by Barbara Brent, Seconded by Kim Quarles, motion carried with no objections.

Real MS Associate Membership – By laws sent by them have to go to By Law committee first prior to Council, tabled until next meeting

1:50 break

2:12 return from break

New Business

NWRAA 16 boys team – currently has 2 teams and 1 team wants to move to Flowood, Johnny Renfroe is present as coach of the team that wants to move. They are seeking a suspension of policy that states only 5 players from a team may be transferred. Mr Renfroe presented his reasoning why the team wanted to move. Upon review of the teams in Got Soccer it was discovered that the fall teams were not age balanced and would be discussed with club Registrar. This was recommended and approved to be placed on agenda for Executive Council following regular Council meeting.

Division 1 League games – 1st round went well except for one miscommunication, next round set for March 25 in Brandon

State Open Cup – Discussion ensued on date and format again due to conflict with another club tournament, format will be for u11/12 d1-d3 teams that are USYS affiliated and USYS state affiliates (not just Mississippi) – Tournament will be hosted by Tupelo on April 28/29

2:45pm – Jeff Martella left

Rule Change proposals to be presented at AGM discussed

Proposal #1 – transfers would remain but no fee for releases, discussion ensued on pros and cons, to date 37 clubs have requested transfers resulting in a gain of 211 players and a loss of 229

Proposal #2 – policy discussed

U8 Policy Proposal regarding U8 State tournament – Tournament will be held April 14, fees will be \$125 for competitive and \$100 for non-competitive teams. Referee pay will be \$15 per game and be used as a way to mentor them. Competitive teams will play 5v5 with a goalie and non-competitive will play 4v4 with NO goalie. Up to 3 guest players may be used but they must be from the same club. The roster must be finalized by March 1. For final and semi final games a 3 referee system will be used with pay of \$10 for ARs and \$15 for center. This policy is in effect for this tournament only. Motion made by Gerald to accept as presented, Seconded by Barbara, Motion carried with no objections.

Vicksburg has requested to change the designation of their secondary rostered D2 team to a primary rostered D2 team. This would suspend the 5 player transfer rule. Kim motioned to deny their request, seconded by Gerald, motion carried with one abstention.

Members in Good Standing for AGM discussed for voting members, New Albany, Central Jackson, BAYS and Southwest Jackson are all missing report, Biloxi is missing fees. Motion to deny Biloxi a vote unless fees paid made by Kim, Seconded Barbara, motion carried with no objection.

West Point Soccer applied last year on Feb 15, motion made to ask the membership to suspend the rules at AGM and to accept them as a full member effective immediately by Barbara, seconded by Sonja, motion carried with no objections.

Meridian has applied for a supplemental grant from Soccer Across America, motion to accept made by Doug, seconded by Kim, motion carried with no objections.

Break at 4:07pm – all guests left
4:20 resumed

Information was given regarding two potential issues involving referees.

Due to no guests being present, Doug motioned that the Council discuss the aforementioned transfer of team from NWRAA to Flowood, Seconded by Kim. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Kim to allow only 5 players to transfer to Flowood per policy, but allowing for the previous 5 approved player transfers to reverse their decision and remain with NWRAA. Any remaining transfers that are open would be filled based on when the players applied for the transfer. Seconded by Doug. Motion carried with no objection.

5:13pm motion to adjourn made by Doug, seconded by Alex. No objections