

MISSISSIPPI YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, April 9, 2005

The Mississippi Youth Soccer Association held a Council Meeting on Saturday, April 9 2005 in Jackson, Mississippi.

President David Dodd called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. Dawn Wright called the roll and Gene Phillips recorded the call. Out of voting Council of 12 members, we had 11 members present. A quorum was established. The following Executive Council Members were in attendance:

Brent Clements, Executive Director
David Dodd, President
Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President (Division II)
Kay Breland, 3rd Vice President (Division I)
Pam Spence, 4th Vice President (MSA Adult)
Gene Phillips, Treasurer
Dawn Wright, Secretary-Registrar
Alex Farned, Northern District Director
Tommy Gore, Southern District Director
Jim Harrison, Western District Director
Kim Quarles, Central District Director

Other Committee Members in attendance were:

Mark Gibbs, State Director of Coaching
Shirley Griffin, Risk Management – KidSafe
Cecil Wright, SoccerStart Coordinator
Chris Dahlman, Discipline & Appeals Committee Chairman

Council Members and Committee Members absent from the meeting were as follows:

Jay Fike, 1st Vice President (Division III)
Tim Clements, State Referee Administrator
Pat Rich, State Youth Referee Administrator
Don Lewis, Parks & Recreation
Robin Burchfield, TOPSoccer

President David Dodd stated that the Council would delay approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2004 later on the agenda.

President David Dodd presented the President's Report. President Dodd requested that in the absence of Jay Fike, 1st Vice President – Division III, Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President – Division II, take over the duties as the Kohl's Cup (Division III) Tournament Director in addition to serving as the Co-Tournament Director responsible for the Division II teams entering the President's Cup. Tony Bombich agreed to accept such request.

President David Dodd then requested short reports from each of the officers.

Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President -- Division II -- reported that teams are beginning to register for the President's Cup. Tony Bombich is reviewing the list of teams that was provided to him by the State Office as it relates to the total number of teams and will begin preliminary seeding / scheduling for the President's Cup related to Division II teams.

Kay Breland, 3rd Vice President -- Division I -- reported that league games would be completed this weekend. Upon completion of the league games, Kay will begin preliminary seeding / scheduling for the President's Cup related to Division I teams U11 through U13.

Pam Spence, 4th Vice President -- Amateurs -- reported that there are two (2) adult teams going to national competition. Pam Spence also stated that she had been working with a group in Starkville to start a new amateurs league.

Alex Farned, Northern District Director -- reported that he would be having a district meeting in preparation for the Northern District Tournament and that immediately upon conclusion; he would begin preparations for the Kohl's Cup.

Kim Quarles, Central District Director -- reported that she too was preparing for the Central District Tournament. Kim Quarles also gave the Council an update related to an incident that occurred at the Coaches' Cup related to a parent from one of the associations in the Central District. The parent, Shelia Vanderford has been placed on probation for the balance of the season.

Jim Harrison, Western District Director -- reported that all team brackets had been established in preparation for the Western District Tournament and that the tournament would be held in Greenville with the exception of U14's and above since those teams were only located in the metro area and that play would be held during the week prior to the tournament in order to allow the youth referees the opportunity to participate in the tournament, save on travel requirements and accommodations for these teams, and help with the availability of field space.

Tommy Gore, Southern District Director -- reported that he had 186 teams registered for the Southern District Tournament and 12 U-8 teams that would be playing a round-robin with all participants receiving awards.

Brent Clements, Executive Director and Immediate Past President -- requested that his report be moved to new business on the agenda. Brent Clements also reported that MYSA had received a \$1,000 Building Fund contribution from Brandon Soccer League. Brent Clements advised the Council that he was still trying to set up a meeting with Choctaw Tribal Council.

Dawn Wright, Registrar-Secretary -- reported that thanks to the efforts of the District Directors and District Registrars there were minimal roster changes submitted on roster freeze date which was very unlike previous years.

Gene Phillips, Treasurer -- reviewed the financial information which was included in the reports distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Gene Phillips further reported that

calculations reflect a total of 22,446 players. Gene Phillips advised that we needed to invoice the District Directors for District Coaches' Clinics. Gene Phillips further advised that we needed to make sure that income from the District Tournaments was going to cover the costs of each of the Districts.

As it relates to controlling expenses of the MYSA, Gene Phillips brought of the subject of expenses related to Council Meetings. Discussion ensued related to holding a Council Meeting just prior to the District Tournaments and whether a Council Meeting prior to the Kohl's Cup would be required. President David Dodd requested that the balance of this discussed be moved to New Business and that we return to the agenda.

Motion Motion was made by Jim Harrison to accept the Officer Reports as presented. Kim Quarles seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

President David Dodd requested Committee Reports.

ODP – OPD is doing well. A 93 development team has been added in the hopes of getting them ready for ODP next year. Camp fees have been increased to help fund the program and to cover any shortages. Additional fund raising will be planned. ODP is getting more involved with area college coaches which should be beneficial to the program. Participation in the program is continuing to improve and tryouts are planned for August. One issue which requires Council approval will be address under new business.

Director of Coaching - Mark Gibbs. Report distributed. Note there have been a couple of clinics held that are not included in the report.

Referees - Tim Clements / Pat Rich. Several incidents reported. Billy Howard from Laurel Jones under automatic suspension. Gulf Coast incident still under investigation. Reports will be turned over to Chris Dahlman as soon as completed. Columbus incident is being handled with a bill to pay and suspension until paid.

Chris Dahlman joined the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Discipline and Appeals – Chris Dahlman. Relatively speaking all is quite – all incidents have either been addressed are in process. Local leagues are doing a better job of presenting a presence in the areas of risk management, referees and kidsafe issues.

Risk Management – Shirley Griffin. Needs cooperation from local leagues on follow up of issues. William Doonan has been indicted. The hot list reflects a GGSA coach for endangerment to children. GGSA has been notified. Brent Clements to get a calling card for Shirley. Laurel Jones has one coach that the association is aware of a DUI that is not reflected on the list from background check. Laurel Jones must obtain a kidsafe from on this coach (Anthony) prior to noon on Tuesday.

Parks & Recreation. Alex Farned gave report. They are still trying to bridge the gap with MSW Park & Rec Association. MRPA is putting together an athletic commission. They are going to do soccer and Alex has been tasked to try and bridge the gap between the

2 orgs -- Olive Branch -- so they could participate in MYSA cups etc. Alex will be the liaison between MYSA and MRPA.

SoccerStart - Cecil Wright. Working with the City of Jackson concerning intercity participation. Kick-off was held during spring break at Battlefield Park. All parties believe this was a successful venture and will continue until May doing training that adds more kids. Have been receiving lots of interest from JPS to try and use this as a structured program.

Motion Motion was made by Kay Breland to accept the Committee Reports as presented. Alex Farned seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of previous Minutes.

Motion Motion was made by Brent Clements to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2004. Gene Phillips seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

Motion Motion was made by Tony Bombich to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2005. Jim Harrison seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

Meeting recessed at 11:04 AM for a break.

Meeting resumed at 11:24 AM.

Old Business

MYSA license plates. Report from Mike Chaney / Charlie Ross is in meeting book. Once approved the design will be sent to the tax commission for final approval. When final approval is received, MYSA can begin pre-selling (if allowed) the tags. Income potential was reviewed. Red logo with Mississippi banner in red and soccer in red.

Motion Motion was made by Tony Bombich to approve the design with a red logo and the Mississippi banner and Soccer in red. Jim Harrison seconded the motion. A friendly amendment was offered to authorize Brent Clements to amend the colors if required by the state tax commission. The amendment was accepted and the Motion carries.

Petal YMCA Soccer.

Motion Motion was made by Kay Breland to bring the issue of Petal YMCA Soccer to the floor. Jim Harrison seconded the motion and the motion carries.

Discussion ensued regarding Frank Loomis joining with Petal YMCA. HYSA has refused to seed territory. Currently under USYSA, YMCA organizations are affiliate members and cannot be denied membership if they want to join. Petal parents took the program to YMCA to join and operate under the banner of Petal YMCA. HYSA has not been

informed of their intent. When formation documentation is submitted by Petal YMCA, HYSA should be informed by MYSA.

Motion Motion was made by Pam Spence to authorize Brent Clements to assist Petal YMCA with formation documents. Gene Phillips seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

MHSAA. MHSAA is attempting to dictate player activity in non-school participation. For information purposes only -- legislators have been approached to address this issue with MHSAA. Currently the educational funding bill has not been passed and should be addressed in special session. A meeting was held in March with Dr. Proctor to discuss these issues and how this affects soccer in general in Mississippi. The MHSAA have subsequently withdrawn the three proposals and have drafted a new proposal. One point is not letting the proposal adopted give the ability to opt out of high school soccer on 2 weekends to play in college showcases. The largest movement is trying to reach a compromise between MHSAA and teams during high school soccer season. The final proposal has not been released.

New Business

ODP held another tryout for 88 boys and now have 31 in pool. Since this tryout was outside the original tryout dates, Council approval is needed to add the new players. Discussion ensued related to the problems from last year and the fact that not all of the 1st 9 players from the original will make the team. Discussion related to holding tryouts for older teams later in the year ensued so that we don't have this conflict in future years.

Motion Motion was made by Alex Farned to allow late registration for ODP 88 Boys (9 original to 31 players in the pool). Brent Clements seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

ODP 90 Girls. 24 players attended tryouts.

Motion Motion was made by Dawn Wright to authorize the ODP Administrators to add players to the ODP 90 Girls player pool based on the Director of Coaching (Mark Gibbs) assessment of players. Brent Clements seconded the motion. Kay Breland offered a friendly amendment to hold one additional tryout of the 90 Girls and to include the 11 players that were originally cut from the team and invite additional players to participate. The amendment was accepted and the Motion carries.

Meeting recessed to distribute patches and medals at 12:27PM.

Meeting resumed at 1:28 PM

Tournaments. Discussion ensued in preparation for the upcoming state tournaments (districts and cups).

Motion Motion was made by Jim Harrison to set the deadline registration for Presidents Cup to be April 15, 2005 with a disclaimer that this deadline

does not affect roster freeze dates. Pam Spence seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

David Dodd opened the floor to discussion of ways to reduce cost at the state level.

Mississippi In Touch ("MIT"). Brent Clements advised the Council on the cost when MIT was originated. Discussion ensued as to the breakdown of content. Currently most of the content is by outside sources and not Mississippi Council / Officer generated. Survey taken in 2003 of 100 members indicated a desire to continue publication but that membership would download if MIT was available on the website. The Council believes it has three options: (i) continue as is; (ii) discontinue; or (iii) publish online (cost not currently available).

Motion Motion was made by Brent Clements to publish one final issue of MIT for this seasonal year. Gene Phillips seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

Insurance. Although renewal is upcoming in September, the Council believes it needs to look at reducing the insurance cost per player if possible for the coming year. Once consider is to increase the deductible and/or reduce the coverage limits.

Motion Motion was made by Dawn Wright to direct Brent Clements to obtain bids for costs as follows: (1) coverage currently in place and (2) coverage as is with a reduction in limits to \$25,000 and report back to the Council. Gene Phillips seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

1st Vice President (Division III). Discussion ensued due to non-attendance and unresponsiveness of the current sitting 1st Vice President, Jay Fike.

Motion Motion was made by Alex Farned to allow Jay Fike to respond by 5:00 PM on April 29, 2005 on-site at the Kohl's Cup as to his intentions to continue to serve in this position. If no response is received, removal from office becomes automatic under the MYSA guidelines and that notice of removal be sent to his last known address of record. The Motion carries.

Motion Motion was made by Brent Clements to notify Jay Fike that the Council has appointed Tony Bombich as Tournament Director. Kay Breland seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

Criminal Intent Matrix.

Motion Motion was made by Gene Phillips to adopt the Criminal Intent Matrix and to include an additional category named "miscellaneous charges" and the deposition to be classified as "advisory". Jim Harrison seconded the Motion. The Motion carries.

The next Council Meeting will be held during the MYSA Planning Summit currently scheduled for July 23, 2005.

There being no further business to properly be brought before the Council.

Motion Motion was made by Kay Breland to adjourn the meeting. Pam Spence seconded the Motion. The Motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Dawn Wright, Secretary-Registrar