

MINUTES of the Special Called Council Meeting

May 12, 2009

Teleconference

Meeting called to order by David Dodd at 7:07 P.M.

This special called meeting is to address a special circumstance in the MSA State Cup, caused by a qualified team dropping from the tournament. Bob Gilbert Division I Vice President advised those present of the current situation and the results of the issue.

Members Present:

Brent Clements, Gene Phillips, Tony Bombich, Alex Farned, Barbara Brent, Doug Kitchens, Jimmy Lott, Tim Clements, Lane Smith, Kim Quarles, Bob Gilbert and Tommy Gore

Members not attending: Kathy Friar

Issue: With Gulf Coast United withdrawing from the MSA State Cup, our current rules require that the tournament bracket be shortened from 8 teams to 6 teams, eliminating TFC from the tournament.

The Tupelo Representative was given the opportunity to speak to the matter and did so until 7:23 P.M.

Bob Gilbert advised that the GUFC team advised MSA by email on 4/27/09 at 10:16 A.M. that they had decided to remove themselves from the tournament. The eight team bracket had already been set. Bob read the current policy.

Discussion ensued. Kim stated that the U11 Classic Division already had exceptions in place. Alex spoke to the purpose of the split divisions and suggested that there were two opportunities:

Option 1 – move TFC to the classic division and play as a 5 team round robin instead of the four team round robin, or

Option 2 – Treat GCUFC as a team that had forfeited in the tournament

Jimmy spoke in favor but did not lean toward option 2, Brent asked about the timing of dropping out.

Motion to suspend the Rules – Brent Clements
Second – Doug Kitchens
Carried Unanimously

Motion – add a provision to the policy that states that if a team drops out of the state cup after being accepted to the state cup, that team will remain named in the tournament unless the next team seeded replacement team is available. That teams games shall be scored as a forfeit.

Motion – Kim Quarles
Second – Gene Phillips

Jimmy asked if anyone in classic wanted to move up could they, Kim stated no moving up or division crossing

Question called

Voice vote called for:

Bob Gilbert - Abstain	Tim Clements - Yes
Tony Bombich - Yes	Alex Farned - Abstain
Lane Smith – left at 7:23	Tommy Gore - Yes
Barbara Brent - Yes	Kim Quarles - Yes
Gene Phillips - Yes	Jimmy Lott - Yes
Brent Clements - Abstain	Doug Kitchens - Yes

Motion carried - 7 Yes, 3 Abstentions
President Dodd not having to break any tie

Motion to return to Rules – Brent Clements

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.