

MINUTES
TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
December 6, 2017

Call to Order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Vasilis Andriopoulos, Pete Wendler, B. Tafesse, Eddie Betterton, Steve Swain, Diego Morales, Adam Roth and Carl Piccarreta.

Absent: K. Watanabe, Brad Herbert, Jack O'Brien, Alex Coomer and Eddie Suh.

I. NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes approved with the recommendation that future Minutes contain greater detail.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Pete Wendler provided the report. Currently, the League has \$98,540.06 in its treasury. In addition, the \$20,000.00 sponsor check from Chapman Automotive has been collected, but not yet deposited. ASSA fees have been paid.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. TMSL REFEREE MEMORANDUM

As promised, Carl drafted and distributed (with the assistance of Alex and Eddie Suh) a memo from TMSL advising teams that there is a shortage of Referees due, in large part, to player behavior. Teams Captains were asked to caution their teams regarding behavior and the issue we have with Referees.

B. REFUND POLICY

Carl drafted three possible policies involving TMSL Registration Fee Refunds. The Board discussed them, directed Carl to prepare a final draft, to be added to the Bylaws, for consideration at the January 2018 meeting. That draft will provide that refund requests will not be honored or considered after January 1 of any Fall/Winter season. No registration fee refunds will be issued during or for summer seasons.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. REFEREES

The Board discussed and, ultimately, tabled for discussion at the January 2018 meeting the following:

1. Possibly increasing Referee fees from \$45 to \$50 (Center) and \$28 to \$30 (Assistant Referees). This is under consideration in hopes of retaining our existing Referee pool – estimated at a mere 47 Officials – and perhaps encouraging a few more to consider TMSL matches.
2. Steve Swain distributed the “Sportsmanship” policy utilized by the Tucson Adult Soccer League (TASL). Some discussion was held regarding such a policy and its impact on TMSL. Board members were encouraged to review the Sportsmanship policy and to discuss its pros/cons/modifications and viability for TMSL at the January 2018 meeting.

B. EMERITUS REFEREES

Upon motion and second, it was moved to pay Emeritus Referees an additional \$5 per match they Referee – either as a Center or as an AR. It is estimated that TMSL utilizes approximately 5 Emeritus Referees. The motion passed unanimously.

C. ONLINE REGISTRATION

It was discussed moving the League toward a goal of 100% online registration. As such, the League would not need to maintain an office and internet connection generating an estimated annual savings of approximately \$2,500. The pro/cons of such a move were discussed and Tabled for further discussion at the January 2018 meeting.

D. CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Upon motion and second, \$200 Christmas Bonuses were approved for the Referee Assignor, Registrar, Field Set-Up, Bookkeeper and Webmaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _____ day of December, 2017.

By _____
Carl A. Piccarreta
Acting Secretary

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be on January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Law Offices of Carl Piccarreta, 3507 N. Campbell Avenue, #111.

League website: www.tmslsoccer.com
Team/Player Registration website: www.tmslsoccer.com/registration