

MINUTES of the MSA Council
March 20, 2010
MSA Office, Flowood, MS

Meeting called to order by David Dodd, President at 1:14 p.m.

Members Present:

Brent Clements, Terry Eguaoje, Shirley Griffin, Bob McCummins, Alex Farned, Barbara Brent, Bob Gilbert, Doug Kitchens, Kathy Friar, Gerald Self, Kim Quarles, Doug Irby, Tommy Gore, Tim Clements, and David Dodd.

Members not attending:

Cecil Wright, Kevin Adams, Kay Boulder, Lane Smith, Gene Phillips, Shirley Griffin, and Cameron Arcemont

Guest Present: Deena carlock (North District)

Kathy Friar called the roll to determine if a majority was present and a quorum was determined to be present.

Motion to approve Minutes – Tim Clements, second by Doug Kitchens, approved as corrected.

Report of the President – no report

Executive Director – Brent Clements reported that he had attended the Leadership Development Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas in February and the USYS Region III council meeting. He has completed the website transition. GotSoccer conversion is 85 percent complete. He has posted all D1 games to current status and produce report for Bob on remaining games. All referees have been paid. Visited Stone Wiggins and feel they will return in the fall. He is working on dates for registrar training, summer planning meeting, and 2011 Winter Workshops and AGM.

Division I Report

Bob Gilbert – reported they have completed most of the league games. They are on track for the state tournament.

Division II Report

Bob McCummins – reported they have completed the pool list of teams by the deadline. Now they are forming the rosters of these teams and will be done by the deadline.

Division III Report

Doug Kitchens – reported on the national convention that he attended. Also told us that we need to understand the game of soccer and to stay in touch with the parents. He also reported on Soccer Across America and MSA doing this has to come up with a mission statement. In Soccer Across America, we need to be flexible in the rules.

Invoices went out yesterday for outstanding fees due to MSA from organizations. District Directors need to call their organizations and get the remaining fees paid.

Adult League Report - Lane Smith – not present but did send a copy of the minutes of the adult meeting that was held on March 3. He is planning on having an Adult Tournament and is working out the details. Currently there are 148 adults registered with MSA.

Registrar Report - Barbara Brent – has locked down e-registration for the spring. Still have a few transfers to complete.

Referee Report – Tim Clements reported that he has finished all referees clinics for the year. Referee numbers are down a little from last year. Need to increase retention.

North District Report – Alex Farned – reported that he is thinking of dividing his district teams into category (gold and silver). He hopes by doing this he will have more teams to participate. There will be no guest players on these teams. He also would like to conduct a workshop at the next AGM.

Central District Report – Kim Quarles - reported that she will work on the tournament program to get teams set up for the district tournament. There will be no U8 teams. She reported she would need to be gone for a while on Saturday during tournament if there is no bad weather.

South District Report – Tommy Gore – reported that a high school coach was arrested for improper relations with a student. We have verified that he is not coaching for MSA.

West District Report – Gerald Self – reported the district tournament will be held in South Madison at Freedom Ridge and Liberty. He will have U8 in a round robin jamboree.

ODP Report - Kevin Adams – not present, no report

Coaching Report – Terry Eguaoje – reported he attended the USYS workshop and he also conducted a state goalkeeping camp. He had 65 campers attend and had coaches from LSU, LA Tech, and Florida. He got several e-mails thanking him for the camp. The dates for the camp for next year need to be changed. There is a D course for coaches on March 20 and E course on April 10.

Kidsafe Report - Shirley Griffin was not present no report.

Premier League Report - No report

Soccer Across America – David noted that the new committee will meet on May 8, 2010.

TOPS – No report.

Discipline and Appeals – Ron King - no report

Financial Report - Gene Philips was not present so Brent Clements gave the financial report.

Unfinished Business

Inclement Weather Proposal

Motion – Bob Mccummins

To bring inclement weather proposal to floor

Second - Barbara Brent

Discussion - We discussed the current policy and the propose policy. We combined the two into one policy.

Motion –Kim Quarles

To accept the new policy as corrected.

Second Bob Gilbert

Motion carried. This policy becomes effective immediately

JFC review –

Motion - Barbara Brent

To have the Executive Council to meet via telecon; and then with JFC to determine if they are appropriately serving their territory.

Second – Bob Gilbert The council will meet with JFC to discuss their policy in regard to their territory being used properly.

Motion carried.

David will direct the Executive Director to provide all research materials collected to date.

Bylaw Review Committee – President Dodd directed each District Director to submit two names for selection to this committee. These names need to be to Brent Clements by the end of the week. There will be one name selected from each district and from the remaining names a Chairman will be selected. This committee will review the bylaws of each organization and recommend action to the MSA Council.

Soccer Across America Committee – Thomas Velek (Columbus) will be chairman of this committee. The committee will submit a purpose and mission statement. He will apply for a grant to start this program. He is hoping this program will begin in the fall. The committee will meet on May 8, 2010.

New Business

Adult Soccer Tournament and registration – Registration for this tournament will be \$450 and there will possibly be eight teams. Final plans are being made. Adult Player registrations will now be made directly with MSA and each player will be provided a player card for registration and insurance purposes.

Registration Issues – Barbara needed approval to disband some teams from several organizations. Roster deadline is April 3

Motion - Alex Farned

To allow Barbara to disband these teams.

Second - Tim Clements

Motion carried.

Brandon wants to move 11 players to a new team and add the spring players that registered. Doug Kitchens remarked that we need to follow policy.

Motion - Doug Kitchens

For Brandon to redraft the players into two teams.

Second – Gerald Self

Motion carried with 1 opposed and 2 abstained.

Tournaments

Kohls will be in Gulfport. Host hotel has not been finalized yet. Lunch will be provided by tournament. Entry fees need to be put on the website.

State Cup - Clinton fields are questionable at this time but Brandon will step in if necessary.

There was discussion regarding easing up on the standards for teams not going to proceed to Kohls Cup.

Motion - Kim Quarles

To not lift licensed coaching restriction

Second – Bob Gilbert

Motion carried.

Coaching License Requirement – An E license is not required till the fall. We need Modules for U14 and UP and have a refresher every year. The new coaches need field experience the first year of coaching. The E license needs to be put online.

COY and Professional Development – Organizations are to send in nominations for Coach of the Year through the online system. He will notify the winners after the Council has made its selections from the nominations.

Terry requested that MSA fund his clinic to obtain a UEFA license at the annual clinic in Ireland

Motion - Alex Farned

MSA will pay the cost of the airfare and the cost of the clinic for Terry Eguaoje to attend the UEFA “A” license workshop on May 29 – June 4, 2010 in Belfast, Ireland.

Second – Doug Kitchens

Motion carried.

Top Soccer Coaching Licensing - On April 3 in Madison Top Soccer will hold a coaching event. The fee is \$35 for this clinic. There will be 6 to 10 coaches attending. Cameron is asking MSA to waive the fee for his clinic.

Motion - Doug Kitchens

To allow Terry Eguaoje to conduct this clinic at no cost.

Second – Bob Gilbert
Motion carried.

Division I Issues - Bob Gilbert reported on an issue he had with the Fire U18 Girls. They have paid no bond fees, no league fees, put on schedule, and has no letter of intent. He is asking that they be required to pay double fees, play their games by the deadline of April 11 and they must travel to the other team's fields. All money must be paid before they can play.

Motion - Bob Gilbert

To allow the U18 girls to play league games after payment of all money is paid and be willing to travel to all the opponents' home fields. All games must be completed by the second weekend of April. Tournaments can not be counted as league games.

Second – Kim Quarles
Motion carried.

Bob Gilbert also reported the Brilla team went to play a game and had no roster and no player passes. The team was asked to send a letter stating what had happened and has not received any letter.

The was discussion regarding the issue and the council confirmed that the State League rules must be applied followed so as not to create any issues at the Regional level.

Motion - Doug Kitchens

To remove Soccer Start and its current director from MSA Policy and adopt Soccer Across America with Thomas Velek as Chairman, Jimmy Hardin, Paul Roblin, Neil Henry, Rusty Bryant, and Terry Foxworth as committee members.

Second – Kim Quarles
Motion carried.

Tim Clements brought up an incident that happened in Alabama during a tournament. The Referee committee is handling the incident but want the council to be aware in case they hear rumors of the incident.

Motion to adjourn - Doug Irby
Second – Kim Quarles

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.