

MINUTES
TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2017

Call to Order at 6:40 p.m.

Present: Vasilis Andriopoulos, Belayneh Tafesse, Jack O'Brien, Diego Morales, Pete Wuendler, Adam Roth, Brad Herbert, Steve Swain and Carl Piccarreta.

Absent: Eddie Suh

I. APRIL MINUTES

Minutes approved.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2017, the League accounts total \$72,017.21. This does not reflect final payments for the Chapman Cup Tourney.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. CHAPMAN CUP

The finals of our annual Chapman/TMSL Tournament proceeded extremely well. Players and guests enjoyed a beautiful day with excellent soccer and refreshments. Congratulations to all participants, especially Tournament Champions:

Premiere Division	FC Olympiakos
Division One	FC Spartak
Division Two	FC Del Sol
Over 40	Tucson United
Over 50	Tumex

B. SUMMER 2017 SEASON

We have 23 teams participating in 4 divisions. The first 3 weeks of the summer schedule are posted. We have reserved fields through July with the expectation that fields may be available in August to accommodate whether cancellations. Again, our goal is to provide 10 scheduled matches for each time ... if possible.

C. REFEREE PAYMENT POLICY

On motion by Jack O'Brien, seconded by Steve Swain, it was moved to extend the payment "window" for Referees from 96 hours to 120 hours. In other words, the League will fully compensate any Assigned Match Referee for a cancelled game where the Referee is advised of the cancellation less than 120 hours – 5 days – prior to the scheduled match. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A copy of the new TMSL Referee Payment Policy is attached.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. REFEREE OBSERVATION

Steve Swain reported that he is in conversation with the Arizona State Referee Association/Bob Barton regarding a joint Association/League Referee Observation Policy. Specifically, the Referee Association and TMSL will split the cost of providing a Referee Observer throughout the 2017/18 fall/winter season. The purpose of this observation would be to observe and critique Referee performance. The Referee Observer would provide constructive criticism to our Match Officials. The goal/purpose of these observations would be to improve the quality of our Referees. It is estimated the League's financial commitment would be a very modest \$1,000.00. Steve will report on his conversations with ASRA/Bob Barton at the June meeting.

B. WEATHER

Board members are encouraged, as are League Captains and players, to follow closely the summer's weather with regards to heat warnings AND to consult/advise Board members. Excessive heat may result in game cancellations due to concerns for player/referee safety.

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be on June 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Law Offices of Carl Piccarreta.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _____ day of May, 2017.

By _____

Carl A. Piccarreta
Acting Secretary

League website:

www.tmslsoccer.com

Team/Player Registration website:

www.tmslsoccer.com/registration

TMSL REFEREE PAYMENT POLICY

Weather Related Cancellations/Terminations

1. Referees will not be paid for games cancelled due to field closures by Parks & Recreation Department or TMSL, upon reasonable advance notice.

2. In the event of cancellation or termination at the field due to poor field conditions or weather, the referee crew shall receive full payment for that game only. The Referee Assignor shall be contacted by the match referee or TMSL. No payment for subsequent matches will be made.

Non-Weather Related Cancellations

1. Referees will not be paid for a match when the Referee Assignor receives notice of a cancellation a minimum of 120 hours before the scheduled game time.