

Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League
Minutes from Board of Directors Seeding Meeting
MOSSL Office 810 Bush Court
July 13, 2003.

Meeting called to order by Jim Sturm at 5:35 PM
Executive members present - Jim Sturm, Bill Muryn, Jim Cline, Vikki Hankus,

Minutes prepared by Vikki Hankus

Roll-Call: Leagues Present

Big Walnut	Gahanna	Northern Columbus A.A.	TVSA
COSA	Grove City	Pataskala	Westerville
CESA	Hilliard	Pickerington	Whitehall
Delaware	Jonathon Alder	Plain Township	Worthington
Dublin	Newark	Reynoldsburg	
Flash	NCSL Eagles	Riverside	

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary's Report, presented by Jim Sturm

Whitehall / Pataskala moved / seconded to approve the January 27, 2003 minutes as presented.
Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Jim Sturm

Jim Sturm presented an accounting of Income vs. Expenses for the first 6 months of 2003. There where no questions or comments.

Vice President – Conduct's Report, presented by Bill Muryn

Bill Muryn reviewed for the board the red / yellow card report for the Spring 2003 season. Two teams, U-15 Boys RSA Explosion and U-15 Boys WV Rowdies each had 10 or more cards issued during the Spring 2003 season.

Bill Muryn also reported that the spring tournament in the U-10 through U-14 age divisions went well.

President's Report, presented by Jim Sturm

Jim Sturm announced that Jell Rossi and Vikki Hankus have resigned their positions as Treasurer and Registrar, respectively. Jim Sturm thanked Ms. Hankus and Mr. Rossi for their years of service and the thousands of hours that they volunteered on behalf the players in MOSSL. The entire board of directors gave a round of applause in appreciation. Jim Sturm announced that individuals interested in either position on an interim basis should contact Jim Sturm. The vacancies will be filled at the Annual General Meeting to be held in January 2004.

Jim Sturm reported that the On Line team declaration process appeared to work well, with only a few coaches reporting any difficulty. Jim Sturm also reported that the second phase of the On Line

registration process is not yet due from the programmer yet but should be available by the end of July at the latest. The MOSSL website Discussion Board should be checked regular for updates.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Proposed changes to Bylaws:

TVSA / COSA moved / seconded to approve revised bylaw 2.11 as presented, Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.. The bylaw now reads as follows:

2.11 A team may elect to have up to 4 players participate in M.O.S.S.L. league games only, (see 2.11.5), that are not rostered to their team in the following two circumstances ONLY. Both the team that the players are rostered to and the team that the players will be playing for MUST be 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.

a) if those players are rostered to a team that is participating in a younger age division than the team that they will be playing for, (i.e. They are rostered to a team playing in the U-12 division then they may play for a team playing in a U-13 or U-14 divisions, if both teams are sponsored by the same club.)

b) if those players are roster to a team that is participating in a lower competitive division in the same age division than the team that they will be playing for, (i.e. They are rostered to a team playing in the U-12 'B' division they may play for a team playing in a U-12 'A' division, if both teams are sponsored by the same club.)

NOTE: For Example: *A player on a team participating in a U-13 age division may not participate with a team that is playing in a U-12 age division. A player on a team participating in a U-12 'A' division may not participate with a team that is playing in a U-12 'B' age division.*

2.11.1 A maximum of 18 players may be on the sidelines and participate in any one game for a U-11 or older team. A maximum of 14 players may be on the sidelines and participate in any one game for a U-9 or U-10 team.

2.11.2 For the purposes of this section, 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 For the purposes of this section, 2.11, players participating on U-9 teams may participate with U-10 teams but not on U-11 or older 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. It shall be the responsibility of the referee, when so notified, to write the names and player numbers of the players who will be participating in the game pursuant to this section. The, head coach or in his absence, an assistant coach, shall verify that the name of all players that participated in the game pursuant to this section when the game card is signed at the conclusion of the game. Any player participating in a game under this section must have their player pass at the game.*

2.11.7 *A player's first playing obligation is to the team that they are rostered to for that seasonal year, i.e. if a player is rostered on Team B that has a game that will be played on Tuesday at 6:00 PM, than that player can not play for Team A, under this section, if Team A also has a game on Tuesday at 6:00 PM.*

Whitehall / Hilliard moved / seconded to approve revised bylaw 3.6 and 4.2 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote. The bylaws now read as follows:

3.6 *No player U-14 and younger may play on a team that is 3 years or more older than the player's natural age group, (i.e. a U-9 player can not play on a U-12 or older team, a U-12 can not play on a U-15 or older team, a U-14 can not play on a U-17 or older team, but a U-15 player may play on a U-19 team). This section shall not be applicable to any U-14 player who has competed as a player with a high school team, if they are otherwise eligible to participate in MOSSL.*

4.2 *The fields provided by the member leagues must be available, at a minimum, between 5:45 PM and 7:30 PM on Monday thru Thursday, between 12:45 PM and 7:30 PM on Saturdays, between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Sundays for U-9's and U-10's, and from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM on Sundays during the Spring season (for U-17, 18 or 19 teams only).*

CESA / Dublin moved / seconded to approve new bylaw 10.1.1.1 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote. The bylaw now reads as follows:

10.1.1.1 *If the reason for the player transfer is shown in paragraphs 10.1 a), b), c), d), e), and/or f), above, then the transfer request must be received in the MOSSL office on or before March 20th.*

Flash F.C. / Delaware moved / seconded to approve new bylaw 7.17 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. The bylaw now reads as follows:

7.17 *Any game in league or tournament play that has begun and has proceeded to the conclusion of the first half shall be considered a complete game, if the remainder of the game can not be played in a timely manner, due to inclement weather, including but not limited to, the presence of lightning, the immediate threat of lightning or other circumstances beyond the control of the game's participants. The score of the game at the time that the game is declared a complete game shall stand as the final score for the game.*

7.17.1 *If the first half of the game has not concluded and the game must be terminated due to inclement weather or other circumstances, then the game is an incomplete game and when rescheduled, must be replayed in its entirety.*

Whitehall / Jonathon Adler moved / seconded to approve new bylaw 7.18 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. The bylaw now reads as follows:

7.18 If the center referee in any game believes there is a hazardous condition present, the center referee shall immediately suspend play. If there are hazardous weather related conditions present and the center referee does not immediately suspend play and if the coaches of the teams involved in the game mutually agree that the game should be suspended due to those hazardous conditions, then the game shall be suspended. If any game is suspended, either as a completed game or as an incomplete game, due to a hazardous condition, then the center referee and the coaches are required to complete a post game report and submit that report to the MOSSL office within 48 hours on the game.

7.18.1 A game shall be immediately suspended if lightning is seen or if thunder is heard. Any game that is suspended due to lightning or thunder shall not be restarted until at least 30 minutes has passed after the lightning has moved away or that thunder is heard.

TVSA / Pataskala to approve new bylaw 7.19 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. The bylaw now reads as follows:

7.19 If an assigned or scheduled referee or assistant referee arrives at a game field prior to the designated start time and the game can not be played due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions, unplayable field conditions, closed fields, or any other reason, or is an incomplete game, the referee and assistant referees shall be paid their full game fees as outlined in section 7.1. This section shall not be applicable if the home team has made a reasonable and timely attempt to contact the referee or assistant referee to report the cancellation of the game. Any dispute arising in reference to this section shall be referred to the Vice-President – Competition for his determination as to the proper resolution of the matter.

CESA / COSA moved / seconded to approve revised bylaw 10.1 as presented. Discussion from the floor. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. The bylaw 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 and received by M.O.S.S.L. prior to October 1st or the request meets one or more of the exceptions listed below in paragraphs (a) through (j) and the request is submitted prior to the deadlines listed in rules 10.1.1.1 or 10.1.1.2. If the player is rostered to the team on or after October 1st, the transfer request must be received by M.O.S.S.L. by May 1st.

A player shall be considered rostered to a team when the player's parent or guardian signs the player's USYSA membership form. Transfer requests, when submitted on a completed USYSA Inter-Team Player Transfer Request form prior to the applicable dates, will be approved unless the M.O.S.S.L. bylaw on recruiting has been violated or the number of players on the player's current team would fall below the required minimum number of players.

For players who are rostered to a team prior to October 1st and for whom a transfer is requested after October 1st, a transfer shall only be approved if one or more of the following conditions exists and the transfer is submitted prior to the deadlines specified in bylaw 10.1.1.1 and 10.1.1.2; . . .

CESA / Worthington moved / seconded to accept W.V. Rowdies from Charleston, W.V. to participate in MOSSL for the Fall 2003 season, with the provision that the team is to be considered on probation and that they must fulfill all of their obligations to play all of their MOSSL games. Discussion from the floor included the failure of this team to participate in the MOSSL end of the season tournament. Motion passed by voice vote by a majority with three no votes.

Delaware / Jonathon Alder moved / seconded to admit South West Soccer Association as a member league of MOSSL. Jim Sturm reported that the South West Soccer Association split from the Westland Youth Athletic Association and that they have several contracts with local elementary schools for use of their fields. After the representatives from South West Soccer Association stepped out of the room a voice vote was taken and the motion to accept the South West Soccer Association as a member of MOSSL passed without dissent.

Hilliard / WASA moved / seconded to accept W.V. Tornadoes from Parkersburg, W.V. to participate in MOSSL for the Fall 2003 season, with the provision that the team is to be considered on probation and that they must fulfill all of their obligations to play all of their MOSSL games. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Reynoldsburg / Newark moved / seconded to invoke bylaw 5.8.2 and dissolve the field fund. During the discussion Jim Sturm reported that currently there is approximately \$460,000. in the field fund. Jim Cline reported that he is currently in confidential negotiations with an individual regarding the potential purchase of property for fields. Stan Clark also reported that NCA and MOSSL are exploring the possibility of jointly redeveloping the current NCA property exclusively for soccer.

Reynoldsburg / Dublin Moved / seconded to table the above motion. The motion to table passed by voice vote without dissent.

Jim Sturm requested that any league that would be willing to host a portion of the MOSSL tournament please contact the MOSSL office immediately. CESA stated that they might be able to host either the first or second weekend. Grove City volunteered to host the U-11 and U-12 boys.

Jim Sturm asked the board for their thoughts about the scheduling of league games during the upcoming Women's World Cup games. The consensus of the board was that there would be no games scheduled on Sunday, September 28th and that teams should work with each other to rescheduled games as needed on Sunday, September 21st and Wednesday, September 24th.

Jim Sturm asked the board to consider having weekday games for teams in the "C", "D" and "E" divisions to be scheduled to start at 6:15 PM. The consensus of the board was to use this idea on a one season trial basis.

Seeding of girls teams was lead by Jim Cline.

OP / Flash moved / seconded to allow U-13 Blast – Girls to play in the U-14 division. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

COSA / HOSA moved / seconded to allow U-13 OP – Girls to play in the U-14 division. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

TVSA / Dublin moved / seconded to accept the seeding of the girl's teams as presented. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Seeding of boys teams was lead by Bill Muryn.

Flash / Gahanna moved / seconded to allow U-12 OFC Crew – Boys to play in the U-13 division. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

NCSL / CESA moved / seconded to allow U-13 OFC Mutiny – Boys to play in the U-14 division. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Gahanna / Olentangy moved / seconded to accept the seeding of the boy's teams as presented. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Worthington / Pataskala moved / seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM