

**MEDFORD SOCCER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION  
JUNE 9, 2008**

**Present:** Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1<sup>st</sup> VP/Acting Boys U14 Age Director), Ray Mitrano (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar/U12 Girls Age Director), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Butch Pierce (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large), Ray deRosas (At Large), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director), Jay Cirame (U10 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

**Absent:** Paul Jacques (At Large), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director)

**Guests:** Mary Pierce, Jonathan Arnold

**Motion** to call meeting to order at 7:35 pm by Ellie Branley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Lane.

**Secretary:**

**Motion** by Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lael to accept the minutes for the May 12th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 13/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris reported that there was an Executive Committee meeting held prior to this Board meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a MASC or Maple team in Medford for Fall 2008. Steve explained the logistics of a club team and how it offers a higher level of competition.

**Motion** by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank to pursue the possibility of having club teams. Vote 12/0/3. **Motion** passed.

Steve discussed the idea of having an advertising program to recruit new players to the organization. We could have a coupon in the Val-Pak for \$800 which could give a discount to new players. The idea will be pursued and brought back to the board for the next registration period.

Chris reviewed the recent try-outs results and there was a discussion about the problems that arose, i.e. not enough raters, raters not rating all players, raters rating players that they knew, weights that were given to different age groups. Overall, the Try-Out Committee did a good job under the circumstances. Ray D. should be made aware of any issues outstanding and he will bring to the Board for improvement next year.

Chris introduced the possibility of Medford Soccer moving out of the Middlesex League and into the BAYS League. After discussion about frustrating deadlines and other negatives with Middlesex, it was decided that Medford Soccer would stay with Middlesex and deal with the inconveniences because of the closer traveling schedules.

**Treasurer/Financials:**

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion** by Emily; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2008 as presented. Vote 15/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris discussed the \$2,000 in fines that Medford Soccer owes MYSL because of rosters that were submitted late. He will be trying to negotiate for leniency.

**Age Directors:****In Town:**

**U6** – Ellie reported that they will be done by the time school is out. Everything is going well.

**U8** – Emily reported that the season is ending Saturday. Everything is going well except for the lining of the fields. She sent an e-mail to the U8 parents to register for U10. She is waiting to hear which coaches will be returning. Registration numbers are going down. Parents of U8 are hesitant about traveling as U10.

**Travel:**

**U10 Boys & Girls** – Jay reported that the boys meeting will be tomorrow night. There should be five teams but there is some flexibility. The girls have four teams but should be five. No teams are going to the Commissioner's Cup.

**U12 Boys** – Matt reported that there are 59 boys signed up for five teams. It has been a struggle finding coaches. Some are moving up to U14.

**U14 Boys** – Bill reported that there are 65 boys for five teams with a potential for more. There is still a need for an age director.

**U14 Girls** – Tom B. reported that there are 64 girls for four teams.

**Registrar:**

Frank presented the Registrar's report. There are 437 players for the Fall. Please get rosters to Frank by June 20 and also correct coaches' names, addresses and dates of birth. Coach changes can be made up to the second week of August.

**Town Coordinator:**

Tom H. reported that there are two definite teams in the Commissioner's Cup and two possibles. He also reported that Middlesex is trying to go to electronic registrations. Some of the other town registrars are submitting phantom teams.

**Parliamentarian:**

Lael had nothing to report.

**Player & Coach Development:**

Lael reported that a program needs to be set up.

**Fields/Equipment:**

The irrigation pipe at Victory is coming up again even though there was sand put on it. The U12 goals should be positioned so as not to bend in the middle. They still need to be replaced however.

**Uniforms:**

Chris reported that he has received 8 out of 27 RFPs and he is waiting to see what they come up with. This issue will be revisited at the July meeting. There still needs to be a fundraiser to help membership with uniform costs.

**Additional Items:**

Chris reported that the Zero Tolerance Policy, Late Registration Fee Policy and Refund Policy will be voted on at the July meeting. Please get feedback to him. All policies, By-Laws, Constitution and minutes will be posted to the website.

The formation of an Ethics Committee will be brought up in the July meeting.

Chris mentioned that Fun Day is planned for September 13 or 20. A possible banquet may be planned for the travel teams. Fundraising could be coordinated with this event.

Bill reported that the money for the Field of Dreams of \$1.4 million should be accepted soon. \$500,000 would be given up front. The winning bid was made by American Tower. This should be announced in two or three weeks.

**Motion** by Tom B.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Vote 15/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella  
Secretary Medford Soccer