

**South Shore Soccer League
General Meeting
February 10, 2020**



Minutes Recorded by Amanda Grant meeting called to order at 7:34pm

Minutes

A. Roll Call

- ABG, ACU, BRA, BRG, EBG, EAS, HOL/A, MMR, RAY, SHA, WBG, WEY,

B. Minutes of Previous Meeting- Approved

C. Treasurer's Report-Placed on file

- Budget is extremely tight due to the mix shifter to a greater percentage of HS teams and fewer Grade 3/4 teams.
- Fees will most likely go up for high school teams.

D. Communications

• **Mass Youth & Leagues Committee**

- MYS Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is Sunday 3/15 in Leominster. There will also be workshops focused on (1) Use of stack sports and printing credentials, (2) Zero tolerance policies.
- Fall of 2020, Stack will be going back to the Affinity platform we used the previous several years.
- MTOC Draw will be the first Sunday in April-
 - Randy will email the results
- Adding Social Media coordination as a role for MTOC
- BCYSL worked with MCLA with a survey about attitudes and referee retention. Large majority of the issues are caused by parent's treatment of referees in 10u games.

• **Spring Season**

- Placement changes for Grade 3/4 teams were adopted for 80% of the teams that requested them.
- We had over 25 adds and drops since the initial placements were created, which caused schedule changes as recently as this past weekend.
 - Last Spring there was only 11 changes so we may need to reconsider the final due date for rosters and or due date for schedules.
- Arbiter should now be updated
- There have been issues with phishing so some changes will be made as to how coach's information is accessed.
- Division 7/8 girls and boys will be playing crossover games with The Coastal League. The teams will be playing a 10 game season.

- The girls will play Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Kingston
- The boys will play Cohasset, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth and Pembroke

- **Registrar**
 - MYS sent information last week regarding how to print adult credentials.
 - Make sure the pictures are appropriately sized and the jersey numbers are correct.
 - Copies of your final rosters should now be with the Registrar (Amanda) and uploaded to Sport Pilot (or synced to SSSL if your town uses SP).

- **Referees**
 - Preseason Referee Meeting will be 2/29, we are working on the location.
 - The February 29th coaches meeting will be held at St. Josephs in Holbrook at 11 am
 - The March 4th meeting will be held at South Shore Christian Academy in Weymouth at 7 pm
 - These are mandatory. 1 representative from each team must attend.
 - Ref meeting will be held at St. Josephs in Holbrook at 8am
 - Referee on-field training will be in Weymouth on 3/28

- Please recruit more referees to work with the league. If you have refs that have been working your in town program only and some may be ready for the next level, have them contact Paul and/or Dennis.
- 128 refs were not recertified at the time of the meeting. Contact Dianna if you need to be recertified.

E. Reports of Committees

- Sportsmanship
- Scholarship
 - Due date is April 15th and the scholarships are worth \$1000
- TOPS
- Rules
 - By Law changes attached
 - Rule change requests are attached

F. Reports from the Delegates

G. Special Reports

H. Unfinished Business

I. New Business

J. For the Good of Soccer

K. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

By-Law proposal

To bring the following in line with the recent changes in the Rules of Play...

Current:

10.2. The South Shore Soccer League Rules of Play for fair and equitable play among Association teams shall be posted on the SSSL web site. The Rules of Play shall be listed in five parts: Registration & Placement (Rules one through three); Official Game Rules and Modifications to FIFA Laws (Rules four through eight & ten); U12 Rule Modifications; U10 Rule Modifications and SSSL Zero Tolerance Policy (Rule 9)-

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Tolerance Policy (Rule 9) **Passed Unanimously**

Current:

10.7. Divisional Play Structure: Placement of teams in each separate age and gender grouping shall be determined using the following criteria. A) Age and gender groupings shall be defined as follows: Gr 3/4 Boys, Gr 3/4 Girls, Gr 5/6 Boys, Gr 5/6 Girls, Gr 7/8 Boys, Gr 7/8 Girls, Gr 9/10 Boys, Gr 9/10 Girls, Gr 11/12 Boys, Gr 11/12 Girls, PG Boys and PG Girls.

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9/10/11 Girls, Gr 12/PG Boys, Gr 12/PG Girls. **Passed Unanimously**

Current

10.6. All players on teams eligible to represent the South Shore Soccer League at the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions shall reside in member towns of the South Shore Soccer League. A player residing in one town can play for a team in another town only when both towns agree on the move and it has been approved by the South Shore Soccer League Executive Board. (A signed letter or email from the town President receiving the player shall be sent to the town President of the town releasing the player. This letter signed by both town Presidents shall be forwarded to the South Shore Soccer League Executive Board for approval.) If either town is opposed to the player movement, the player will be required to play with the team from the town that he/she resides in. NOTE: If there is no team available for the player in his/her town, he/she can play on the team of his/her choice. Any player, who wishes to transfer from one league to another league, must have a written agreement signed by both town Presidents and both league Presidents for the transfer to be valid for MTOC eligible teams. If a town, decides to move a player of one town not wanting the move, that town's teams will not be eligible for MTOC competition. If a team decides to accept a player in spite of the town does not want the move,

that team will not be eligible for MTOC play. Any violations may be subjected to following penalties:

- A. A Forfeiture of all games that the player played.
- B. Declared ineligible for post season play.
- C. Two (2) year suspension of the coaches using the player.
- D. Fifty (\$50) dollar fine will be assessed to the Association that registered the player.

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 - The player must provide proof of enrolment upon request of the registrar.
 - Interleague waivers will still be needed

Rules of Play Proposed Changes

Current

1.1.1.1 . . . the names of all Multiple rostered players (with Club name, age, gender, division and name of the head coach) included on this preliminary roster must be reported on a separate sheet. Multiple rostered players shall be defined **as those playing in MAPLE, MASC, NEP, ODP, MPS, Super Y, or any team entered in State Cup.**

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Leagues keep changing so this just simplifies it

10.6 And 1.1.1.1 will be voted on in March