

Minutes of the MSA Council Meeting
March 12, 2011
MSA Office, Flowood, MS

Meeting called to order by President David Dodd at 10:12 AM

Members Present:

MSA Council: David Dodd - President, Bob Gilbert – D1 VP , Doug Kitchens - D2VP, Barbara Brent - Registrar, Kim Quarles - D3VP, Sonja Rowell - Central District, Lane Smith - Adults, , Gene Phillips - Treasurer, , Gerald Self - West District .

Committee Members:, Shirley Griffin-Kidsafe,

Staff - Terry Eguaoje – Technical Director, Brent Clements – Executive Director

Not present: Tim Clements - SRA, Kathy Friar – Secretary, Kevin Adams - ODP, Randy Bledsoe- Bylaws, Kay Bouler- PL, Ron King- Discipline, Doug Irby – SYRA, Tom Velek-SAAC, Tommy Gore-South , Dawn Wright- Rules, Alex Farned - South District – arrived late

David Dodd called the roll to determine if a majority was present and a quorum was established.

Motion to approve Minutes – Doug Kitchens, second by Bob Gilbert, approved without correction.

Report of the President – David discussed that there are a lot of changes going on at the USYS and the USSF. David stated that he will continue to furnish any important comments coming from the National offices.

Executive Director

Brent Clements – Brent highlighted the items in his published report

Coaching Report

Terry Eguaoje – Terry gave an overview of his written report, highlighting the number of coaches licensed, the new USYS online certification, and the Model Club program.

Division I

Bob Gilbert – Bob reported on the League games, as they are up to date. We will hold the state cup on the coast. David commented on the various e-mails that we receive.

Division II

Doug Kitchens – Doug reported on his meetings with Pearce Tormey at the Louisville and explained. Doug also talked about Club Development and change and looking toward the future. Questions came about regarding the Regional Presidents Cup, David elaborated on that event. There was good discussion about doing progressive things to do to make Mississippi teams more successful.

Division III

Kim Quarles – No written report. Working with Clinton on Kohl's Cup. James White is the Tournament contact. Kim will meet with Ray Holloway on 3/21/11. She is also talking to Brandon about using them as a backgroup. Will probably be using the Cabot Lodge – County Line Road – Kohl's Shirts will be used for TOPS. Rex Banks is Assignor, Barbara will be the score keeper. No interactive items will be coming.

Division IV

Lane Smith – Adult State Cup May 14, 15 in Madison, Regional Cup 5/27, 5/27 will be in Tuscaloosa, Al. It will be a full-sided event. Should also be 8 teams from the Hispanic League.

North District Report – Alex Farned – Alex submitted a written report but spoke to some of the items that he wants to include at our AGM/Workshop. North did an E Coaching Course with over 30 coaches. North still needs to get more coaches licensed. District meeting set for March 16, 2011. Expects it to be a lengthy meeting. He may not have a Friday night coaching meeting. Alex also mentioned charging for parking at MSA events as a topic for discussion. They will try it for their rec tournament in the Spring. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons. Traffic is generally the biggest issue.

Western District Report – Gerald Self – Attended various workshops especially Club Development. District is quiet; tournament is set for Madison at Liberty and the Reservoir. The rain has affected the number of fields that may have available. He has met with the parties involved.

South District Report – Tommy Gore – Not Present, No report

Central District Report – Sonja Rowell – She reported that she had attended several workshops. Central District is at Brandon and Shiloh fields.

Registrar

Barbara Brent – Barbara reported on her Registrars meetings in Louisville, she met with GotSoccer on several locations. She has learned a lot and interacted with other State Registrars. Barbara will be out of town during district meetings. She explained the issues that she expects

to see because clubs have not been freezing rosters. The Staff will print rosters in colored paper.

Treasurers Report

Gene Phillips – the treasurer’s report was provided. Gene stated that the financials looked okay but the District Tournaments need to insure that they make their required minimums.

Kidsafe Report

Shirley Griffin – Shirley reported on her meetings at the Louisville Meeting. She attended several workshops on Risk Management. Shirley states that Tim says he is not getting Referee documents. Brent will check with Tim.

Referee

Tim Clements – Not present, no report.

TopSoccer – Cameron Arcemont – Not Present, no report

Premier

Kay Bouler – Was in the hospital

State Youth Referee Administrator - Doug Irby – Not present, no report.

Soccer Across America

Thomas Velek – Not present, Written stories and pictures. Checks have been cut to both CLRA and to MYSO for their matching funds.

The Meeting recessed at 12:02 P.M. for lunch and reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

Unfinished Business

Kidsafe Matrix Revamp – Shirley discussed the revamp with Don Bohnett, Region III Risk Management chair. The RM Committee has received a suggested revamp from South Texas, and the Committee.

New Business

Rules Proposals

President Dodd called for a motion on the floor. He then asked was this the first time that the assembled council was seeing the proposal. Executive Director Brent Clements reported that the Rules Committee had not provided the staff with copies of the proposal to distribute in accordance with the MSA Bylaws. Rules Chair Dawn Wright stated that she had not had time to get the proposal to the Rules Committee because of her paying job and the Committee had not had much time to look it over. She admitted that she had been sent a draft for review and comment before the submission deadline, but just couldn't find the time to deal with it.

President Dodd asked everyone to look the proposal over. The Rules Chair further commented that her committee felt that the whole Division II policy needed to be rewritten and volunteered to rewrite the entire policy rather than just make adjustments. Doug Kitchens stated that since the committee could not find the time to do its job in accordance with the bylaws, he would withdraw the proposal and draft it with the membership at the upcoming Soccer Summit and then provide it to the Rules and Revisions Committee.

Executive Director Clements asked that if the items in the change proposal were not addressed today by the Council, could the Council to address the policy issues, deadlines and requirements that could not be completed because of the GotSoccer limitations for pools. While no member of the Council responded, the Rules chair stated that the staff should ignore those current policy issues, deadlines and requirements.

Motion – To change the bracket procedure to the latest version– Gene Phillips

Second – Gerald Self

Motion carried

Motion – To approve Hattiesburg Disbands – Alex Farned

Second – Bob Gilbert

Motion carried

Motion – To approve Florence Disbands – Alex Farned

Second – Gerald Self

Motion carried

Motion – To reduce U19 D1 Players fees to \$45, for teams for after 2nd weekend in April - Bob Gilbert

Second - Lane Smith

Motion carried with one opposition

Discussion ensued regarding rosters and check-in between Districts and Kohl's. Coaching licenses were discussed at length. Terry stated that the Got Soccer levels may not be correct.

Sonja will contact Neshoba/Philadelphia to set up a meeting to get them back into compliance
Alex will work with New Albany to solve their issues
Gerald wants additional contact information for Indianola and Copiah County

Motion – Motion to send letter to BSO advising that they are not eligible to participate in District and State play – Kim Quarles

Second – Barbara Brent

Motion carried with one opposition

The Council decided that Terry should be prepared to roll the Model Club at the Soccer Summit, There was good discussion about how it can make the clubs work toward improving themselves.

President Dodd explained the various changes going on with USYS, the loss of the Adidas contract, and the fact that the MLS teams are getting involved with clubs. David spoke to the flux that is going on within youth soccer.

Bob asked the Council to give input about enforcing the policy to schedule the games next weekend. Games need to be completed asap so we can assist teams in finding rooms.

Motion – To schedule all remaining games for 3/19-3/20 – Bob Gilbert

Second – Gene Phillips

Motion carried

Motion – To suspend the rules to consider a Division I Rules change – Bob Gilbert

Second – Barbara Brent

Motion to suspend the rules carried

Bob explained that he needs a change to reinforce the requirement to play the required time.

Motion – To accept the D1 Rules change – Alex Farned

Second – Kim Quarles

Motion carried

Motion – To add the verbiage about player Transfers to Policy 102 – Gerald Self

Second – Sonja Rowell

Motion to reinstate the Rules – Alex Farned

Second – Gerald Self

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

