

**MISSISSIPPI SOCCER ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008**

The Mississippi Soccer Association (MSA) held their regular Council Meeting on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the MSA Office.

President David Dodd called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. President Dodd called for the roll call. Gene Phillips gave the invocation and called the roll. A quorum was established. The following Executive Council Members were in attendance:

Brent Clements, Executive Director
David Dodd, President
Doug Kitchens, 1st Vice President (Division III)
Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President (Division II)
Kay Bouler, 3rd Vice President (Division I)
Lane Smith, 4th Vice President (MSA Adult)
Dawn Wright, Registrar
Kathy Friar, Secretary
Gene Phillips, Treasurer
Alex Farned, Northern District Director
Kim Quarles, Central District Director
Tim Clements, State Referee Administrator
Shirley Griffin, Kidsafe

Minutes were distributed and Brent Clements made motion to accept minutes as corrected. Kim Quarles second. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports of Staff and other Officers:

Doug Kitchens, 1st Vice President gave a report on tournament being held in Meridian. Asked members of the council who would be attending so he could get rooms for them. He has set aside rooms for referees. The tournament dates are May 2-4.

Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President gave his report (see handout). The President's Cup will be held on the coast at Gulfport County Farm Road on May 17-18. Rosters are due April 14.

Kay Bouler, 3rd Vice President gave her report. The regional hotel contact has been signed. State Cup for U11-U17 is May 30-June 1 and U18-19 June 7-8 at Freedom Ridge Park. League play was held on March 8-9. Several teams are tied will have to look at tie breakers.

Lane Smith, 4th Vice President no report.

Dawn Wright, Registrar no report

Alex Farned, Northern District Director, their district tournament will be held in Tupelo on April 19-20 with 89 teams.

Kim Quarles, Central District Director, their district tournament will be held in Brandon on Exchange Field and Shiloh Park on April 19-20.

Brent Clements – April 1 registrar deadline. April 4 freeze for tournament. Teams are to register April 7. Medals are in District Directors can pick up their medals today.

There will be a planning meeting in Vicksburg at the Horizon. ODP girls are being seen today.

Tim Clements, State Referee Administrator gave his report. There is a National Referee meeting in Colorado next week. E referee training is up and prepay on line.

Shirley Griffin, Kidsafe, gave her report. Seven applications review and have one still pending. Information on website PowerPoint need to be updated.

Soccerstart is being revamped and David has a person in mind to handle this.

Gene Phillips, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Dawn Wright reported on the land payment. A letter of intent was sent to Northwest Rankin to lease land to put building on. OPD will continue to use the fields. Dawn made a motion to cancel this letter of intent. Gene Phillips second. Motion carried.

Tim Clements gave out handouts on the referee fees. Tim made a motion to amend fees for referees and referees traveling 100 miles or more be paid \$20. Dawn Wright seconded. Discussion followed. Dawn recommended that the referees not be paid until the end of the tournament or when the assignor no longer needs them. Kim seconded the amendment. Amendment passed with one abstention. New rates will take effect September 1 start of new season. No further discussion.

Brent Clements, Executive Director, then presented the policy change proposals.

Proposal 1 – Conferences within particular age/gender groups are numerically balanced. Insures D1 State Cup qualifiers compete against roughly the same number of teams.

Brent Clements made motion to accept this proposal and Dawn Wright seconded.

Proposal failed.

Proposal 2 – Organizational Partnerships This proposal was tabled. Proposal send to Rules and Revision Committee for AGM meeting.

Proposal 3 – Modifications to the Member Tournament Policy

Brent Clements made motion and Kim Quarles second.

Motion failed.

Proposal 4 – Allow the primary rostering of Division II teams.

Brent made motion to table this proposal until next council meeting.

Doug Kitchens seconded.

Motion passed.

Proposal 5 – Elimination of League Fames for non USYS Championship teams and New Team Formation guidelines.

Kay Bouler made motion to table this proposal until the next council meeting.

Kim Quarles seconded.

Motion passed.

Proposal 6 – Modification to the Territorial Boundaries and Tryout Rules

Brent made motion to table this proposal until the next council meeting.

Kay Bouler seconded.

Motion passed.

Proposal 7 – Insure that all referees assigned to MSA events are independent of the teams in games that they referee.

Motion made by Brent to accept this proposal.

Gene Phillips seconded.

Motion failed.

New Business:

JFC Referee complaint – Tim was given a DVD complaint. State Referee Committee watched the DVD decided that was a conflict of interest but there was no official complaint was made.

Tim Manual BXSC – Forgery – he has been suspended as registrar for remaining of year in Biloxi. Motion made by Dawn Wright for him to ineligible to be associated in any matter. Doug Kitchens seconded. Motion passed. Brent will send letter.

New Organization – Leake County – Brent made a motion to accept Leake County into association. Dough Kitchens seconded. Motion carried.

Territory Change Request – D'Iberville David Dodd made a motion to table until next council meeting. Alex Farned seconded. Motion carried.

Organizations still owing money – Brent made a motion that any organization that owes over \$400 will not be allowed to play in District tournament until funds are paid. Dawn Wright seconded. Motion carried.

D1 Card Reporting – All D1 cards (yellow and red) need to be brought current by April 1. If cards are not current club will not be allowed to play in state cup. If a club does not go to state cup will not receive back bond money until all cards are current.

Assorted troubles on the Coast – Kay Bouler reported two Biloxi teams are having conflicts and hurting both teams.

Proposed Instructors Fees – Dawn Wright made a motion to table this proposal until next meeting. Gene Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Kim Quarles made a motion to bring to the floor JFC referee conflict. Gene Phillips seconded. Tim Clements has watched the DVD see nothing wrong. Committee saw a conflict of interest. Nothing council can do since no official complaint was made.

Gene Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Dawn Wright seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Kathryn Friar, Secretary