



Massachusetts Adult State Soccer Association

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Minutes MASS Annual General Meeting of May 7, 2009

Wellesley Community Center, Wellesley, MA

President Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

I. Roll Call

BSSL 2	CMO35 1	EMWSL 2	EMMSA 1	FRSL 1
GWASA 1	NELASA 1	MSSL 1	NEOTHSL 6	OCSL 1
OCWSL 1	VFA 1	WAYSAs 1	ASL 1	
President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	

Total Votes for MASS 25, Total votes present 19 (Bold), Quorum present (Officers non-voting members for elections)

Voting members present as follows:

- ✓ Paul Barrow, Representative for BSSL
- ✓ Diana McKee, President of EMWSL
- ✓ James Hamblin, Director EMMSA
- ✓ Mario Santos, President for NELASA
- ✓ Jim Antonakas, President of MSSL
- ✓ Julian Dunlop, President of NEOTHSL
- ✓ Jennifer Lemoine, President OCWSL
- ✓ John Nourse, President ASL
- ✓ Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki, MASS President
- ✓ Steven Siniscalchi, MASS Secretary
- ✓ Rich Frongillo, MASS Treasurer
- ✓ Tony Dubrowski, MASS Vice President
- ✓ Carlos Goulart, Joe Mendes of LUSA (yet to be voted in as a member)
- ✓ Andy Weiss, SRA
- ✓ Skip Gorman, MYSA President
- ✓ Committee chairs and other interested parties

II. Minutes of Prior Meetings

Accept minutes of Semi-annual Meeting of 10-27-08, motioned Tony Dubrowski, and seconded by James Hamblin. Meeting notes accepted.

III. Reports of Officers

Secretary Report

Updated contact list was included with meeting handout, electronic version to be sent to all board members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rich Frongillo announced that he was now in control of MASS funds and budgets and he presented an updated and balanced 2009 budget. Rich motioned to accept the updated budget; it was seconded by James Hamlin, and passed unanimously. As part of the 2009 budget the USSF/USASA/MASS affiliation fee will return to \$20.00 per player.

He also announced that he had dismissed the previous Accountant, David Gallo and that a new CPA for auditing purposes will be installed.

Rich then discussed the potential for separating the MASS State Referee Committee (MSRC) away from MASS so that they could become a separate legal entity but with the SRA still being appointed by MASS and MYSA presidents.

Andy Weiss the present SRA, Skip Gorman MYSA President, and Rich all presented reasons why this would be advantageous for the organization, and Rich made a motion as follows:

The MASS Executive Board shall explore the potential for separation of the MSRC as its own legal entity and a vote should be put before the MASS Board before the end of 2009. Motion seconded by Tony Dubrowski. The motion passed.

Vice President Report

Tony reported that the Donnelly Cup, once a USASA national event will be cancelled for this year but that for 2010 the Donnelly Cup will be run as a Region I event. Tony will now be focusing on a new Regional Champions League system to involve elite teams from various parts of Region I. The event will be held over the summer of 2009 in an experimental form with perhaps six teams, but should become a full force event with a minimum of 16 teams in 2010.

Meeting suspended for presentations by American Scores New England, a charity organization that helps inner city children, and then a brief presentation by Tim Horton of Soccer Interactive.com a coaching tool online.

President's Report

Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki gave his general impressions of the USSF general meeting held in Orlando in March. As part of that event, the USASA, our governing body, decided it will hold a summit meeting to review the directions and goals of the organization. That summit will happen mid-year.

Cezar announced that the registration for the Veterans Cup, which we are hosting in July, team participation is up to 61 entries. He welcomed all present to volunteer to help make the event a success, and that everyone should plan to attend the 7/10 party at Devens Grill.

Cezar is part of the national committee investigating changes to USASA Insurance program and he will be pushing for more flexible fees, especially medical, that can help reduce our costs.

Cezar announced that the Demosphere registration system is now up for renewal by USASA, and a committee at USASA will recommend continuation or termination of this registration system. Regardless of the outcome, all MASS members must now present their registration player databases via electronic EXCEL spreadsheet in the format supplied by MASS. Form is online at our website, <http://www.mass-soccer.org/resources/Database-Requirements.doc>

Mainly as a result of the Veterans Cup being held here this summer, EMWSL is putting in a new program for Over 40 and Over 50 age teams. Play to start late spring and run through June.

The organization is fortunate enough to have a large sum of money, over \$200,000 in the bank as a result of investments from previous years. A Financial Review Committee will form to discuss a long-range plan for use of these funds.

IV. Reports of Committees

Select Coaches

Men's select coach Jim Antonakas reported the select team program was discontinued at USASA level and funding was cancelled. Money is available for an Under 23 program and Jim will be active in that.

Report from Insurance Officer, Diana McKee

Diana reviewed the general policies of the medical insurance and the limits of that program. Diana reiterated that all teams must now provide an electronic database of players.

Veteran's Cup Committee

Fitchburg State will be the location of the opening ceremonies, and of course the MYSA fields will be used for the event. Referees provided by USASA.

Julian Dunlop, committee chair, has been doing ongoing work to plan all aspects of the event and it is coming into place. Devens Grill was selected for the 7/10 Friday night party, all members of MASS are invited. Also NEOTHSL is sponsoring special tickets for the 7/11 Revs, USA National Team double header at Gillette Stadium. Tickets to be available at www.othsl.org next month.

Report from Referee Committee

Andy Weiss announced that referee activity is ongoing, and he reiterated that the functioning of MSRC would be enhanced if the organization can become a separate entity. He also announced that one referee was dismissed from USSF (pending appeal)

MASS State Cup/National Cup

Co Chair JP Lukengu explained that the forms for 2009 State Cup were available online and that the deadline to enter a team was June 15th. It is hoped we will have a full field of 16 teams for the event, which is an open event to all teams in MASS.

Mass Disciplinary Committee

Past Chairman not present, no new cases since October of 2008.

Mass Appeals Committee

Chairman Garrett Solomon present and he reported there were no new cases over the winter months.

Webmaster Report

Webmaster Paul Barrow reported that new website nearing completion, information and forms added, other features coming.

V. Election of Officers

Tony Dubrowski presented nominating committee candidate Rich Frongillo as Treasurer. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were no other candidates. Rich Frongillo elected unanimously as Treasurer for two-year term.

President Cezar Wislocki- Wasecki presented nominating committee candidate Tony Dubrowski to run as vice President. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were no other candidates. Tony Dubrowski elected unanimously as Vice President for two-year term.

VI. Constitutional Amendments Proposal by Rules Committee

Vice President Tony Dubrowski has been appointed by Cezar to run this committee. In order to make changes to the Constitution, a 2/3 majority of the entire voting membership is required and with 25 total votes, that means that 17 votes are necessary to pass Constitutional changes. With 19 votes present, the amendments were discussed and voted on as follows:

- a) Proposed changes Sections 2.2 through 3.3..... all passed
- b) Proposed change Section 3.4.1 II suggestion to change the 2/3 requirements to 2/3 of assembled votes. After much discussion, put to a vote failed
- c) Proposed change to section 3.4 IIC thru 3.6.....all passed
- d) Proposed change to sections 3.7 A1 - 3.7 a 3. All passed.

- e) Proposed change added section 3.7 A4 that “a majority of the vote is required to be elected to any position.” Much discussion.....Failed
- f) Proposed change to section 3.7 A5Passed
- g) Proposed change to section 3.7 B1 and B2 (keep in entire voting membership and 2/3 requirement).Passed
- h) Proposed changes to section 3.7 B3, B4, B5Passed
- i) Proposed changes to section 3.7, C, D, EPassed
- j) Proposed change to section 3.7 F - ProxiesFailed
- k) Proposed changes to section 3.8Passed
- l) Proposed changes to section 4.1 through 4.7.passed
- m) All changes to Articles VI, VII, VIII and IX.Passed

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion to add LUSA (Liga Unidas Soccer Association) as a new member league to MASS Adult Soccer was made by VP Tony Dubrowki. This was seconded by Secretary Siniscalchi. Motion passed unanimously. Information about this men’s league can be found at www.lusasoccer.com

VIII. Adjournment

All business being completely a motion for adjournment was made and seconded and passed unanimous. Meeting ended at approximately 11:30 pm.

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STEVEN SINISCALCHI, MASS Secretary