

MINUTES

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2024

Attendees: Vasilis (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Belayneh (Bee) Tafesse, Pete Wendler, Diego Morales

Absences: Jonathan Pearlman, Adam Roth, Eddie Betterton, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm.

Routine Business (AGENDA):

- I. The minutes of January meeting were motioned for approval by Marty and Pete seconded, everyone agreed.
- II. **Financial Report** – Homa was absent but emailed the financial report on Feb 13. Total assets are \$119,141.47 with \$3622.97 in PayPal and \$115,518.50 in Wells Fargo.
- III. **D&R** – 6 red card or illegal process cases.

IV. Old Business

- 1) Turf Tank (Paint-machine)
 - Bill sent an email to Larry, and he said he got it and will eventually answer it.
- 2) IRS
 - Bill called David and he said he has no information at the moment and is waiting to hear something from the IRS.
- 3) Chapman Sponsorship
 - Adam is absent so subject was bumped.
- 4) Tournament
 - The tournament committee has not gotten together according to Bee.
 - The group decided to go with A & B brackets for the Open Division in the tournament with 13 teams in the running.
 - The last game of the season is March 10th. If the next meeting is in person on March 13th the board can do the draw there. Pete says if the meeting is online, we can use the google random number generator. The Board agreed that the meeting will be at The Shop with an online option, and the draw will be at The Shop.
 - All tournament games will be at Kino.
 - Diego will request the stadium fields at North Kino for the finals.

V. New Business

1. Captain's Armbands

- Bill was supposed to get them last week and pass them out to captains, but he didn't make it to The Shop to pick them up. Bill discussed with Diego, and they decided they would pass them out next season because so few games are left and some teams won't return, so no need to lose armbands. Marty agrees.

2. Penalty for Red cards (Bylaws)

- A team played an entire game with a suspended player which makes the game a forfeit. Do the red and yellow cards from this game still count towards the player's records? Options are yes, they do count, or no they don't.
- Marty motions for a vote. 3 voted yes and 2 voted no, so cards will count if a game is played. Bill and Marty did not vote.
- Bill proposes the issue that the referee let them play the game with the suspended player. Should something be added in the bylaws to avoid this? Marty says he will talk to Maggie and Bob to get their input and will update the Bylaws indicating if any part of a game is played, regardless of the outcome, it is considered an official game, and all cards count.
- Marty says there is one team that currently has 8 red cards and one team that is close to getting 4/5 cards. Should there be a rule where if a team gets a certain number of red cards in a season that leads to sanctions?
- Bill says there are not that many red cards for a team applicable to a single season, some are from last year and only two or three are applicable to this season. Marty disagreed because he checked the D&R page, and all are from this season. Bill disagrees with a red card limit because we just initiated the new sanctions list, and we should wait to see if this reduces the number of red cards before penalizing teams.
- Marty says we can discuss at a later meeting for next season.

3. Website Issues

- Yesterday the website was down, it's been fixed temporarily (few months) so there is now a search for a new web designer/programmer to upkeep or create a new website completely. Eddie Suh believes the website can crash at any time, and he spoke to John Farmer who has no interest in fixing it.
- Marty says they don't need John Farmer's permission unless they can find someone to fix the website that already exists.
- Diego says he knows someone whom he has hired before for more complicated website needs and will talk to him. Bill and Emma also know people who might be able to do it and will reach out to them.
- Marty asked if TWSL uses a John Farmer website, and they do and had a crash months ago. Bill talked to Cynthia who indicated they'd be interested in what options we find to resolve the issue.

- Bill says that Eddie should get a raise, Marty agrees. He fixes cancelations and delays within hours and is putting more into this than updating the website. He currently gets paid \$200 a month. Diego motions to pay him \$300 a month. The board agrees.
4. Future Tournament Player Registration Deadline (Bylaws)
- Marty says that instead of a date determined by the Board for a player to participate in the end-of-season tournament, the player has to play a certain number of games with the team to be eligible for the tournament. Because while the Board agreed on a deadline for the 2024 tournament, they did not notify captains so there isn't really a deadline.
 - Bill explained in the past there was a deadline for players to register for a team and play in the Chapman Cup. Perhaps we modify that so a player must play a certain number of games for the team to qualify for the Cup (for example, 12 games) and no date deadline.
 - Diego says that there shouldn't be a deadline because the Chapman Cup and the Regular Season are different. He also thinks that if a team is willing to pay full price for the new players even if it's last minute it isn't an issue.
 - Pete thinks of the tournament as playoffs and doesn't see it as fair to be able to add new players at the last minute.
 - Marty says to bump the discussion for the next meeting when there are more members present.
5. Over 60 Games
- Bee says that they are requesting a water break. In the summer they had two and now they can't get even one water break. Bill says that those water breaks were when the weather was in the 100-degree bracket, and that it was 70 degrees last Sunday, so a water break isn't required.
 - Bill says both teams need to agree and discuss with the referee in order to get a water break outside of weather over 100 degrees.
 - Diego says that the captains need to be the ones to vote on the matter. Marty will ask Homa to reach out to the over 60 captains.

VI. Adjournment. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Bill seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of March 2024.

By Emma Peet

Vasilis Andriopoulos
President

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be in person at The Shop and/or virtual on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm.

