2002 MYSA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 19 January 2002

Currently Unapproved

The Mississippi Youth Soccer Association held its Annual General Meeting 19 January 2002 at the Holiday Inn North in Jackson, Mississippi.

Delegate Registrations began at 8:00 AM with individual District Meetings following at 8:30 AM.

President Brent Clements called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Financial Officer Gene Phillips opened the session with prayer.

President Clements introduced the Sponsors and the Vendors at this year's meeting. The Sponsors included Chevrolet, Score, Select Soccer, Uniroyal Tire, Snickers, and Tide. Vendors for the year included: Robert Breland with The Soccer Center; Tim Burke from Sportsphere; Amy Ballinger with High 5 Sportswear; John Pirrone, Larry Tenotio, and Martin Buring with Score American Soccer Company; and Ed Reeder with Select Sport America.

Treasurer Gene Phillips took a roll call and credentials account. Thirty-four of the fifty-four delegates were present and a quorum was declared.

Mr. Phillips continued with the Treasurer's Report covering various sections of interest and closing by noting the current balance and the expenses paid for last year.

Special attention was noted in the breakdown of the current Registration Fee of $15.00 per player as follows:

$ 1.60	Administrative
2.10	Newsletter
1.50	USYSA Fees
3.20	Insurance
2.30	State Office
2.00	State Coach
.30	ODP Program
2.00	Executive Director Position – ***NOTE: Changed to Chief Operating Officer***

Don Lewis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as noted with the change of the last item. Pat Rich seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was carried.

The Officers Reports followed. Brent Clements, President; Gene Phillips, Treasurer; Don Lewis, Northern District Director; Tim Clements, State Youth Referee Administrator; Suzanne Brown, MYSA Executive Secretary; Christine Cline-Dahlman, MYSA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee; and Nigel Boulton, State Director of Coaching accented their reports presented in the annual program.

Tony Bombich, 1st Vice President, presented an oral and written report on the activities he chaired during the past year.

Pat Hoban-Moore, Second Vice President, Division I; Kenyatta Scott, 3rd Vice President Amateurs; Pat Rich, Southern District Director; Cindy Johnson, Western District Director; and Ray Holloway, TopSoccer Chairman, presented oral reports to the assembly. Shirley Griffin, Kids Safe, presented her oral report along with a brief video on appropriate behavior for adults with children.

President Clements presented retiring Officers and Committee Members. They included: John Allgood, Registrar; Don Lewis, Northern District Director; Pat Rich, Southern District Director; and Pat Hoban-Moore, Second Vice President, Division I.

A fifteen-minute break was taken at 10:45 AM.

The **SECOND SESSION** began with the Tournament Bids for 2002 – 2003

TIDE AMERICAN CUP MAY 2003 – Singing River was the only organization to bid on this tournament.

Motion: To accept Singing River's bid

Made by: Pat Rich
Second: Steven Parish
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

SNICKERS CUP – MAY 2003

Hattiesburg, Singing River and Tupelo placed bids for this tournament. It is open to Southern District I Organizations. Singing River withdrew their bid. Discussion ensued.

Motion: To Accept Hattiesburg's bid.

Made by: Pat Rich
Second: Don Wright
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

CHEVROLET COACHES CUP – FALL 2002

For Recreational Teams and open to any organization to bid.

Tupelo and Singing River made bids for this tournament. Discussion ensued. Highlights included (1) a suggestion to favor Tupelo due to the organization's lack of time and support to assist Tupelo last year in their efforts to secure this bid; (2) acknowledgement that school age kids will be engaged in sports for their respective schools and should not conflict with the Vicksburg Girl's Tournament and the Coach's Cup; (3) a date was set for the Coach's Cup as the second weekend in November – this year to be 9-10 November; Singing River withdrew their bid.

Motion: To accept Tupelo's bid.

Made by: Gary Chaney
Second: Dawn Wright
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

STATE AMATEUR CUP – SPRING 2003

Open to any organization to bid. Requirements were noted to include four (4) fields 110 x 65 yards playing ability with minimum of eight (8).

Vicksburg bid on the tournament from the floor.

Motion: To accept Vicksburg's bid.

Made by: Brent Clements
Second: Cindy Johnson
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

The following organizations were **PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL**:

East Central Soccer Association
Natchez Youth Soccer Association
Reservoir YMCA
Northside YMCA

Motion: To accept the above listed as New Organizations

Made by: Pat Rich
Second: Tony Bombich
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

Copiah County Soccer Association and D'Iberville Youth Soccer Association were presented to the membership for vote to accept as **FULL MEMBERSHIP**.

Motion: To accept as full membership.

Made by: Pat Rich
Second: Pat Hoban-Moore
Vote Called
Motion Carried.

AWARDS PRESENTED

This year's awards went to the following:

100% CLUB	DeSoto County Soccer Tupelo Youth Soccer Newton County Soccer Association NE Jackson Soccer Association Rankin United Futbol Club D'Iberville Soccer Laurel Soccer Association Mississippi Coast Futbol Club
Special awards: IN APPRECIATION OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE MYSA	Pat Hoban-Moore, --Second Vice President John Allgood – Registrar Don Lewis – Northern District Director Pat Rich – Southern District Director
YOUNG REFREEE OF THE YEAR Presented by Chuck Tate, State Director of Instruction for Referee Program and Kenyatta Scott, Third Vice President Amateurs	Jonathan Barlow
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR Presented by President Brent Clements	Ray Holloway
COACH OF THE YEAR Presented by Nigel Boulton, Director of Coaches	Bill Griffiths

A special recognition award was given to JUSTIN "SIP" MAPP. Justin is the son of Jan and David Mapp of Brandon, MS. He has been playing the game since he was six years old. At seventeen Justin is the second youngest player to sign with the Major League Soccer team.

Coach of the Year, Bill Griffiths, presented "SIP" (a nickname for being from the state of Mississippi) with the plaque that read:

IN RECOGINITION OF YOUR
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT
AS A MEMBER OF
MISSISSIPPI YOUTH OCCER ASSOCIATION
FROM 1991 TO PRESENT
AND IN APPRECIATION FOR
BEING AN OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR
FOR THE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
AND
MISSISSIPPI YOUTH SOCCER

JUSTIN "SIP" MAPP

JANUARY 19, 2002

The local television station, Channel 16, interviewed Justin and his mother, Jan. Their report was scheduled to air on Saturday night, 19 January, at 10 PM and on Monday, 20 January at 5 PM and later at 10 PM.

The winners of special awards and recognition along with their families were guests of the MYSA for a luncheon.

President Clements read the **PROPOSALS** for consideration prior to breaking for the lunch hour.

The **THIRD SESSION** began at 1:30 PM. President Clements turned the business of the proposals over to Jim Brown, Rules and Revisions Committee Chairman, to preside.

PROPOSALS:

Number 1	Presented by Robert Ware.
Current Policy	Permission to host friendly games for out of state teams is the same as a tournament application and same cost.
Proposed Policy	Require a team to only complete the application and pay a one-time $10 fee for each event related to out of state games.
Recommendation	Committee suggested the MYSA Council appoint a committee to determine what constitutes tournaments and games in order to justify a reduction in fees for friendly games that are not organized in Tournament format.
NO MOTION	Failed for lack of motion to bring it to the floor.

Number 2	Presented by Shirley Griffin
Current Policy	Kidsafe Forms lack a contact person.
Proposed Policy	Provided a contact person to communicate with by phone and/or e-mail.
Discussion	Forms are not to change; just additional info to be included.
Motion	Don Lewis
Second	Gene Phillips
Vote Called	Motion carried.

Number 3 Presented by Shirley Griffin

Current Policy Does not cover enough.

It is the intent of USYSA and its affiliated organizations to exclude from participation in USYSA activities, at a minimum, all persons who have been convicted of crimes of violence or crimes against persons.

Proposed Policy Would like more information presented to the state of Mississippi.

Add to the above statement: Further, it is the intent of MYSA membership to exclude any one convicted of any other violation of the law that the MYSA Executive Council deems detrimental to the health and safety of the players.

Discussion What are the legal aspects of the proposal in national vs. local? Would additional info be an invasion of privacy?

Agreed to leave the form as is. Any concerns about safety of players should be brought to the Executive Committee for further investigation.

Motion Don Lewis

Second Pat Hoban-Moore

Vote Called Motion carried.

Number 4, 5 & 6 Presented by Brent Clements

Motion made by Don Lewis to combine all three proposals together for voting at same time. Seconded by Kenyatta Scott. Motion carried to combine voting on all three.

Current Policy 6. (addressed first) . . .

Section 1 – **Division 1 League**

This league is the state's first leg of the USYSA National Youth Championship. It is a statewide league providing all MYSA registered teams with the opportunity to play a

scheduled home and away game against all other teams in their age/gender group. The purpose to qualify and seed teams in the MYSA Snickers State Cup. The league shall be open to Under 11 through Under 19 Boys and Girls Teams. This league will be under the direction of the MYSA Second Vice President.

Section 3 – **Scheduling** :

The MYSA Second Vice President shall schedule league games in a format that will ensure fairness in travel and playing dates whenever possible. All league games will be scheduled between October 1st and April 1st of the current playing year. If a team does not complete their league games by April 1st all remaining league games will be scheduled at the discretion of the MYSA Second Vice President. All league games must be completed at least two weeks prior to the MYSA Snickers State Cup. Once league schedules have been presented to all teams by the MYSA Second Vice President they MUST be played as scheduled unless agreed upon by both teams and a request in writing has been presented and approved by the MYSA Second Vice President at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled game.

Section 8 – **Playing Format**

Points will be awarded as follows: three (3) points win, one (1) point tie; and no points for a loss. Age/gender groups with less than three teams will not be required to play in the league, but they must play the other team in their age/gender group at least once before the MYSA Snickers State Cup. If an age/gender group has more than six (6) teams, only the first six teams will advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup as determined by league play. Age/gender groups with six (6) or less will all advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup.

4. . . . In order to qualify for The Snickers Cup, each team must play each team once at any location that the . . .

AMEND to read: . . .In order to qualify for The Snickers Cup, each team must play at least 4 other teams within the League at any . . .

A friendly amendment was added to include that the 4 other teams from the League must have at least 3 other teams to play.

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Section 5 **U11-U13 Seeding**:

Seeding shall be determined by league standings. All red and yellow card reporting must be current to be considered for seeding to the Snickers State Tournament.

Proposed Policy Changes are in BOLD ITALICS.

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Every team will play each team within their age/gender group two (2) times with a home and away format. Points will be awarded as follows: three (3) points win, one (1) point tie; and no points for a loss. Age/gender groups with less than three teams will not be required to play in the league, but they must play the other team in their age/gender group at least once before the MYSA Snickers State Cup. If an age/gender group has more than six (6) teams, only the first six teams will advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup as determined by league play. Age/gender groups with six (6) or less will all advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup.

Section 5 **U11-U13 Seeding**:

~~***These teams shall be seeded by a poll of the Division I Coaches of each age or gender group considered by the Division I Vice President prior to tournament***~~. All red and yellow card reporting must be current to be considered for seeding to the Snickers State Tournament.

Discussion

Proposal 5:
The first sentence addition in Section 5 was struck leaving only the last sentence.

All teams in the age groups are eligible for the Snickers State Cup. The Division I Vice President will set the tournament format according to the number of U11-U13 teams participating.

Proposal 4:
Discussion ensured to end in agreement that the rooster freeze date

would allow recreational players to transfer to Division I This was called to question.

Motion To accept all changes as presented. Motion made by Don Lewis.

Second Kenyatta Scott

Vote Called Motion(s) carried.

Number 7 Presented by Brent Clements

Current Policy **Coaches Registration Fees:**
Each coach is required to be registered. The registration fee is $15.00 per team.

Proposed Policy **Coaches Registration Fees:**
Each coach is required to be registered. The registration fee is $15.00 per team, Under 10 and Above and $5.00 per team for U6 and U8. **NOTE:** This proposal would change the rule to the current policy already adopted by rules suspension by the Executive Council.

Discussion Question on how this would impact financial standing with the organization.

Motion Called to Question by Don Lewis.

Second Pat Rich

Vote Called Motion to Question carried.

Number 8 Presented by Steve Brice

Current Policy **None.**

Proposed Policy Allow groups and/or individuals with expertise in tournament operations to assist some organizations obtaining fields and staff to host tournaments.

Discussion **Committee comments:**

Every organization member has the right to host these activities and turn over the operation to these special groups. It does not require a special affiliation to enable organizations to involve these special groups in special events.

Motion Steve Brice

Second None

Vote Called Motion died for lack of second.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Office President of Association

Candidates **Brent Clements**

Discussion None.

Motion John Murray

Second Kenyatta Scott

Vote Called Motion Carried.

Office Second Vice-President, State Division

Candidates **Kay Breland**

Discussion None.

Motion Brent Clements asked to accept a motion by acclamation.

Second Kenyatta Scott

Vote Called Motion Carried.

Office Treasurer of the Association

Candidates **Gene Phillips**

Discussion None.

Motion Pat Rich

Second Tony Bombich

Vote Called Motion Carried.

Listed below is a roaster of the door prizes were awarded by random drawing. Members/guests had to be present to win.

Prize	**Sponsor**	**Winner**
Igloo Cooler		Jim Nicholson
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Alex Fawner
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Kenyatta Scott
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Faye Cochran
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Ray Holloway
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Mike Hales

Prize	Sponsor	Winner
Soccer Ball	Chevrolet	Kim Quarles
Soccer Balls	Score	J. D. Mauldin
Soccer Balls	Score	Steve Storm
Soccer Balls	Score	Karen Mauldin
T-shirt	Score	Danny Cubbage
T-shirt	Score	Beverly Wells
T-shirt	Score	Shirley Griffin
Travel Bag	Nike	Ron Coffey
Back Pack	Pepsi	Ed Dear
Polo Shirt	MYSA	Tracy May
Polo Shirt	MYSA	Cindy Johnson
Polo Shirt	MYSA	Chuck Tate
Polo Shirt	MYSA	Kenny Oubre
WUSA Soccer Ball	Select Sport	John Murray
Ball Bag	Select Sport	Gary Cherry
Jumbo Soccer Ball	Select Sport	Dawn Wright
Soccer Skills Book		Tim Fairbrothe
Soccer Skills Book		Donna Hollis
Concerned Coach Book		Gene Phillips
Peak Performance Book		Suzanne Brown
Tape Can Coach		Donnie Doleac
Shirt	Sportsphere	Michael Booker
Shirt		Pat Moore
Shirt		Rochelle Holloway
Soccer Shots Book		Al Camara
Soccer Shots Book		Matthew Pipper

Pat Hoban-Moore gave the closing prayer. President Brent Clements adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Respectively submitted

D. Faye Cochran