

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
OCTOBER 20, 2008**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1st VP), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Butch Pierce (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large), Ray deRosas (At Large/Boys U14 Age Director), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Tom Bourne (Girls U14 Age Director)

Absent: Frank Cavallaro (Registrar), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director), Paul Jacques (At Large), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large), Natalie Miller (Girls U12 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director), Jay Cirame (U10 Age Director)

Guests: Steve Viggiani, Dennis Franczak, David P. Rand, Susan Mrock

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:45 pm by Ray M.; 2nd by Butch.

Secretary:

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Steve to accept the minutes for the September 15th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 11/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris discussed the issue of people who open their mouths about topics (i) that do not involve them and/or (ii) when they do not have all the facts about the topic. If you must get involved, be sure to have a full understanding of what is being discussed. Otherwise the results could be i) hurting someone, ii) being perceived as nosy, iii) being considered less than intelligent and/or iv) reflecting negatively on those affiliated with you, including Medford Soccer.

Chris reported that an assistant coach was ejected and Chris received three e-mails with different scenarios. He had to evaluate all the facts before he could do anything about it. The coach returned to the field before the game was over so he received a red card. He can appeal or accept his two week suspension.

Steve discussed the problem of coaches looking for refunds for previous seasons they did not receive a discount.

Motion by Steve, 2nd by Bill to go back one season (the prior season) to give coach a credit for the upcoming season or a refund if they have already paid for that season. Vote 11/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2008. We need to come up with a Capital Plan to spend some of the money that was raised. He suggested we have a goal of keeping \$10,000 in the

account to weather the next year. The budget needs to be approved next month. More fees are expected to be coming due.

Motion by Chris 2nd by Charles to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2008 as presented. Vote 11/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Because there are outstanding unpaid registration fees for Spring '08, Fall '08 and Spring '09, the issue has come up that players will not be put on a roster until their accounts are reconciled. Steve will send a list to Age Directors of people who have a problem with their registration. Age Directors should then get in touch with those people and let them know that there is a problem and to contact Steve before 10/25 to be guaranteed a Spring '09 slot and no late fee.

Registrar:

An e-mail went out to remind people to register.

Age Directors:

In Town:

U8 – Emily reported that there was an incident at a makeup game where a player kicked another player. Coaches have addressed the issue with parents to settle things down.

U8 Coach David Rand commented on the current co-ed status. He believes that it is working well.

U6 and U8 Coach Dennis Franczak, who is a B licensed coach and has taught D, E, F and G Coaches' License courses through Mass Youth Soccer, commented that both the U6 and U8 programs are being run very well. Dennis has coached college soccer for several years. He would also like to see U8 continue to be co-ed, but suggested that for those players moving to U10, there could be a Jamboree Tournament at the end of the season to let them experience same gender teams and perhaps have evaluators in order to have teams with appropriate skill levels. He also thought it was more important to spend money on coach and player training than on pumpkins or other prizes.

Travel:

U12 Boys – Matt reported that no team has a winning record except Team 5. Two coaches will not be returning in the spring. There will probably be only four teams in the spring due to baseball.

U14 Boys – Ray D. reported that he sent e-mails to remind players to register.

U14 Girls – Tom B. reported that he is pushing to get more registrations and teams ready.

Town Coordinator:

Tom H. reported that Middlesex is going electronic.

Referees:

Tom H. reported that all games are covered. One makeup game did not have a ref. There are referee courses coming up. Check massref.net for schedules.

Parliamentarian:

Chris reported that Medford Soccer sent a floral arrangement on Friday morning to Lael for her mother's passing.

There will be F courses held in Winchester this Wednesday.

Fields/Equipment:

Ray M. reported that the sprinklers were finally shut off on Friday for Playstead and Victory. He has heard from some people about being on the Field Committee. The season ends on November 1 so he would like to break down the fields (taking nets down, etc.) on the 8th but will confirm. He has received equipment but still needs additional balls and the U12 goals will be submitted for the budget. Getting prices.

Uniforms:

Chris reported that U16 and U18 will be getting their new uniforms. Teams will have to decide if they want to order additional white shirts.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on November 10th.

There was a discussion about possible fundraising items – water bottles, Medford Soccer apparel.

Motion by Chris; 2nd by Ray M. to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Vote 10/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer