

Mid Ohio Select Soccer League
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
January 12, 2003
@ M.O.S.S.L. Office, 810 Busch Court, Columbus, Ohio

Meeting called to order by Jim Sturm at 5:50 P.M.
Executive members present - Jim Sturm, Jim Cline, Vikki Hankus, Jeff Rossi, Bill Slade, Bill Muryn, Linda Ferris

Names were drawn for door prizes before the meeting. The winners were Mark Irwin, Dave Miller, Stan Clark, and Emil Haitonic.

Minutes prepared by Linda Ferris.

Roll-Call Leagues Present

Big Walnut	Grove City	Nor. Columbus A.A.	Southeast Soccer
COSA	Hilliard	Ohio Thunder	TVSA
Chillicothe	Lancaster	Olentangy	WASA
CESA	Mid-Ohio Premier	Pataskala	Westland
Delaware	Mt.Vernon	Pickerington	Worthington
Dublin	Newark	Reynoldsburg	
Gahanna	NCSL	ROSA	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's report presented by Linda Ferris.

Motion / Seconded WASA / NCA the July 21, 2002, minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Introduction of guests – Jim Sturm

Jim Martella, Executive Director of Ohio South

Brett Thompson, Director of Coaching of Ohio South

Jim Martella; Thanked Jim Sturm for all his hard work on revising the Ohio South handbook. The handbook can be found on the Website and can be downloaded. A limited number of hard copies will be printed. Jim also talked about the E Travel system, the system will allow you to complete travel permits, and guest player passes. Teams playing Super Y, or Super Clubs are also ask to notify the Ohio South office to insure insurance coverage.

Brett Thompson; the licensing program has been evaluated and changes have been made. The E license format has been designed to be more age appropriate. Information can be found on the website. The ODP program is also being reviewed with changes to

come. The National Youth Convention is being held in Indianapolis February 6th-9th the deadline for early registration is January 20th. Ohio South is sponsoring the coaches lecture series information can be found in the hand out. Ohio South is looking into a Soccer Start Program (for children at risk). In addition, Ohio South will be writing a grant for the TOPS Program.

Treasurer's report presented by Jim Sturm:

Motion by: Ohio Thunder Seconded by: Lancaster moved/seconded to approve the budget for 2003 minutes as presented. Jim addressed line 102 on the income line. There was no other discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vice President of Conduct Report presented by Bill Slade

Reviewed Red / Yellow Card report from Fall 2002 Season
Reviewed work of Grievance Committee – No hearings were held during 2002.

Vice President of Competition Report presented by Bill Muryn

Reviewed Fall 2002 Season and Tournament

This was a good season the majority of league games were played and the tournaments went well. The U-10 festival format is being reevaluated and the membership will be kept informed. As always, we will be looking for fields for the spring tournaments. If your leagues is interested in hosting a tournament call the MOSSL office.

President's Report presented by Jim Sturm

OSYSA Board meeting:

Bud Manley was re-elected president, Bill Muryn was re-elected secretary, and Jim Sturm was newly elected registrar.

Coaches Roundtable meetings: The round table discussions will continue with meetings planed for July, and October.

Calendar of upcoming events;

- Monday January 27, seeding meeting, pizza will be served. Declarations are due in the office January 20th Please get forms in ASAP.

- Once again MOSSL will host the Preparing for College Soccer seminar to be held at the Fawcett Center on the OSU campus February 2nd. A special thanks goes out to Randy Smith for his help in orchestrating this event.

- Referee signups will be held at the MOSSL office, days and times are posted on the web and are listed in the handout.

- MOSSL will be hosting the coaches lecture series speakers, dates and times are on the web, and are listed in the handout.

- There has been some discussion of not having a pre-season meeting. However with the possible rule changes voted on tonight the spring meeting may be necessary.

- It was reported there would be no declaration meeting in July only a seeding meeting unless business needs to be discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim Sturm reported on the progress of the field development project; MOSSL is still working with the city of Columbus on the Spindler Road project for the short term and talks continue with Dublin for the long term. Jim will keep the membership informed of the progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Southeast Soccer and seconded by CESA to allow the West Virginia Rowdies U-15, U-14, U-13, U-12 Boys teams to participate in the spring 2003 MOSSL season.

There was discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Ohio Thunder and seconded by Lancaster to publish a Tryout magazine using the parameters presented in the handout given to the board and attached to this minutes.

There was discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Items not listed on the agenda

- Admission of the Jonathan Alder Soccer Assoc. (JASA)

- Change in Rule 10.1.5 for the spring season only U-15 players.

Motion by Tri-Village and seconded by NASA to admit Jonathan Alder Soccer Association as a member of MOSSL.

There was no discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by TVSA and seconded by Pickerington to admit Flash Youth Soccer Club as a member of MOSSL.

Discussion from the floor included but not limited to:

- Flash being members of Ohio South
- Flash would be playing in the Pickerington area
- Flash would not submit a team for the Spring MOSSL season.

There were concerns about a viable recreational program. Jim Sturm assured the member leagues, visits would be made to check on the validity of the program. Motion passed by voice vote.

Bill Muryn ask for a motion to waive rule 10.1.5 for the U-15 Gahanna Boys' team for the Spring 2003 season only.

Motion by TVSA and seconded by WASA to allow a waiver of rule 10.1.5.

There was discussion from the floor.

Motion by Dublin and seconded by Newark to amend the original motion the waiver to included all U-15 teams for the 2003 spring season only. The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

The original motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion to amend ARTICLE III of the MOSSL Constitution entitled Membership.

Motion by COSA and seconded by WASA to amend the constitution as follows:

ARTICLE III

1. The membership of M.O.S.S.L. shall be open to any youth soccer organization, hereinafter known as leagues, that are organized within the central Ohio area that are willing to sponsor competitive youth soccer teams provided that the following conditions are met.

a. The member league does not discriminate against any person based on race, religion, creed, gender, or country of national origin,

b. The member league adheres to the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play and holds all of its participants to those standards,

c. If the member league controls or otherwise organizes a recreational league through a common board of directors or other similar organization for the management of the their recreational and competitive players, the member league shall maintain an affiliation with US Soccer Federation by registering all of its recreational players through the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer.

There was discussion from the floor.

Motion by Southeast Soccer and seconded by COSA to table the motion to amend ARTICLE III. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by NCSL and seconded by NCA to amend the bylaws 2.5, 3.2, 7.1, 8.1 3.5 4, and 11.1 as follows:

2.5 For all teams, U-11 and older, the maximum number of players on a team shall be 18 and the minimum number of players shall be 13. For U-9 and U-10 teams, the maximum number of players on a team shall be 14 and the minimum number of players shall be 10.

3.2 For participation in their respective age groups, (U-19, U-18, U17, U-16, U-15, U-14, U-13, U-12, U-11, U-10, U-9) all players registered must be born on or after August 1st of the birth year for players of the division as defined by U.S. Youth Soccer.

3.5 No U-8 or younger players shall be permitted to play in M.O.S.S.L.

Or

3.5 A maximum of four (4), U-8 players may be on a U-9 team. No U-8 players may be registered on a U-10 or older team. A maximum of four, (4), U-9 players may be registered on a U-10 or U-11 team.

4.1 Every member league must be able to provide an adequate number of fields proportionate to the number of teams that the member league has agreed to sponsor.

For U-11 thru U-19 teams, there must be at least:

- 1 field for 5 or fewer teams,
- 2 fields for 12 or fewer teams,
- 3 fields for 19 or fewer teams,
- 4 fields for 26 or fewer teams,
- 5 fields for 33 or fewer teams,
- And 1 additional field for each additional 7 teams.

For U-9 and U-10 teams, in addition to the above, there must be at least:

- 1 field for 3 or fewer teams,
- 2 fields for 6 or fewer teams,
- 3 fields for 9 or fewer teams,

And 1 additional field for each additional 3 teams.

7.1 Games shall be played using the following standards for each age group:

	U-9, 10	U-11, 12	U-13, 14	U-15, 16	U-17, 18,19
Minimum field size	40 x 70	50 x 100	55 x 100	55 x 100	60 x 110 yds.
Maximum field size	50 x 80	80 x 130	80 x 130	80 x 130	80 x 130 yds.
Minimum goal size	21 x 7	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8 ft.
Penalty box	36 x 14	44 x 18	44 x 18	44 x 18	44 x 18 yds.
Goal box	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6 yds.
Circle & arcs	8	10	10	10	10 yd radius
Penalty spot from goal line	10	12	12	12	12 yds.
Length of halves	25	30	35	40	45 min.
Halftime interval	10	10	10	10	10 min.
Ball size	4	4	5	5	5
Min. center referee pay	\$20.	\$ 25.	\$ 25.	\$ 25.	\$ 30.
Minimum Assistant Referee pay	\$15.	\$ 18.	\$18.	\$ 20.	\$ 20.
No. of players on field	8 v 8	11 v 11	11 v 11	11 v 11	11 v 11

There was discussion from the floor. A show of hand vote was taken FOR 21, OPPOSED 6, 1 ABSTAIN. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by: Southeast Seconded by: Pickerington moved/seconded to amend 3.5 and adopt 3.5 (B) to read as follows:

3.5 A maximum of four (4), U-8 players may be on a U-9 team, No U-8 players may be registered on U-10 team or older. A maximum of four (4), U-9 players may be registered on a U-10 or U-11 team.

A show of hand vote was taken FOR 16, OPPOSED 8, ABSTAIN 5. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by WASA and seconded by Lancaster to amend the bylaw 8.1 by deleting paragraph c so that the bylaw reads as follows

8.1 Players can be added during the seasonal year from any recreational programs. Players cannot be “cut” from team rosters; however, tryouts may be held during the year to fill vacancies on rosters. The guidelines for recruiting must be adhered to when advertising tryouts.

Tryouts after the spring season to form teams for the following seasonal year shall not be held until the following dates:

To form U-9 teams:	The Monday before Memorial Day
To form U-10 teams:	The Monday before Memorial Day
To form U-11 teams:	The day after Memorial Day
To form U-12 teams:	The day after Memorial Day
To form U-13 teams:	The Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-14 teams:	The Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-15 and older teams:	The second Monday after Memorial Day

A calendar of events shall be distributed yearly that specifies the exact day after which tryouts can be held for each age group.

In order to allow players and their families the ability to choose the best select team for their situation, the following fair play guidelines must be observed:

(a) Coaches may not deter, by any means, players from attending whatever tryouts the players desire. This would include the scheduling of mandatory team functions or imposing sanctions against those players.

(b) Coaches may not place unreasonable demands on players to join a team after tryouts. This would include immediate response, large cash payments or coercive measures. Specifically, after a player has attended a tryout, no offer may be extended to the player for any reason regarding the tryout the player attended until after 8:00 AM on the Saturday following the beginning of the tryout period for that particular age group.

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There was no discussion from the floor, Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by WASA and seconded by: Gahanna moved/seconded to amend the bylaws 11.0 to read as follows:

11.1 All persons who desire to be registered as coaches within M.O.S.S.L. must have the following minimum level of coaches' license and/or experience in the designated age groups before they are registered as coaches:

	As of:	8-1-03
	Age Group	
Head coaches	U-11 thru U-19	Level 3
Head coaches	U-9 & U-10 age groups	Level 4
Asst. coaches	All ages	Level 4

There was discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote with 2 ABSTATIONS.

Motion by Ohio Thunder and seconded by WASA to amend the bylaw 9.3 to read follows:

9.3 The administrative bylaws relating to recruiting applies to all players in M.O.S.S.L. except for players who will be participating on a U-15 or older team during the coming seasonal year and provided that the recruiting of a U-15 or older player only takes place between June 15th and January 15th of the seasonal year.

The discussion from the floor included but not limited a change in the date. Motion was voted on by a show of hands. For 13, Opposed 10. Motion passed by majority.

Bylaw 9.3 reads the same with the exception of dates being June 15th and December 31st of the calendar year.

Motion to amend, amended bylaw 9.3 NCSL Seconded by: Ohio Thunder moved/seconded. There was discussion from the floor the amended bylaw 9.3 now reads the same with the exception of June 15th and July 31st of the calendar year. Motion voted by show of hands FOR 10, AGAINST 9. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by WASA and seconded by Ohio Thunder to amend the bylaw 8.1 as to read follows:

8.1 Players can be added during the seasonal year from any recreational programs. Players cannot be “cut” from team rosters; however, tryouts may be held during the year to fill vacancies on rosters. The guidelines for recruiting must be adhered to when advertising tryouts.

Tryouts after the spring season to form teams for the following seasonal year shall not be held until the following dates:

To form U-10 teams: The Tuesday after Memorial Day
To form U-11 teams: The Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-12 teams: The Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-13 teams: The second Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-14 teams: The second Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-15 /19 teams: June 15th

Or

To form U-15 /19 teams: The Monday after July Fourth

There was discussion from the floor.

Motion by Dublin and seconded by COSA to amend the amended the motion to read as follows:

To form U-15 /19 teams: After June 30th

A show of hand vote was taken FOR 18, OPPOSED 8. Motion passed by majority.

Motion by WASA and seconded by Ohio Thunder to adopt changes in bylaw 8.1 to include the U-9's. There was no discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by NCSL and seconded by WASA to amend the bylaw 1.1 and 1.2 to read as follows:

1.1 .There shall be a fall season during which 6 to 12 games will be scheduled for all teams during the months of September, October and November.

1.2 There shall be a spring season during which 6 to 12 games will be scheduled for all teams during the months of March, April, May and June.

There was no discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by NCA and seconded by Pataskala to amend the bylaw 8.1.1 to read as follows:

8.1.1 If any member league or team holds a tryout for any youth soccer team, regardless of the intended U.S.S.F. affiliation for that team, prior to the time established in Section 8.1, that member league or team will be prohibited, for a period of one year, from sponsoring or declaring any team in the age division(s) for which the tryout was held.

There was no discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by WASA and seconded by Groveport to adopt new bylaw 2.11 as to read follows:

2.11 A team may elect to have up to 4 players participate in M.O.S.S.L. league games that are not rostered to their team if those players are rostered to a team participating in a younger age group and if that younger team is sponsored by the same member league. If the member league sponsors teams from more than one club, then the same club must organize both teams for the purposes of this section. If the member league sponsors, a club and also sponsors teams that are not part of a particular club, (i.e. independent of any one club), then those independent teams may act as a single club for the purposes of this section.

2.11.1 A maximum of 18 players may be on the sidelines and participate in any one game for a team.

2.11.2 For the purposes of this section, girls may not participate on teams registered as a boy's team and boys may not participate on teams that are registered as a girl's teams.

2.11.3 Players may not play up more than two years as outlined in section 3.6.

2.11.4 This section is not applicable to players on U-9 teams.

2.11.5 This section is not applicable while teams are participating in the M.O.S.S.L. end of the season tournaments.

2.11.6 Teams making use of this rule during M.O.S.S.L. league games must identify the players that are playing up during that game to the center referee and the opposing team's coaches prior to the start of the game.

There was discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote with 1 (one) opposed.

Motion by: WASA Seconded by: Pickerington moved/seconded to amend the bylaw 2.10.2 as to read follows:

2.10.2 If a coach is prohibited from changing leagues as outlined in section 2.10, then this restriction shall not apply if the MOSSL Board Member that represents the member league that the coach was registered with during the preceding seasonal year releases the coach to be registered by another member league during the following seasonal year and so notifies the MOSSL office, in writing.

There was discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by NCSL and seconded by TVSA to:

- Remove the Marion Youth Soccer Association as a member of M.O.S.S.L. for their failure to pay their fees from the Spring 2002 season.
- Remove Marysville Soccer Association as a member of M.O.S.S.L. for their failure to sponsor teams in league play for more than 3 successive seasons.
- Remove Liberty Union Soccer Association as a member of M.O.S.S.L. for their failure to sponsor teams in league play for more than 3 successive seasons.

The discussion from the floor was to remove all three leagues in one vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Jim Cline chaired this portion of the meeting.

President

Jim Foley nominated Jim Sturm for President. There were no other nominations. Jim Cline declared that since Jim Sturm was the only person nominated as President, he would serve as President.

Vice – President of Competition

Bud Manley nominated Bill Muryn for Vice President - Competition. There were no other nominations. Jim Cline declared that since Bill Muryn was the only person nominated as Vice – President of Competition, he would serve as Vice President - Competition.

Registrar

Barb Enders nominated Vikki Hankus for Registrar. There were no other nominations. Jim Cline declared that since Vikki Hankus was the only person nominated as Registrar, she would serve as Registrar.

Treasurer

Jeff Auker nominated Jeff Rossi for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Jim Cline declared that sine Jeff Rossi was the only person nominated as Treasurer, he would serve as Treasurer.

GOOD OF THE GAME

CESA will be hosting coaches license in February check the Ohio South website for dates and location.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by NCA Seconded by: Grove City moved/seconded for adjournment. Passed by acclamation.