





**President's Report (See written report)**

Pleased with Ms. Mitchell's attendance and enjoyed her stories about Billy Gonsalves.

Veteran's Cup Bid to bring the Cup to Massachusetts. Would like to put together a committee which will showcase the best soccer. Awaiting a final decision from USASA Executive Board. (Send budget for VC to Andy Weiss)

Adult Referee Administrator – Del Rainho has been putting together an academy to do the best for the adult community.

New Disciplinary/Appeals Board – In response to the newly adopted bylaws, new volunteers have been found to serve on these committees. Dick Fischman is the chair for the Disciplinary Committee and Bob Wilson is the chair for the Appeals Board.

Diana McKee has been appointed as the MASS State Registrar and Insurance Officer. She will be working on the databases.

MASS will be redesigning the website with a new, more functional, futuristic website. It should be available in the next few weeks.

Encourage all leagues to take advantage of the competitions the state has to offer and support the State Cup.

**V. Standing Committee Reports**

**National Cups**

Commissioner not present. Approximately 20 teams have entered from MA.

**State Cup**

Commissioner not present. State Cup runs through the summer. Information coming April/May. Bring your best teams out for that.

**Recognition (Awards and Hall of Fame)**

Need a chairperson.

**Coaching**

Does not seem to be enough interest in this program.

**Select Teams Program**

Jim Antonakas (Men's Asst. Coach) – has been pleased with the program. Would like to involve players from the leagues as much as possible. Paul Athanasiadis (Women's Head Coach) – Had a good run. Won regional 5 of the last 7 years. National Championship during that time. Was a goal away from a national win. Not getting the exposure that it should. Every player on the roster is from EMWSL. Structure is changing and is interested to see how this competition and program will change going forward. Hopes there is still support for this group.

**Women's Program**

Effort to keep the cost down on the Select Program.

EMWSL trying to develop and Over 30 division.

Other leagues beyond EMWSL need to work toward accommodating teams/players outside the 495 belt

Nothing from the National Team

WPSL holding tryouts in the area for talented young women. Information can be found on BostonBreakers.com

**Massachusetts State Referee Committee**

Del Rainho has held 4-5 session in the Referee Academy.

US Soccer developing academy games – assigning from academy pool.

Working together with professionals to train.

MSRC supplying referees for the Veteran's Cup in Washington in July

Assessor course – national trainer coming

MSRC is equal to or ahead of what other referee committee's are doing.

Andy is very pleased that a member of the MASS Executive Comm has been in attendance at the past several MSRC meetings.

**Registrar and Insurance Officer**

Form for Certificate of Insurance Request on the website

Will send out information about the required fields and formatting for the databases.

**Disciplinary Committee**

No report

**Appeals Committee**

No report

**VI. Constitution and By-Law Amendments Proposals**

**See attached Proposed Constitutional changes submitted by BSSL**

All instances of "constituency" throughout Constitution and Bylaws shall be changed to "membership" – accepted without objection.

**Change 1: Section 3.1 ~~Constituency~~ Membership**

Motion to shift the timing of the 2 annual meetings from Feb/Mar to May (AGM) and July/August to October (Semi-annual).

Motion seconded

Motion passed – VFA and NEOTHSL objected

**Change 2: Section 3.2 Executive Board, Officers elections, Board of Directors**

Motion to create term limits for Executive Board members.

Motion seconded

Motion Failed – Only BSSL in favor, all others opposed

**Change 3: Section 3.3 Duties and Powers of Executive Board**

Motion to delete section “B”

Motion seconded

Amendments to proposal:

D) Coordinate member discipline with Disciplinary Committee

Strike final paragraph in its entirety.

Amendments accepted.

Motion passed – All in favor

**Change 4: Section 3.6**

Proposal withdrawn

Determined to be housekeeping as in the settlement agreement where Executive Board can not vote in elections.

**Change 5: Section 3.7 Voting Powers**

Proposal withdrawn due to voting structure changes proposed in the settlement agreement. Membership has already accepted new voting structure.

**Change 6: A.5 Voting Strength**

Motion to add “The up-to-date voting strength will be sent out with the meeting notification for the semi-annual and annual meetings.

Motion seconded

Motion passed – All in favor

**Change 7: I) Disciplinary Committee**

Motion to remove the words “or Executive Board” from the sentence “A decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall constitute a decision of MASS unless otherwise voted by the Board of Directors or Executive Board.”

Motion seconded

Friendly amendment to add wording to be sure all evidence from original hearing must be heard before a reversal can happen.

Discussion – Historically, the Executive Committee has never interfered or overturned any decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Board. The DC and AB are made up of representatives of the membership and their decisions have been upheld.

Removal of the words “or Executive Board” changes the entire meaning and does not allow the EC to carry out the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.

Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Board, Appeal to USASA – why is it necessary to add another layer of review to Board of Directors?

The inclusion of the sentence in question offers a protection in that if the Disciplinary Committee recommends too harsh a punishment, the Executive Board or Board of Directors can reduce the fine or punishment.

Motion postponed – Suggestion posed that MASS seek someone to review Constitution and Bylaws

**Change 8: Section 4.3 Special Meetings**

Motion to remove the words “a majority of the total eligible to vote in the Board of Directors” and replace with “any combination of the Board of Directors representing at least 10 percent of a legal quorum as described in Section 4.5.”

Motion seconded

Discussion – Use of MA corporate laws requires a court order and the soccer association should keep business within the organization.

Choose a definition of what percentage but do not adopt MA General Laws. MASS Constitution and Bylaws should stand alone.

Using a weighted vote to call a special meeting vs. one vote per league may squash the desire of several smaller leagues to call a special meeting.

Good bylaws should be able to stand on their own and not have to go outside to the bylaws of USASA, US Soccer, or MA General Law.

However, the organization is obligated to abide by the laws of all those entities.

Board of Directors is defined as each individual league. Membership is defined by a weighted vote.

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**Change 9: Section 4.4 Notices**

Motion to add sentence “For the annual meeting, notice should include vote strength and a current updated MASS financial budget.” After “by U.S. Postal Service fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.”

Motion seconded

Motion passed – All in favor

**Change 9.5: Copy of Audited Financials to be included in 4.4**

Motion to require that the Board of Directors receive a copy of the audited financial statements at the AGM.

Motion seconded

Friendly amendment: or within 30 days of audit completion.

Amendment accepted

Motion passed – All in favor

**Change 10: Section 6.1 Association and League Requirements**

Proposal withdrawn

**Housekeeping changes that were included in the meeting notice:**

**Section 4.1 Change in order of Agenda Items**

Motion to move election of officers from before amendments to Constitution and Bylaws to after.

Motion seconded

Concern that there would be a loss of the quorum as the meeting ran later.

Motion failed – 10 against (2/3 vote needed to pass)

**Section 4.2 Agenda of Semi Annual Meeting**

Motion to Change roll call to roll call/credential check and after reports of committees include amendments to Bylaws

Motion seconded

Motion passed – All in favor

**VII. Election of Officers**

Re-check of credentials – OCSL turned in their vote before leaving the meeting

CMO35 left the meeting

Executive Committee does not vote

Total votes for election purposes at this time: 18

**Secretary:**

Nominated: Diana McKee

Nominated: Steve Siniscalchi

Rich Frongillo withdrew

Motion Second

No other nominations were made.

Steve Siniscalchi elected by a vote of 11-7

**President:**

Nominated: Pasquale Puleo

Nominated: Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki

Motion Second

No other nominations were made.

Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki elected by a vote of 11-7

**VIII. Committee Appointments** – appointments will remain the same for the time being until Cezar makes his own appointments in the near future.

**IX. New Business**

Motion to expend funds to hire a lawyer/parliamentarian to review the bylaws.

Motion seconded

Amount to expend: \$4,000

Motion passed

**X. Adjournment**

All matters before the meeting have been duly discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30PM.

Prepared by:

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