

**Mississippi Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
January 24, 2010
Hilton Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi**

The Mississippi Soccer Association began its Annual General Meeting Sunday Morning, January 24, 2010, with its Annual General Business Meeting following a **President's Reception** at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi the previous evening. A bar and hot Hors D'oeuvres and entertainment by Social Remedy were provided for the delegates and their guests.

Executive Director Brent Clements was the Master of Ceremonies for the Meeting. President David Dodd presented the opening statements and welcomed the delegates and guests of Mississippi Soccer. He thanked the State sponsors, Score American Soccer, C Sanders Emblems, Kohl's, and Pullen Insurance. Various other vendors for the state were noted as well.

President Dodd led the membership in the pledge of allegiance and Treasurer Gene Phillips asked for a blessing over the meeting. President Dodd asked that cell phones be silenced.

Credentials

Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Kathy Friar and Registrar Barbara Brent

Members Not Present and represented were: Clarksdale CKS, Flowood YMCA, Carroll County Soccer League (Provisional), and Neshoba County/Philadelphia Youth Soccer (Provisional)

President Dodd recognized the Officers, Committee Chairs and Office Staff.

Gene Phillips announced the results of the roll Call. There are 60 members eligible, 59 present. There is a quorum of the membership present. A two thirds majority is 39 votes; a simple majority is 31 votes.

State Registrar Barbara Brent rose to a Parliamentary Inquiry

At the Council Meeting on 1/23/10, it was noted that the Jackson Futbol Club was not in good standing due to not having its U6, U7, U8 and U9 players assigned to teams, nor background approved Coaches in the system for those teams. The State Registrar requested the status of the Kidsafe updates overnight.

President Dodd questioned the Executive Director, Brent Clements as to the status of the missing Kidsafe items. Mr. Clements reported that as of 8:00 AM this morning, it was still not completed and of those that had gone in and completed a background check, three have come up as "hits", and not yet cleared by the KidSafe Coordinator.

State Registrar Barbara Brent rose to a Point of Order

If this has not been completed, then the Jackson Futbol Club is not a member in good standing.

President Dodd ruled that the Point of Order was well taken and asked the Jackson Futbol Club delegate be removed from the delegate floor and move to the visitors section. After several seconds this was accomplished.

President Dodd asked that the Credentials Report be updated.

It was reported as follows:

There are 60 members eligible, 58 present. There is a quorum of the membership present. A two thirds majority remains 39 votes, a simple majority is now 30 votes.

President Dodd noted that as there was a duly constituted Quorum, the meeting would proceed.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Mr. Clements noted that that in the introduction of the Rules and Revisions Committee, Mike Lyles was noted as Mike Ross. It was also noted that members will notice that in several areas there were question marks for names as the members did not adequately identify themselves. President Dodd asked that the members please do so clearly stating their names and organization when addressing the membership.

Motion to accept the Minutes as Corrected: Kim Quarles

Second: Karl Beatty

Motion Carries

Reports of Council and Committees

Division III Vice President – Doug Kitchens thanked Brandon Soccer League for assisting with the tournament shifts last year and addresses the conduct of some of the coaches at last year's Kohl's Cup during the tornadic weather. Mr. Kitchens announced that this years Kohl will be at SMSC.

Division II Vice President – Bob McCummins

Mr. McCummins reported that he has spent his first year learning his responsibilities and gathering feedback from members as how to evolve the program. Mr. McCummins attended the Regional Presidents Cup and spoke with other State Reps about the teams they send. Mississippi is the only state that sends primarily rostered Division III teams to this tournament. Most states send primarily rostered Division II teams or secondary Division I teams. He stated that there is a National Presidents Cup and Mississippi has never fielded a full complement of teams.

Division I Vice President – Bob Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert thanked Tupelo for hosting the prior year's tournament and noted the great progress at the Regional Cup by the Gulf Coast United Team that made it to the semi-finals. Bob noted that the first round of League Games will be hosted by Hattiesburg on February 20 and 21, 2010. Bob thanked the office and staff for their assistance.

Division IV Vice President (Adults) – Lane Smith

Mr. Smith noted that the adult program continues to grow; however, many of the organizations are not registering their members. He noted that he has two goals for the upcoming year. One – get all clubs to register their players and two – hold an Adult Tournament

State Registrar – Barbara Brent

Mrs. Brent noted that the second year in e-reg has been successful. She discussed the 1500 transfers/release; several were improperly submitted and directed the members to use the survey that goes to the office so that the office staff can assist in making the correct selection

MSA Secretary – Kathy Friar

No report

Executive Director – Brent Clements

Mr. Clements noted that he had a lengthy report in the book but wished to elaborate on a couple of items that had changed since writing the report.

Player registrations are up 510 players over prior year for the same time. Mr. Clements noted the members that were over 5% growth in each district.

Website update will have new features that include dual navigation, more room for more information, FAQ sections, search capability, slide shows, e-cards and archives. The office is attempting to scan and archive all of its old minutes and reports.

Mr. Clements reported that Active.com has purchased our e-registration vendor and will no longer support and provide our custom e-registration program. After June 1, 2010, MSA will move to another provider that encompasses all of our current programs. Training sessions will begin in early July.

Mr. Clements is working with several potential new members, including a Division I Associate member and Stone Wiggins wants to return.

In speaking with new members we have found that several members' boundary statements do not provide for physical boundaries as required by the bylaws. We will work with them to get them mapped so that we can easily identify where players belong.

As the USYS Grievance Hearing proceeds we decided to review our members Bylaws and found that many have been changed inappropriately since our review ten years ago. This will need to be corrected to meet the minimum standards. Mr. Clements endorsed adoption of the Bylaws Review Committee as a standing committee.

Mr. Clements stated that he has a copy of the 83 page Hearing document available on the website or he would mail it to you upon requested. He also noted that he was reviewing a 203 page document regarding mergers and acquisitions for 501 (c) 3 organizations that he would copy and mail upon request.

Mr. Clements noted that he is working with a sponsor that could be mutually beneficial to MSA and the vendor, noting that MSA members include players, coaches, officials and referees, nearly 30,000 members.

North District Director – Alex Farned

Mr. Farned reported that his was in the book. They have had several coaching and referee clinics and will try to attempt more. They are trying to develop TOPS programs as well. District Tournament will be in Tupelo, but expect to start utilizing Oxford's new facility.

West District Director – Gerald Self

Mr. Self reported that he had just taken over in September and was in learning mode, but wants to continue to add more referee and coaching clinics. Tournament will be at South Madison.

Central District Director – Kim Quarles

Central District held several new referee and coaches clinics, plus several more for the spring. Kim applauded Brandon for covering the Western District and Kohl's Cup during last years rainouts. Tournament will be in Meridian.

South District Director – Tommy Gore

Last year District tournament ran 336 games in two days. He thanked everyone for his reelection, and asked for any improvement ideas. Looks forward to seeing new clubs in his district.

Technical Director of Coaching - Terry Eguaoje

Terry thanked all administrators and DOC and expounded on the mandatory coaching licensing. He stated that he will work with anyone to insure that they are in compliance. There have been 406 coaches registered in 2009. Dr Eguaoje offered to assist any organization in locating and recruiting Directors of Coaching. He also discussed Parent Education.

State Youth Referee Administrator – Doug Irby

Referee numbers are up about 7 percent. Mississippi had a good showing at Regional. Mr. Irby stated that organizations should not use any officials that are not in the Kidsafe database. Doug introduced Scott Hannah as the State Referee Advancement Coordinator. He also touted the success of the Assessor of the Day Program.

State Discipline Coordinator – Ron King

Discipline Hearings were down and he thanked his committee members.

Kidsafe Coordinator – Shirley Griffin

Shirley discussed the National Kidsafe requirements and suggested that organizations post the Kidsafe Matrix at Registrations. She noted that MSA had had 588 hits and we denied 6 coaches. There is a child molester that has been a referee and a coach and USYS has asked that all states keep an eye out for this man.

Top Soccer – Cameron Arcement

Cam reported that USYS sent a camera crew to document the Brandon Jamboree that was held during the Kohl's cup in May 2009. Top Soccer will have a state cup again this year. South Madison, Greenville, New Albany, Brandon, Mississippi Coast, Tupelo, and the Bay area all have a top soccer team. Cam also reported he has a kit on how to start a program of top soccer. If you would like this kit get with him. A video on Top Soccer was seen after the break.

A short break was held at 10:18 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m. Kathy Friar, Secretary, made the roll call with Register, Barbara Brent recording the results. Out of a possible 60 voting delegates, 58 members present, two thirds majority of 39, and simple majority of 30. A quorum was declared and business session resumed.

Motion to accept the council reports
Jay Spradlin, Singing River
Second by Cameron Arcemont
Motion carried.

Gene Phillips, Treasurer, gave the treasury report and the report will be filed for audit.

President Dodd then introduced Doug Irby, State Referee Committee to announce the Referees of the Year. Doug Irby introduced John Turner who announced the winners. The Adult Referee of the Year was Brian M. Mr. Turner then announced the Young Referee of the Year by District.

North – Male - Mathew Promprey
Female – Kelly Heath

Central – Male – Austin Merrell

Western – Male – Dip Paul
Female – Christine Pellerin

South – Male – None
Female – Erin White

The winners for MSA Young Referees of the Year were:

Male Dip Paul
Female Erin White

The Regional Winner Female was Erin White.

Terry Eguaoje made the announcements for Coach of the Year awards.

Girls Rec Steve Hullaby
Boys Rec
Boys Select
Girls Select

There was Suzanne Brown Award – Administrator of the Year winner.

President Dodd presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Cassie Stoke.

The MSA Council received bids for the state tournaments being held in 2010-2011 and voted on these bids. They were:

Kohl's American Cup	Clinton
MSA Presidents Cup	Tupelo
MSA State Cup	South Mississippi (Gulfport)
Coaches Cup	Brandon

Executive Director Brent Clements then recognized the 100 percent clubs. They included the following:

DISTRICT 1 – NORTHERN

Amory Youth Soccer Organization
Caledonia Park Commission Soccer
Chickasaw County Youth Soccer
Columbus Youth Soccer Organization
Desoto County Soccer Association
New Albany Soccer Club
Oxford Park Commission Soccer Organization
Pontotoc Park Commission Youth Soccer
Saltillo Futbol Club
Senatobia Youth Soccer
Starkville Youth Soccer Organization
Tupelo Youth Soccer Association

District II – Western

Brookhaven Youth Soccer Organization
Carroll County Soccer
Central Jackson Soccer Organization
Clarksdale Kicks Soccer
Clinton Soccer Association
Copiah County
Greenville Youth Soccer Association
Greenwood Youth Soccer Organization
Grenada Youth Soccer Association
Indianola Youth Soccer Organization
Natchez Youth Soccer Organization
Southwest Jackson Soccer League
South Madison County Soccer Organization
Vicksburg Soccer Organization
Winona Soccer Organization

District III – Central

Brandon Soccer League
City of Richland
Florence Soccer League
Laurel Soccer Association
Meridian Youth Soccer Organization
Mississippi Fire
Jackson Futbol Club
Neshoba County/Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association
Northwest Rankin Athletic
Pearl Youth Soccer League
Flowood YMCA

District IV – South

Bay Area Youth Soccer
Biloxi Soccer Organization
Biloxi Xpress Soccer Club
D'Iberville Soccer
East Central

George Greene County Soccer
Gulf Coast United Futbol Club
Hattiesburg Youth Soccer Organization
Oceans Springs Soccer Organization
MS Coast Special Needs Soccer Association
Pearl River Futbol Club
Poplarville Soccer Club
Singing River Soccer Club
South Mississippi Soccer Club
West River Soccer Club

Bylaws and Rules Changes

President David Dodd presented the consideration for proposals by presenting the members to the Rules and Revisions Committee. They were Dawn Wright, Chairman, Greg Lewis, Randy Bledsoe, John Allgood and Mike Lyles. After the introduction of the committee members, President Dodd declared a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:36 a.m.

Kathy Friar presided over the roll call and Barbara Brent registered the responses. Out of a possible 65 eligible votes, 57 were present, two thirds majority 38, and a simple majority 30. A quorum was noted and the meeting proceeded.

To start the Rules and Revision portion of the Meeting, Mr. Clements then reviewed the process for the consideration of proposals. He started by asking for a motion to allow the correction of any spelling, grammar or punctuation, etc. to the rules and revisions as necessary.

Motion Made by: Greg Lewis

Second: Kim Quarles

Motion carried

Motion: To allow any necessary renumbering of Bylaws or Policies.

Motion Made by: Gene Phillips

Second: Bob Gilbert

Motion carried

Division III Vice President Doug Kitchens rose to a point of order. He noted that several proposals submitted by Kenny Griffis of the Jackson Futbol club were noted by the Rules and Revisions Committee as not properly submitted and since MSA bylaws state that proposals not properly submitted shall not be considered, should they be heard by the assembly.

Chairman Dodd noted that the point was well taken and the proposals in question would not be heard.

Mr. Clements, as Master of Ceremonies, continued with the Consideration of Rules Proposals.

Mr. Clements noted that at the end of the Rules Table it was stated that six proposals by Kenny Griffis of the Jackson Futbol Club were submitted timely, but the documentation did

not upload. They were later uploaded again and considered by the committee. The Committee felt that they needed to indicate that information to the membership.

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #1 on the floor: Kim Quarles

Second: Tommy Gore

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Bylaw Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Alex Farned

Second: Gerald Self

Doug Kitchens spoke to the proposal(s) regarding sub pools

Motion carried, the Bylaw was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Policy Proposal #1 on the floor: Jeff Prewitt

Second: Jimmy Brewer

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Policy Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Paul Roblin

Second: Scott Hannah

There was no discussion

Motion carried, the Policy was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Policy Proposal #2 on the floor: Kim Quarles

Second: Jay Spradlin

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Policy Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Art Lacey

Second: Meg Meyers

There was no discussion

Motion carried, the Policy was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Policy Proposal #3 on the floor: Kim Quarles

Second: Tommy Gore

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Policy Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Kim Quarles

Second: Gerald Self

There was no discussion

Motion carried, the Policy was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Policy Proposal #4 on the floor: Alex Farned

Second: Jimmy Brewer

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Policy Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Ike Kicker

Second: Teresa Bagwell

Doug Kitchens spoke to the update to the Proposal to reflect actual practice

Motion to amend the Coaches Cup Policy Proposal to limit three guest players per team from within its own organization: Jimmy Brewer

Second: Ken Cash

Motion carried, Amendment passed.

The amended Policy was unanimously adopted.

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #2 on the floor: Kim Quarles

Second: Greg Lewis

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Bylaw Proposal as submitted: Jimmy Brewer

Second: Gerald Self

Discussion clarified that this bylaw change added a method of notification of nomination, not replacing other options.

Motion carried, the Bylaw was unanimously adopted

Bylaw proposals #3 and #4 were ruled by the chair as not in order and were not considered as stated in the earlier Point of Order.

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #5 on the floor: Jay Spradlin

The motion died for a lack of second

Bylaw #6 and #7 were dependent on passage of Bylaw #5, so the chair ruled that they would not be considered.

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #8 on the floor:

Their being no motion to do so, the proposal was not considered

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #9 on the floor:

Their being no motion to do so, the proposal was not considered

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #10 on the floor:
Their being no motion to do so, the proposal was not considered

Policy proposals #5 and #6 were ruled by the chair as not in order and were not considered as stated in the earlier Point of Order.

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #2 on the floor: Bob Gilbert

Second: Bob McCummins

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Bylaw Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Kim Quarles

Second: Gerald Self

Codifies the number of members to represent a Quorum

Motion carried, the Bylaw was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #12 on the floor: Tommy Gore

Second: Kim Quarles

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Bylaw Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Greg Lewis

Second: Alex Farned

Makes Bylaws Review Committee a Standing Committee

Motion carried, the Bylaw was unanimously adopted

Motion to place the Bylaw Proposal #13 on the floor: Karl Beatty

Second: Jay Spradlin

Motion carried

Motion to adopt the Bylaw Proposal as submitted by the Rules and Revision

Committee: Tony Bombich

Second: Jimmy Brewer

Disallows transfer or assignment of membership

Motion carried, with 1 vote Rick Brohaugh, SMCSO, against.

The Bylaw was adopted

Mr. Clements reported to the chair that all properly submitted proposals had been presented to the assembly for review and action.

Elections

President Dodd announced that as there were four Council Members, including himself, he will ask Executive Director Clements to oversee the election process. Mr. Clements noted

that Tommy Gore had been reelected by the Southern District; Alex Farned had been reelected by the Northern District for another term by the Northern District. Gerald Self had been reelected to complete the remaining term for the Western District.

Mr. Clements asked that as there was only one candidate for the position of Secretary, Treasurer and Division I Voce President, that those candidates be accepted by acclamation.

Motion to accept the candidates by acclamation: Kim Quarles

Second: Bob Shorter

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Clements noted that there were three candidates for election to the office of President. Doug Kitchens was invited to speak.

Doug Kitchens withdrew his name and offered his support to President David Dodd.

Mr. Clements invited candidate Rick Brohaugh to address the membership. Mr. Brohaugh spoke for seven minutes on choice and building bridges.

Mr. Clements invited incumbent president David Dodd to address the members. President Dodd reminded the members that he would continue to represent all levels of MSA members and insure that MSA was represented at the National level as well.

Mr. Clements asked each candidate to select an assistant to oversee the vote count. Rick Brohaugh selected Sonja Rowell, MYSO and President Dodd selected Treasurer, Gene Phillips. Bob McCummins was selected as the Voting Teller.

Instructions were provided to the members on completing and folding the ballots. Ballots were distributed and collected. Mr. Clements asked if all voting members had received a ballot and had all members that received ballots had turned them in. the Voting Tellers retired to the hall to count the ballots.

Good of the Game announcement were given while the votes were being counted.

Clinton Spring Tournament is online for registration.
Chicago Fire versus Dallas at Freedom Ridge Park on March 7
Doug Irby mentioned the mentor program for referees.

Upon return of the Teller Committee, the results were announced. There were 55 votes cast, 29 necessary for election, Mr. Dodd received 53 votes, Mr. Brohaugh received 2 and one ballot made no selection.

Motion to destroy the Ballots: Tommy Gore

Second: Scott Hannah

President Dodd addressed the assembly thanking them for their continued confidence and described some of his plans for the future.

Door prizes were given out before the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Director Clements called for adjournment and by unanimous consent; the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kathryn B. Friar

Recording Secretary