

**MEDFORD SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION
APRIL 13, 2009**

Present: Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1st VP), Ray Mitrano (2nd VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Butch Pierce (At Large), Paul Jacques (At Large), Dennis Franczak (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large/U16/U18 Age Director), Ray deRosas (At Large/Boys U14 Age Director), Tom Bourne (Girls U14 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Natalie Miller (Girls U12 Age Director), Jay Cirame (Boys U10 Age Director), David Gontaruk (Girls U10 Age Director), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director)

Absent: Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large)

Guest: Jonathan Arnold, Mary Pierce

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:30 pm. by Ray M., 2nd by David.

Secretary:

Motion by Ray M.; 2nd by Lael to accept the minutes for the March 9th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 12/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris reported that there were no additional waivers since the March Board meeting.

Chris reported that he spoke with the Revolution and discussed the possibility of a night out fundraiser on May 30th. After Board discussion, it was decided to wait until a Fall game and revisit this idea or the alternative of a Breakers night out, at the May BOD.

Chris reported that the Annual General Middlesex Meeting is on May 12 at the Holiday Inn in Woburn. There are five voting reps – Steve, Tom, Mike, Ray and Chris.

Chris reported a high level summary on a special Executive Board meeting that was held on March 28, 2009.

It was agreed that there needs to be an Ethics Committee going forward to handle any future issues.

Chris presented suggested changes to the Zero Tolerance Policy. **Motion** by Tom B., 2nd by Charles to accept the changes as written to Exhibit E, Zero Tolerance Policy to the Medford Soccer By-Laws as pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Medford Youth Soccer, Inc. d/b/a Medford Soccer. Vote 13/0/4. **Motion** passed.

Treasurer/Financials:

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2009. He reported that the Collection Committee made little progress in the past three months.

Motion by Lael; 2nd by Ellie to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2009 as presented. Vote 15/0/1. **Motion** passed.

Registrar:

Chris reviewed the registration numbers and reported that he is handling the computer end of the Registrar duties and Tom H. is handling the Sports Manager end. Anyone interested in assuming the Registrar duties, let Chris know.

Age Directors:

U6 – Ellie reported that there are 18 teams, including 6 teams of 8 which will be moving up to U8 in the Fall. There will be a players/coaches clinic on April 18. She noted that the flyers helped with player recruitment.

U8 – Emily reported that there are 12 teams (7 Division A and 5 Division B). A coaches meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Games start April 25. There will be Monday and Wednesday night clinics. All information is located on the web site.

GU10 – David reported that they are all set.

BU10 – Jay reported that they are in good shape. Just needs to coordinate for training.

GU12 – Natalie reported that they are all set, just had to do a little scrambling.

BU12 – Matt reported that there could be a conflict in the Fall for him as Age Director because his son will be playing in U12. It was decided to table until May.

GU14 – Tom B. reported that they are all set.

BU14 – Ray D. reported that he is waiting on one player.

U16/U18 – Charles reported that they are all set.

Town Coordinator/Referees:

Tom H. reported that there is a BU12 team that has picked up passcards or rosters yet. He reported that Middlesex reported that there were 1,700 roster changes in March. North Reading left the league. This did not allow them to play in the MTOC which they appealed and will now be eligible for MTOC. He reported that the last U10 games played on Saturday, coaches did not put away the equipment. He reported that the last two grade 9 referees recertified.

Parliamentarian:

Lael reported that the Constitution needs to be updated; AGM is where all changes must be voted on.

Player & Coach Development:

Nothing to report.

Equipment/Fields:

Ray M. reported that he was happy with the help on March 28's Field Day. Playstead needed to be relined to accommodate the U10 games. The new U12 nets were put together and he suggests that they only be used for games. Practice nets should be moved out of the goal area. The new nets go on the field near the playground. Games should be played at Victory this week since the weather forecast is good. Games should be played on the far field if the pipe is not fixed by the city. If practicing on the near field, be sure to put cones over the pipe.

Uniforms:

Chris reported that the travel uniforms are all set. U8's will receive theirs on Thursday and U6's on Sunday. Only one coach expressed interest in the white jersey alternative.

Additional Items:**Tryout Committee:**

Ray D. will send out the updated document and would like responses two weeks thereafter. He reported that raters will cost \$50 per hour and total cost will be approximately \$3,000. Flyers need to be generated. **Motion** by Matt; 2nd by Bill to adjust the budget from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for Tryouts. Vote 14/0/1. **Motion** passed.

Ray D. requested volunteers on the nights of tryouts to help with registrations and the logistics of moving players to different fields – 6v6 for U12 and 8v8 for U14.

There is an opening on the Tryout Committee that should be filled.

Turf Field:

Bill asked what role Medford Soccer would play in the maintenance of the turf fields. He wants to let the city's School Committee know as the annual cost would be \$3,000 - \$5,000 for maintenance of the turf. Bill will let the Board know what the actual cost will be and the breakdown of the funds and the Board will use that information to help determine how Medford Soccer can contribute.

Motion by Bill; 2nd by Lael to increase Medford Soccer's registration fee from \$80 to \$85 for all players starting with the Fall 2009 registrations. This increase would be used as a maintenance fund for all soccer fields that Medford Soccer utilizes. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

It was agreed to table the scholarship discussion.

Motion by Charles; 2nd by Ellie to adjourn at 10:35 pm. Vote 14/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella
Secretary Medford Soccer