

**Mentor Soccer Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2016**

**In Attendance:**

Chris Andreano  
Scott Brown  
Amy Freeman  
Aldo Lucrezi  
Mark Sobonya  
Brian Penkowski  
Missy Read  
Jeff Petro  
Margaret Brown  
Ken Werner  
Jim Buchan  
Chrystal Poling

**Absent:**

Marissa Rogenthein  
Len Kostaka

7:05 pm call to order.

**Meeting Minutes**

Approval of January meeting minutes – 6 for 0 against. Meeting Minutes approved

**Finance / Treasurer's Report**

Finance committee still working on tournament coach pay - shortening the document

**Committee Updates**

*Comm/PR*

Communications for coaches and parents have been prepared on the subject of the new "Birth Year" age matrix. To be reviewed by Missy/Jim/Jeff.

Hold the date for 4v4 added to website front page

Working on new Dick's apparel store to be part of our Blue Sombrero site. We are part of pilot group that will test the system. Looks promising.

Apparel for 4v4 and Rec ordered and shipping this week.

Going to check Open Enrollment banners to make sure they are in good shape and info still pertains with new ageing.

Need to update Tryout page on website. Sent Missy wording to OK.

Anything for newsletter, please get to me by Thursday Feb 11th.

New age group page set up on website with age tables FAQ's and such. Will add to front page rotator after communications go out.

## **Coaching**

DOC will give presentation on A License at the next coaches meeting

Tom Turner will give presentation on E License

Where should MSC be? Between ACP & CSA with an Elite program, Travel program, and Rec program. Elite would be an exclusive total commitment level

Will need proper coaches for the Elite level –This vision will be worked on by DOC over the summer

DOC feels that coaching multiple teams has taken too much time away from his other duties

## **Rec Report**

We are coming up on the expiration dates for anyone that completed the concussion awareness training at its inception in 2013. A large group of MSC personnel will need to renew prior to the spring season starting. I will be sending an email reminder to all Rec volunteers. OYSAN has sent reminder emails as well.

Spring sessions for U5/U6 at Krueger are 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 and 5/21. May 28th will be the one and only make-up date.

Spring registration numbers:

U11/12 coed 2

U13/14 coed 1

U18 coed 3

Spring wait list numbers:

U9/10 coed 2

G9/10 3

G11/12 1

U7 coed 7

G7/8 4

Need to send email to participants & wait listed players from indoor U5/U6 reminding them we have open spots for spring.

Special concerns for spring:

- U11/12 coed team needs a new coach (back injury, and the parent that stepped in to help in fall does not want to coach in spring)

- G11/12 team needs a coach (fall coach was removed from the Club, and parent that coached the last game of the season does not want to coach the team this spring). This team is also low on players; a couple are not returning.

Spirit wear was ordered for Rec. Planning on selling at indoor tournament and on a busy Saturday at Garfield and/or Shore.

Planning to use Score again for our Rec kits. 2016-2017 order should be placed July 5-July 8, roughly.

Email will be sent inviting MSC Rec teams to our indoor 4v4.

Looking to begin fall games Aug 20, so we can finish up by Oct 15.

I have not found anything to say that the new birth year structure applied to recreation programs such as ours. I am inclined to leave Rec intact with the school calendar age groups.

U5/U6 and U7/U8 indoor instructional programs were successful. Planning to continue those again next winter.

Would like to develop a system for helping our Rec players get spots on indoor teams. I am thinking of an online database, where players could list themselves as "interested" and indicate their age group, and co-ed v. G only, and a box to check if the parent is able to coach. Also have the option for coaches that have a team or are forming a team to check off that they are looking for players. Then from there we just help the parents connect so that they can build teams. We would probably need some type of disclosure that we are separate from Heisley, Heisley forms it own leagues, has it own rules, etc. and something to day that by registering in the database the parents agree that we can release their name, phone, email to other parents/coaches looking for teams/players..

### **Wave Report**

We have finally heard from both the State League and the Travel League that they WILL be instituting the new birth year rostering for this fall. We can thoroughly go over this with our coaches at the meeting with them on Feb. 11th. I have yet to hear if the new roster sizes and field sizes will be implemented as well.

I predict the next 2 years will be a sort of "re-aligning" period with our players and a learning process as we go along. My main concern is going to be the U15's every year. They will now continually have a birth year with half 8th graders and half 9th graders. I am hoping at least one league allows trapped 8th graders but not holding my breath.

Our MeSh teams will be playing in the Middletown tournament again this year. It is hit or miss each year on how many teams we send, and we are still working on filling up rosters.

I plan on opening up registration for Wave try outs on April 1st. Jim and I will start to pick dates for our summer camps and get that info out in April as well.

### **Indoor**

Second Session is in progress

- No big issues, other than some small scheduling adjustments.
  - Andy gave us some free teams to help finish/create divisions.
- As of this minute, we have 64 families unpaid for second session.
- Way too many, but probably due to holidays.
  - Approx. 4-5 payment agreements have been made.
  - We have begun Every Friday Past Due notices to families. This seems to have worked.
  - We will start the process of notifying families directly of possible player suspension unless payment agreements have been made.

This coming week is President Day Tournament.

- Low WAVE turnout. Not good, since Andy gave us \$2K concession for ours.
- Already stated thinking of something different next year.

### MSC Tournament

- We will have emailed all Team Managers Fliers.
- Need someone to reach out to all neighboring clubs. We haven't heard from anyone.
- Need Rec to collect teams and get them to us. Andy knows about Rec division request.
- Need to schedule meeting with Andy soon. Next week?
- Need ALL board members and officers to sign up to donate time.
- Secured a vendor to do picture. (Lake Photography) Asked for \$500 donation.

### **Administration**

President's report:

No new items this month

### **Old Business**

N/A

### **New Business**

Change March Board meeting from March 13 to the 14<sup>th</sup> due to tournament

Ken proposes that once a year the board should conduct a Strategic Planning Session to get and keep the Club moving

Motion to adjourn by Chrystal and seconded by Brian. Meeting adjourned 8:23pm.

**Mentor Soccer Board Member Action Page**

- Volunteer sign up for tournament
- Revised Tournament Coach Pay

## **Calendar of 2016 Meetings:**

**January 10**

**February 14 – Valentine’s Day**

**March 13**

**April 10**

**May 8 - Mother’s Day**

**June 12**

**July 10**

**August 14**

**September 11**

**October 9**

**November 13**

**December 11**