

Minutes of the MSA Council

May 05, 2008

Baptist Healthplex Clinton, MS

Meeting called to order by President Dodd at 1:40 P.M.

Invocation offered by Gene Phillips

Members Present:

Brent Clements, David Dodd, Terry Eguaoje, Gene Phillips, Shirley Griffin, Tony Bombich, Kay Boulter, Bob Gilbert, Kim Quarles, Lane Smith, Alex Farned, Jimmy Lott

Members arriving late: Tim Clements at 3:30 PM, Doug Kitchens at 4:30 PM

Guests: Kenny Griffin, Barbara Brent, Deena Carlock

Members not attending:

Kathy Friar, Tommy Gore (second concurrent absence), Cecil Wright (4th concurrent absence)

Motion to approve Minutes as corrected– Gene Phillips, second by Tony Bombich, Approved unanimously

Report of the President

David thanked everyone for their assistance with all of the tournaments over the past several weeks. Apologies to Alex for not being able to get to the Northern district Tournament.

Executive Director Report

Brent reviewed his written report

Division III Report

Doug is doing month end closing at his company and will be in attendance later this evening

Division II Report (attached)

Tony reported on the Presidents Cup and thanked all that assisted. He announced that U14 Boys and Girls and U16 Boys from D2 are attending the Regional Presidents Cup. There are available slots for our D1 second and third place teams. Discussion ensued.

Division I Report

State Cup will played with over 100 teams this weekend. There were 40 coaching conflicts and Kay was able to get them accommodated. U18's and U19's will play next weekend. League games completed without any rescheduling.

Adult League Report

Lane gets numerous calls, but is frustrated by lack of commitment after the original calls. Lane states that the JFC has tried to get MISOL involved, but they aren't interested in doing anything outside their own people. David asked Lane to investigate running the Adult Tournament in June. Discussion ensued about how to involve the Hispanics. David reported that last year Arkansas formed a U20 team to attend the Regional Adult Cup and won it. It was urged that we get our returning college kids involved.

Registrar Report

Dawn submitted a written report

North District Report

Alex stated that his tournament went well but he was down to 72 teams. Some teams went forward to Kohls. Continuing to get New Albany, Chickasaw and Olive Branch involved. Alex stated that he would also offer coaching scholarships.

Central District Report

There were 95 teams, great tournament, hosted by Brandon at two venues. The Meridian ladies helped with tournament operation. Kim is also working with Leake County and will follow up with Scott County. Central District announced at their Coaches Meeting that they would offer two scholarships for the GK clinic and an E Clinic.

South District Report

David reported for Tommy. The District Tournament was held at two venues. There were some issues with seeding into Kohls, but everything worked out. The Council stated that the South should also offer coaching scholarships.

West District Report

Tournament was held at Southwest Jackson with 104 teams. Clinton provided financial assistance to insure that the tournament would not have to be moved. Tournament went well. Only one red card and one coach was sent off. SWJSL is a diamond in the rough and will need continued support. Western District announced at their Coaches Meeting that they would offer

two scholarships for the GK clinic and an E Clinic. Thanks to all that assisted with the Tournament. All U12 Greenwood teams won the Presidents Cup.

Kidsafe Report

Shirley reviewed her Kidsafe report. She asks that her personal phone number be removed from the website due to some unsavory characters unhappy with her decisions. There was discussion about Coaches getting rosters without not going through kidsafe

Premier League Report

Bob reported that there will be some games scheduled in the Jackson area. Dates are set Sept 6, 7 MS versus MS, Sept 13, 14 MS versus Arkansas. Kenny Griffis offered JFC complex for those dates. U17 GUFC won the PL and another winner, but no one could put their finger on it. There may be one slot available.

Coaching Report

Education is going well. Over 200 coaches licensed in the last six months. Terry is only Coach doing the D and E licenses. He has trained a coach in the North and the South to assist. Terry has asked for set dates from the DD's to do the Field Sessions. Terry will ask for assistance from DD's to serve on a committee to begin coaching development. David reported that Terry will begin a proactive approach to insuring that coaches are licensed much quicker. Discussion ensued regard coach licensing.

Soccer Start – No report

ODP Report

David reports that ODP is in good shape. David stated that Kevin is very busy restructuring a new company. ODP needs a new home now that MSA is out of the NWRAA lease. NWRAA is asking if MSA is willing to pay for field usage. Maximum usage would be 24 times per year. Realistically NWRAA was used 10 times this past year.

Financial report

Gene presented the financial report and discussion ensued about the level of detail availability. Budgets will be added in the future. Still tweaks to be made. Discussions about Coaching Clinics and Referee Clinics ensued.

Old Business

Territory Change Request – Di'lberville – Continue to remain tabled as Tommy is not present

Tabled Proposals

Proposal # 4

Moved by Dawn, Second by Alex

Kenny Griffis discussed the proposal in favor stating the current economic situation. Kay responded with a rebuttal regarding seeding teams with a blind draw. Jimmy Lott states that having another tournament is not responsible. Kenny stated that JFC has plenty of volunteers to another tournament. Brent discussed the tryout dates and the number of the players that may be allowed to go down and play on D2 and D3 teams. Kay described the progression of D3 to D2 to D1 tournaments so that the D1 teams can pick up D3 players.

Kim called the question, second by Gene

Against 7, 0 in favor, 2 abstentions - motion fails

Proposal #5

Motion to bring to floor – Dawn, second - Lane

Division II primary registration

Kenny Griffis stated that the U14's and above would benefit from this. Kim stated that the membership had already voted this down at the AGM, Dawn stated that the Bylaws would also to be changed/

Withdrawn by Kenny Griffis

Proposal #6

Territorial boundaries

Motion to bring to floor -Dawn, second - Alex

Kenny Griffis stated that boundaries were against USSF boundaries. Dawn stated that this would also require a change in the Bylaws.

Post Tournament Reports – Brent will prepare a list of organizations that did not do their post tournaments and disburse to the Council members.

New Organizations - Leake County – Steeltown meeting at 8 AM on Saturday, June 7

Kim, Terry and team will contact them to attend.

D'iberville Tops Organization– Brent proposed that we allow D'iberville Tops to begin to form pending a Bylaws change. Dawn discussed that the current Bylaws require a member to operate a recreation program. Brent will check on recreational classification.

Withdrawn and will be reviewed at the next meeting

New Proposals

D1 policies 103.10

Motion to bring to floor -Kim, second - Dawn

Discussion about the various pros and cons of the proposal. Friendly amendment to make an exception

Paragraph 1 item 1 at end of first sentence.. except for U11 and U12 age group.

Classic Division – except ...as above

No opposition to amendment

Motion carries.

Motion to bring to floor -Kim, second - Dawn

Proposal 103.13

Motion to bring to floor -Dawn, second - Kim

Incorporates the two levels of play into the league rules

Discussion ensued about the League Play submission deadline.

Motion carried

Proposal 101. 1-11

Brent withdrew 101.1-11 Dawn and Brent will review and re-present at the next meeting

Proposal 104

Goal differential explanation to be codified. This explanation was published at the District and Kohls Tournaments

Amended to per game basis

Motion Carried

Proposal 104 -8

Motion to bring to floor -Kim, second - Tony

Brent explained the proposal

Dawn is not in favor of allowing more than 1 D1 tournament on a given weekend. It was explained that the 100 mile rule still applied. The paragraph designator "A" will be deleted as a part of normal housekeeping

Motion carried

Prop 103-7

Motion to bring to floor -Gene, second - Tim

There currently is no facility for D2 card reporting and there are no venues to be necessary to report

Motion carries

Proposal 102 & 103

Motion to bring to floor -Gene, second - Alex

Guest pass – Issues have occurred because there is no written policy

Withdrawn for next meeting

Proposal 101-11

Motion to bring to floor -Tony, second - Kim

Kidsafe to be charged after a date certain

Withdrawn for next meeting

Proposal 103-9

Motion to bring to floor -Dawn, second - Kim

D2 seeding to be done by blind draft

David suggested that this be adopted; Tony does not feel that this would work, that the top teams would come up against each other in the same brackets.

Withdrawn

Other Business-

David announced that he had received letters of resignation from Dawn Wright, effective on Sept 1. David has asked Barbara Brent to be appointed, Barbara accepts the appointment.

David announced that he had received letters of resignation from Kay Bouler, effective after the Southern Regionals. David has asked Bob Gilbert to be appointed, Bob accepts the appointment.

Motion to that David's appointments be accepted by acclimation – Brent, second Alex

Motion carried

Kay announced that Presly Wallace would be cooking for the Council, Referees and Staff members and thanked everyone for their continued support and exhorted that Bob will do a good job.

Motion to adjourn - Alex, second, Kim

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.