

MECHANICSBURG SOCCER CLUB

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Minutes of October, 2007 General Meeting of Membership

ATTENDANCE

Board	Key Volunteers	
X Shane Flemming (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Kliener (registrar)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Moshgat
X Neil Fowler (1 st V.P.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X Layne Lebo (2 nd V.P.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
X Scott Tochterman (Secretary)		

Others in Attendance: Ron Trace, Annette Moshgat, Sam Jones, Curtis Moats, Charles Roesner, Frank Ruzkowski, Billy Wirth, Tom Ryan, Heather Martin, Jeff Clukey, Randy Saultz, Mike Onofrey, Kate Bixler

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Club President, Shane Flemming.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the September meeting were distributed via email. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Provided by Shane Flemming:

- Account balance as of 10/26/07 was \$46,036.07. Club is in good financial position heading into 2008.
- Background checks for coaches performed – no issues.
- Sample coach's shirts are in – samples available.
- Shane described a summary of the Club's prior monthly expenditures.
- Question from Bill Wirth concerning the completion of 7 training sessions by WSA for a specific team. Approval of Treasurer's report – Neil motioned, Scott second.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The options for indoor training facilities are not good in the immediate (Upper Allen / Mechanicsburg) area.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- The Mechanicsburg Soccer Club congratulates Head Coach Tony Lougee, his staff and the entire team on a successful season and their advancement to the semifinals of the District 3 playoffs. MSC players and parents are urged to support our hometown team. A new web site focusing on MASH players and alumni has been unveiled: www.mashsoccer.com
- A number of our league teams played in either the Dillsburg or CPYSC tournaments over the Columbus Day weekend with excellent reports from many of our coaches. Several MSC teams are scheduled for the Hempfield or South Penn post-season tournaments. A list of indoor venues that sponsor leagues and tournaments has been distributed to all league coaches.
- We continue to hear many positive reports from parents, managers and assistants involved with nearly all our league teams.

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- MSC is sponsoring an abbreviated 4-week indoor training program on Sunday evenings at FountainBlu Arena during the first two weeks of November and December. The cost is \$35 per player for four 90-minute sessions. This is most likely the most affordable training program offered by any local Club. If there are open spots after Nov. 1, registration will be open to current rec. players that will be transitioning this spring and in the future to CPYSL league play. A similar, extended training session will be offered after January 1st.
- MSC continues to work with our training partners to re-structure our recreational and league training programs. Although not yet finalized, the Club will be offering levels of league play and training for all interested players. Our recreational league program will now follow the lead of other area Clubs and incorporate our former in-house rec. program into the Central Penn Youth Soccer League.
- MSC is developing a premier-level category designed to serve the needs and interests of players/families desiring a higher commitment to this sport. These teams will be expected to maintain a regular training/playing schedule and be expected to display a higher level of player commitment. It is important to note that no player will be required to participate in a level that is not appropriate for their skill or interest level.
- As part of our continuous improvement effort, special attention will be directed to selection of our team manager and assistant, along with parent coaches. Criteria will be published that will describe the responsibilities of our team officials. Of primary importance will be responsiveness – to parents, players and club officials/volunteers. Our teams are not the property of a few select individuals.
- MSC patches are now in adequate supply at Angelo's. Cost is \$1.00 each.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Overview of Community Day at McBIC to be held November 18th. MSC to be recognized.
- Parks/Rec Dept. is advertising in their winter/spring brochure. There is an opportunity for MSC to advertise. Cost is \$150-200. Scott expressed that this was a good idea, Neil and Layne seconded the notion. Shane plans to go forward with the \$200 option.
- Nominations for open board decisions – Katie Bixler for Treasurer. Shane nominated, seconded by Scott. Neil nominated Rick Polan for 2nd VP/Director of Rec Soccer. Neil nominated, seconded by Scott. Elections to be held at the November meeting, currently scheduled for 11/29 but likely to be rescheduled for the first week of December. Scott to confirm room availability with the Township.
- Shane discussed the potential need to amend the bylaws – 1st VP to become the Director of League Soccer. 2nd VP to be the Director of Rec Soccer.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS, OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

- Concession – Positive report from Annette Moshgat.
- Equipment –
- Fields – Field Day has been scheduled for Nov. 17th. Curtis Moats is our coordinator. Neil expressed a desire to have an aggressive field manager who would be responsible for the conditions of the fields. Curtis remarked that the HS players also contribute to the field conditions on Field C at Friendship Park. The Township enables other groups to use the Friendship Fields, while MSC contributes to the conditions we are clearly not the only users. Neil noted that the primary field issues are on Field A. Shane mentioned that we will look into adjusting practice schedules for next year and will also evaluate other facilities, i.e. Filbert St.

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- Photos – A rebate is forthcoming. Suggestion was made by Billy Wirth that the Club should consider Don Dye, a local photographer, to do next year's photos.
- Uniforms – New apparel and new logo to be discussed at the November meeting.
- Website – Active Network will be handling the new online registration system.
- Coach's gift – Coaches shirts are now available for head coaches. These may be purchased by/for assistant coaches.
- Soccerfest – Coordinator has been identified. Helen Klebe has a 4-person committee who will be responsible for logistics and preparations.
- Parks/Rec meeting – Scott attended the October meeting and gave an overview of the items discussed. A preliminary response to Greg Moll regarding the future field needs of the Club must be done in the upcoming weeks.
- Offseason training – Shane and Neil provided an overview of the intent and structure of the winter training – both for League Players and Rec players.
- Spring Rec – No need to increase the \$40 fee this year. This fee will cover 6 games.
- Registrar – To register a new player for Spring League play will be \$50, this covers registration fee, uniform and insurance.
- League Discussion – Neil provided an overview for future training fees. These will be staggered to accommodate the future level of training made available to our D1, D2 and D3 teams. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the parent coach/trainer model – and specifically the limitations of the MSC parent coach's role. This will be further defined in the months ahead and a policy will be developed – with a focus on the new teams being established for League play.

NEXT MEETING:

Rescheduled for December 5, 6:30PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Tochterman
Secretary, Mechanicsburg Soccer Club