

MECHANICSBURG SOCCER CLUB

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Minutes of February, 2008 General Meeting of Membership

ATTENDANCE

| Board | Key Volunteers | |
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| X Shane Flemming (President) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Klienert (registrar) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| X Neil Fowler (1 st V.P.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| X Rick Polan (2 nd V.P.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| X Kate Bixler (Treasurer) | | |
| X Scott tochterman (Secretary) | | |
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Club President, Shane Flemming on Wednesday, February 27th. Othes in attendance included: Frank Ruskowski, Mike Ganhann, Sharon Newcomer, Annette Moshgat, Curtis Moats, Phil Walsh, Craig Himmel, Michael Derr, Brad Van Nostrand

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting. Neil motioned to approve, Shane seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Review YTD Budget Analysis: end of January balance is \$14,081.55
- Shane had a question regarding income generated by spring registration fees. Kate will look into the discrepancy.
- Report motioned to approve by Neil, Rick seconded, approved.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Teams are being formed for Spring play
- 51 players at U6
- 40 girls and 41 boys at the U7/U8 age group
- Season to begin April 13th
- Uniforms must be ordered at least 2 weeks in advance
- Sam is working on sponsorship for uniforms

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Dir. Of League Soccer):

- Neil attended the CPYSL competition committee
- MSC will have twelve league teams
- April 5th will be the start of the season – games will be played primarily on Saturdays for teams U13 and under
- No additional administrative fees have been passed along this year to our League teams
- 80 new players participating on MSC league teams
- Teams have been assigned to appropriate brackets
- Eight U8 players are playing up on the League U9 team this Spring
- Of Spring teams, four are new teams whereby Lougee is providing training. Nova is providing training to four other teams.
- Reminder that a coaching application must be completed by individuals seeking to be a coach / manager of a League team in the Fall.
- League uniforms will be renewed on a two-year cycle. However, new socks are in the process of being ordered.
- League indoor training programs are well attended. MSC took advantage of space/times at Twin Ponds.
- Friendship fields will only be used for games this Fall, not practices.

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- Practice facilities / sites are being evaluated.
- Wildcat, F.C. designation for teams was discussed. Criteria for this designation is in development. One criteria for this team designation will be related to community contributions in addition to a higher level of play, i.e. Wildcat F.C. players should be participating / contributing towards the development of MSC younger players. Scott supported Neil's idea in this regard.
- Cost commitment of League teams was discussed. Frank Ruzkowski made the comment that his daughter plays for an Eagle, F.C. team for Hampden. Costs include \$110 for registration and tryouts, \$40 per month for training 11 months out of the year, and \$125 cost of uniform / warm-ups. Tournament fees additional. Scott asked how many tournaments were typically played in. Response from Frank: 14 this year and 19 last year. Scott stated that the cost commitment from each team must be established by the coaches and the parents associated within that particular team and each team should proceed at whatever pace is appropriate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- The Club has formed a strategic planning committee to assess the Club's long-term needs (3-5-10 year time horizons). Alan Warshaw will lead this effort. Neil will soon be meeting with him.
- Field Permit – Friendship, Fisher and Country Estates have been accepted by the Township. Permit for Filbert, Elmwood and Heinz is pending at the Borough.
- The Club has received information re: the annual EPYSA meeting near Philadelphia. Motion passed to miss the meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS, OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS

- Registrar: 12 League teams have been registered for Spring and are ready to go. Nearly every player seeking placement was assigned a team. Katie to prepare refunds for those who were not (approx. 5 players). Jodi is working on getting new coaches all of the point-of-contact information for their players.
- Rec Registrar: Fall brochures are in the process of being distributed in the schools. Alpha Graphics produced the flyers for \$900.
- Concession: Only 1 response from mass email soliciting additional help in this area. Scott indicated that support for staffing concessions during the forthcoming season should be made part of the coaches' orientation. Annette will check on availability of restrooms during games.
- Equipment: 30 cases of line paint were ordered. Discussion on training goals – defer purchase until summer camp and fall season. Dollies were deemed unnecessary. Foldable benches were discussed.
- Practice: Nova training will occur at Ashcombe.
- Field Day: Tentatively scheduled for March 29 @ 8:30AM. The High School will be responsible for lining Field C.
- Photos: MSC will proceed with a local vendor.
- Sponsorship: Snapple will provide drinks at the summer camps. Sam is still working on additional sponsors, i.e. Nike.
- Webmaster: Registration is now open for the Fall season.
- Uniforms: Sharon needs to get the order in for Spring teams ASAP.
- Overall Club Topics: Soccer registration flyer distributed through the schools and other places of social activity. League tryouts to occur during the week of April 7th.
- Summer Camp: Wildcat Soccer Academy will be at Friendship between 6 and 7:30PM. Cost \$60 for age groups U6-U8. Nova will hold a camp for ages U9-U13 between 9AM and 11:30AM. Cost is \$80. Both camps will be held during the week of July 24th.

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- Parks/Rec: Brad reported that 2 new fields are scheduled to be made available in the Fall of 09. The Club and the Township are still waiting on proposals for field maintenance.
- Clothing Sale – Rick reviewed various clothing options. The Club will work through Angelos. Discussion regarding when clothing sale would be offered, i.e. Spring (tryouts), Summer (camp) and Fall (Soccerfest).
- Rec soccer: to begin on April 13th.
- Tax designation: Katie and Shane to meet with Smoker Smith & Associates to determine pros and cons of 501c4 (current designation) and 501c3 designation.

NEXT MEETING:

Scheduled for March 26 at 7pm (Mandatory Coaches Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Scott Tochterman
Secretary, Mechanicsburg Soccer Club