

MINUTES

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2024

Attendees: Vasilis (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Eddie Betterton, Diego Morales, Pete Wendler, Adam Roth,

Absences: Jonathan Pearlman, Belayneh (Bee) Tafesse, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

Routine Business (AGENDA):

- I. The minutes of July meeting were motioned for approval by Marty and Adam seconded, everyone agreed.
- II. Financial Report – Total assets are \$78,287.39 with \$5677.77 in PayPal and \$72,609.62 in Wells Fargo. Marty motioned for approval and Diego seconded, everyone agreed.
- III. D&R – 3 red cards

IV. Old Business

1) Chapman Sponsorship

- Adam received an email saying that at this time Chapman is no longer sponsoring the league. Therefore, the logo must be removed from the website.

2) Website Status

- The web developer says that they can use the existing website and transfer the data to another host website to update and fix the website with a monthly fee instead.

3) Fall Season

- Registration has been pushed to August 19th due to the lack of teams registered. If enough teams don't have eleven players then the season might be canceled. Current teams with over 11 players:
 - 4 open division
 - 2 over 30
 - 3 over 40
 - 1 over 50
 - 2 over 60
- Since the registration deadline is pushed the season start will also have to be pushed to provide more time for creating schedule.
- Eddie says it could be worth thinking about allowing a smaller number of people per team for registration purposes.
- Marty asks the group if everyone is okay with pushing the deadline to August 19th and start of the new season to September 8th. Everyone agrees.

- Marty motions that captains who put together teams with at least 11 people before August 19th should be provided free registration. Diego seconds. All vote yes, motion passed.
- Based on the recent polls regarding field options, a board member says that over 60 should stay at city/county fields and everyone else plays at Kino fields. Everyone agrees. On the weekends the league cannot reserve Kino fields, all teams will play on city/county fields.

4) Media Update

- The ads are being shown to the right demographics proven by open division players commenting on the ads. Paid ad campaigns should resume a few weeks leading up to the next season and for now content should be gathered in preparation as well as to keep the account alive. Emma will write down all the info to hand over to Josh so he can take over the accounts. Because registration has been pushed, Emma will send her invoice after registration ends. Uploading pictures of the leagues' players and maybe providing relevant statistics is important for keeping the account active.

5) Illegal Player

- Bill brought up a potential illegal player incident from the summer league. Why did the captain allow his illegal player play? He said he did not know it was against the Bylaws. He ended up breaking 4/5 Bylaws.
- Eddie says that the situation needs to be written up since this is the first time a board member has challenged a D&R ruling. In what situations is this okay? Marty says that he will write something to add to the Bylaws that says that any board member can request review of a committee decision based on a set criteria that will be reviewed and agreed upon in the next meeting.
- The issue is that the captains do not know the Bylaws. Marty recommended a mandatory captains meeting before new season with bullet points on the Bylaws. Free beer and wings can be provided. With 1-2 people representing each team the meeting place needs to be chosen. Eddie will investigate a room. Emma suggests renting a venue on peerspace as a backup.

V. New Business

1) Free Agent

- A new system needs to be established where free agents can fill out a form to apply to join a team. Currently the free agent system on the website is listed as "email tmslsoccer@gmail.com" and it is Bills responsibility to look through the emails and forward them to the correct division.
- Bill says that maybe another billboard system like previous seasons would be good to bring back.

2) Underage Players

- A committee was created consisting of three board members to review underage player requests. Currently a player needs to meet the age requirement by

December 31 during the year of the season, but the season runs from September to April. Would May 21st (the end of the season) be a better option?

- Marty motions that for determining age for age restricted division the cutoff date for a player's birthday is June 1st of the season and year. Everyone votes yes. Motion passes. This applies immediately.

3) Bylaws

- Marty will update the Bylaws to reflect the motions passed today by the end of the week or next week.

4) Secretary Position

- Emma is leaving. It is usually a board member who takes the position, but no one seems to be willing. Marty suggests that everyone looks for someone to replace her or that a board member takes the position.
- A new board member could join as secretary if there is interest, but they need to be vetted before voted into the board. Bill will contact those who are interested.

5) Uniforms

- With new teams, \$10 jerseys are provided for free.
- If team wants to buy a \$25 jersey they can pay the difference.
- Previously registered teams are not eligible for free new jerseys and must replace them at their own cost.

VI. Adjournment. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Adam seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of August 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, September 11th at 6:30 pm.