

MINUTES

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2024

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

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

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

Routine Business (AGENDA):

- I. Despite only 4 members attending due to the last meeting not having enough members the board decided to continue the meeting anyways (6:44 pm) due to time constraints on important decisions. The secretary, Emma Peet, will break any ties that occur with voting. – Diego Morales joined at 6:57 pm. Adam Roth joined 7 pm,
- II. The minutes of April meeting were motioned for approval by Marty and Pete seconded, everyone agreed.
- III. Financial Report – Total assets are \$88,415.75 with \$4545.55 in PayPal and \$83,870.20 in Wells Fargo.
- IV. D&R – 3 red cards.

V. Old Business

1) Chapman Sponsorship

- No updates have been provided.
- Need a decision before the fall, will discuss at the next meeting.

2) Website Issue

- Diego's website guy has provided a quote for 5-7k to update the website and the payment interface. The due date provided to him was August.
- A deposit can be provided to him and the rest would be sent after he finishes the website.

3) Playoffs

- Playoffs went well but Marty would eventually like to discuss better trophies for the future.

4) TMSL PO Box

- Bill got it and told Eddie to change the address on the website. The final cost of the PO box was \$337.10 with a \$25 key deposit and \$20 set up fee. The yearly cost is \$292.
- Payments and waivers will be accepted through mail.

- Eddie makes a motion to no longer accept checks. Bill says that once the website accepts credit and debit cards it will be easier to limit payment to digital forms.

5) Summer 2024 Season

- 8 teams have 11 players as of 4:30 pm on 5/8/24. With current player numbers, divisions need to be combined.
- Marty suggested combining Premier, D1, and D2 with 4 teams and over 50 and over 60 with 4 teams.
- Bill says the con is some over 60 teams have 70-year-olds who are reluctant to play O50 players. Suggests we wait and see if Gallos Negros doesn't register in O50, and then there isn't an issue.

6) Leopard FC (Check)

- Homa notified the Board that the manager who cancelled the registration check refuses to pay. Due to his rejection to pay he will be suspended from playing indefinitely.
- Bill emailed the previous president who is a lawyer to get input and is waiting for a reply.

VI. New Business

1) Arizona Corporation Commission

- Verify our organization before the end of June. Pete says to talk to Connie about the details.

2) ByLaws

- Marty questions that "player suspension served for forfeited games: The board considers a player suspension served for forfeited games if the forfeit is done officially through the TMSL this does not include forfeits at the field or postponed games." This is the opposite of what it should be. It should be: If a team forfeits and gives proper notice it should not count towards suspension but if they show up at the field and forfeit then this should count towards the player's suspension. Diego says to leave it due to previous discrepancies.
- Per a previous meeting regarding what constitutes an official game as it relates to red and yellow cards, the Board agreed on the definition. The new statement added was "If a game is played at any level with the referees, it is considered an official game." Marty suggests this wording in Section 8 disciplinary procedures: "Yellow and red cards count for all official games whether played in its entirety, canceled early for any reason, or forfeited after the fact for administrative reasons." The board agrees with the wording.
- An issue with the sanctions section. The first line says "yellow cards three in one season. One game \$25 fine.", but under level 1 red cards it also states "3 cautions in a season" which makes it a red card. Are three yellow cards in one season separate from red cards? Marty motions to vote if three yellow cards in one season is a standalone 1 game \$25 fine penalty or does it fall under Level 1 red cards (1 game \$25 fine and counts as a repeat offender). Motion passes for three yellow cards to equal a standalone penalty and does not count as a red card.

- Repeat offenders go back 3 years and D&R questioned some cases as too harsh. Marty suggests making it 2 years instead of 3 or not include Level 1 offences. Everyone agrees on not including Level 1 offences.
- Marty will send out the bylaw changes by the end of the week for everyone to approve over email.

3) Divisions (Shuffling)

- Bill worked with Eddie to figure out what needs to be done to get more teams. Team stats from the last 2 years.
 - Over 60- 147 players
 - Over 50- 187 players
 - Over 40- 168 players
 - Over 30- 203 players
 - Open- 213 players
- If teams are separated by 5's
 - Over 65- 67 players
 - Over 55- 147 players
 - Over 45- 176 players
 - Over 35- 133 players
- Bill thinks that a new age group of over 30 is the best solution rather than changing the age groups. Everyone agrees.
- Marty motions to vote to have for the next fall season a men's open, over 30, 40, 50 and 60. Eddie seconds the motion. Motion passes. Bill will write an email and post on the website for the fall season.
- Eddie says that the divisions are getting smaller every year and that the league is not growing but shrinking and that the growth of the league is an important decision to make. Bill says that advertising would be the best solution.
 - Emma will send a social media manager's contact info for a meeting.
 - Eddie suggests partnering with other soccer leagues to help expand player pool.

4) Elections.

- June election is running next month. Anyone who wants to run must email Bill and/or Marty.

VI. Adjournment. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Adam seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of June 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, June 12th at 6:30 pm.