

Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League
Minutes from Annual General Meeting of Board of Directors
@ Worthington Recreational Center
January 13, 2002

Meeting called to order by President - Jim Sturm at 5:30
Executive members present - Jim Sturm, Bill Muryn, Jeff Rossi, Jim Cline, Bill Slade,
Linda Ferris

Minutes prepared by Secretary - Linda Ferris

Roll-Call Leagues Present:

COSA	Hilliard	Pataskala
Chillicothe	Lancaster	Riverside
Circleville	Mid-Ohio	Teays Valley
CESA	Mt. Vernon	Tri-Village
Dublin	Newark	WASA
Gahanna	NCSL	Westland
Grove City	Northern Columbus Athletic	Whitehall
Groveport	Olentangy	Worthington

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary's Report, Presented by Linda Ferris - Dublin/WASA moved/seconded to approve the July 22, 2001 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report, Presented by Jim Sturm - Jim Sturm reviewed the 2001 income and expenses incurred vs. projected budget for 2001.

Conduct report, Presented by Bill Slade - It was reported the number of red and yellow cards issued during the Fall 2001 season were down, while the number of teams increased. He hopes this trend continues. Bill also reported the Grievance Committee held 7 hearings during 2001. In most cases, coaches received 6 months suspensions, none of the hearings were appealed. Bill informed the membership that the Grievance Committee is recommending a strict attendance policy for the coaches meeting. In three of the hearings, coaches had not attended this mandatory meeting.

Jim Sturm brought to the floor there has been some discussion in the website chat room that the Grievance Committee findings should be posted. The general consensus from the membership was this information should not be distributed. The Grievance Committee is made up of the members of the Executive Committee and has space for two additional persons. If interested, see Bill Slade after the meeting.

Competition report, presented by Bill Muryn - It was reported MOSSL was looking at a new system for posting stats. Bill felt Hot Stats was not a workable program for MOSSL for numerous reasons. Bill reported all the tournaments went well. The U-10 festival went off without a hitch; the plan is to use the same format for the spring. The kids looked like they had fun, even though a few parents did not.

President's report, presented by Jim Sturm - Jim introduced Robby Stahl, Directing of

Coaching for Ohio South. Robby informed the members; coach's license clinics are going to be conducted throughout the state. If interested, dates are posted on Ohio South's website. He acknowledged MOSSL as being the front-runner in mandatory license for all MOSSL coaches. He was happy to report other programs in Ohio South have followed MOSSL lead. It was reported the OPD programs were going strong; four teams from Ohio South went to Nationals with the U17 Dayton team winning it all. In the NCAA final four, Ohio South was represented with a number of players.

Jim Sturm reported that at the annual Ohio South meeting Bill Muryn was elected to the Ohio South Board of Directors. Bill is replacing Ben Brooks who did not seek re-election. Ben was on the Ohio South Board for 6 years. Bud Manley was re-elected President, Jim Cline also was re-elected. It was voted at the Ohio South meeting to raise membership fees. At the competitive level, a \$3 increase going from \$7 to \$10, and at the recreational level a \$1.00 increase going from \$2.50 to \$3.50. This is due in part to an increase this past summer by USSF.

It was also reported that, effective September 1, 2002, Ohio South will be obtaining a \$3,000,000. Directors & Officers insurance policy. This policy will allow MOSSL to drop our current policy. This coverage is available to all member leagues. If interested, copies of the policy are available.

On September 1, 2002, Ohio South will also be purchasing a \$50,000. secondary accident policy for all registered Ohio South players.

Old Business

Status of Field Development Project - Jim Sturm reported there has been no responses to emails or phone calls from the city. The city has planted grass at the Spindler Road Park but no other improvements have been made. On the positive side, the City of Dublin is moving along with our proposal. It was presented to Dublin City Council with favorable response. It was turned over to Dublin Parks and Rec. for review; a meeting is set for February 8. The membership will be kept informed.

New Business

Amend Constitution, Article III-Membership-Motion to amend Article III of the Constitution. Northern Columbus Athletic Assoc./WASA moved/seconded. Open discussion from the floor. A 2/3 vote is needed by the membership to amend the constitution. Roll call was taken; the constitution was amended by a 2/3 vote with 24 member leagues voting for and 0 voting against.

Article III- Membership reads as follows:

ARTICLE III of MOSSL CONSTITUTION

Membership

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. and if the member league controls or otherwise organizes a recreational league, the member league shall maintain an affiliation with U.S. Soccer Federation by registering all of its recreational players through an affiliate of the U.S. Soccer Federation. If the member league registers any of its players with O.S.Y.S.A. and/or U.S.Y.S.A., then the member league must register all of the recreational players that the member league controls or organizes with O.S.Y.S.A. and U.S. Youth Soccer.

Amend Bylaw 3.3- Motion to amend Bylaw 3.3. Northern Columbus Athletic Assoc. /COSA moved/seconded. Open discussion from the floor. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 3.3 now reads as follows:

3.3 Players who have played for any high school or middle school team, whose team is organized under the rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, after September 1st, in any game, scrimmage or preview, shall be ineligible to play during that M.O.S.S.L. fall season, through and including the end of the season tournament.

Amend Bylaw 5.2- Motion to amend bylaw 5.2 NCSL/Northern Columbus Athletic Assoc. moved/seconded. Jim Sturm discussed the possibility of acquiring new office space. The additional revenue would be used for the rental of office space. The office space has been an on going issue. MOSSL has now out grown the space at Sportsite. After discussion from the floor it was the consensus to seek new office space. Jim Sturm will actively look for space, and will keep the membership informed of his progress. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 5.2 now reads as follows:

5.2 The per player fee and per coach fee shall be:

(a) \$20.00 for the first season of play during each seasonal year;

(b) \$10.00 for the second season of play during each seasonal year;

and shall be due unless the player or coach is properly removed from the team's roster prior to the first scheduled game for that season.

Amend Bylaw 7.5 – Motion to amend bylaw 7.5 Newark/Whitehall moved/seconded. Open discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote with one opposed.

Bylaw 7.5 now reads as follows:

7.5 Prior to the kickoff of a scheduled game, the home team coach shall be responsible for:

(a) confirming the presence of all three referees, all of whom must be currently registered as referees with U.S.S.F and M.O.S.S.L. This must be done at least 48 hours prior to the game.

Amend Bylaw 7.10- Motion to amend bylaw 7.10 Circleville/TVSA moved/seconded.

Open discussion from the floor. A show of hand vote was taken. 6 for, 13 opposed. Motion defeated by majority.

Amend Bylaw 6.11- Motion to amend bylaw 6.11 and 7.11 Northern Athletic Assoc. /Newark moved /seconded. Open discussion from the floor. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 6.11 now reads as follows:

6.11 Any player or coach who is issued a red card during any game, whether a league game, tournament game, or State Cup play, shall not be permitted to play or coach in the next scheduled game for that team during the current season or, if necessary, during the subsequent season. The term “during any game” as used within these bylaws shall include the time from when the referee and/or the assistant referee(s) arrived at the game site until the referee and and/or the assistant referee(s) leave the vicinity of the game site including any adjacent parking lot.

Amend Bylaw 7.11- Motion to amend bylaw 7.11 NCSL/Lancaster moved/seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7.11 The center referee shall be able to issue either a caution (yellow card) or a send off (red card) to a coach during a M.O.S.S.L. game, so as to document the coach’s action. Upon request of the Referee, the head coach and/or assistant coach shall immediately turn over to the referee, the coach pass or player pass of any coach or player who receives a red card. Yellow cards and red cards issued to coaches and/or players shall be reported by the referee to the M.O.S.S.L. office via the game card report. The term “during a MOSSL game” as used within these bylaws shall include the time from when the referee and/or the assistant referee(s) arrived at the game site until the referee and and/or the assistant referee(s) leave the vicinity of the game site including any adjacent parking lot.

Amend Bylaw 10.1(c)- Motion to amend bylaw 10.1 (c) TVSA/Northern Columbus Athletic Assoc. moved/seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 10.1 (c) now reads as follows:

10. 1 Any player rostered to a team prior to October 1st is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless a transfer is requested . . .

c) The player is registered on a team that played in a lower or same competitive division during the Fall season than the team that he/she is requesting to transfer to played in and both teams are sponsored by the same member league. If a member league sponsors more than one organization within their league (i.e. clubs), then both teams must belong to the same organization, (i.e. club).

Amend Bylaw 7.15- Motion to add bylaw 7.15 Olentangy/Whitehall moved/seconded. Open discussion from the floor. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bylaw 7.15 now reads as follows:

7.15 The use of artificial noisemakers, i.e. air horns, tambourines, bells, whistles, bugles, horns, etc. during any MOSSL league or tournament game by players, coaches or spectators is

prohibited.

Admittance for Membership by Marion Youth Soccer Assoc.-

Quentin Beatty from Marion informed the membership they had two teams they would like to admit into MOSSL boys U-11 &, girls U-12. Their home field would be at The Ohio State Marion Campus located just off RT. 23.

Mr. Beatty step out of the room. Motion to accept Marion Youth Soccer Assoc. into MOSSL. Circleville/CESA moved/seconded. The discussion from the floor included but not limited to fields and Marion being in Region 3 of Ohio South. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Marion Youth Soccer Assoc. accepted into MOSSL.

Discussion to change all divisions to alphabetical designations With the growing number of teams coming into MOSSL it was felt that division designations needed to be change doing away with the color. Starting in the spring all divisions will be listed by alphabetically. This is in following with the declaration forms.

Discuss change in the start and length of the spring season Jim Sturm review the calendar found in the packet. He felt by extending the season more fields would be available to host the spring tournaments, less conflict with State Cup, and allow more time for league play to be completed. There was concern from the members especially at the older ages with tryouts, and not having players to play the later tournaments because summer break. Jim asks the leagues to look at their school calendars. Discussion would continue at the January 22nd meeting.

Inclusion of West Virginia Panthers Jim Sturm reviewed the information found in the packet with the membership. This team would play in the A division. It was suggested that leagues having teams playing in that division discuss it, and report back on the January 22nd meeting.

Election of Officers:

Vice President-Administration and Planning- Nominations from the floor: George Sauer nominated Jim Cline. Motion to close nominations. NCA/TVSA moved/seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion to elect Jim Cline as Vice President of Administration and Planning by acclamation NCA/TVSA moved /seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice President of Conduct -Nominations from the floor: Fred Eberts nominated Bill Slade. Motion to close nomination NCA/Gahanna moved/seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion to elect Bill Slade as Vice President of Conduct by acclamation NCA/Gahanna moved/seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary- Nominations from the floor: Jason O'Donnell nominated Linda Ferris. Motion to close nominations NCA/TVSA moved/seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion to elect Linda Ferris as secretary by acclamation. NCA/TVSA moved/seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME:

Jim Sturm reviewed the last several pages of the packet:

A reminder of re-certification for USSR referees. An interesting ad found in the Columbus Dispatch by a builder using soccer as a key reason for choosing one of their locations. Jim noted the communities listed all had good soccer programs.

A reminder from Robby Stahl about the coach's license clinics.

A letter from Mueller Tire and Brake about the donation Mueller will be making to MOSSL. In addition each location will have 50 size four and five balls to be given away free just for stopping in.

Motion to adjourn -COSA/TVSA moved/ seconded. Motion passed by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.