

MINUTES

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2024

Attendees: Vasilis (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Belayneh (Bee) Tafesse, Diego Morales, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi, Pete Wendler, Eddie Betterton,

Absences: Jonathan Pearlman, Adam Roth

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

Routine Business (AGENDA):

- I. The minutes of May meeting were motioned for approval by Bill and Homa seconded, everyone agreed.
- II. Financial Report – Total assets are \$103,085.95 with \$720.10 in PayPal and \$102,365.85 in Wells Fargo.
 - Homa suggests for the Fall season a contract with a stronger structure to budgeting. Discussion will continue offline until further notice.
- III. D&R – 1 red card.

IV. Old Business

1) Chapman Sponsorship

- Adam sent an email to the Board prior to the meeting stating that whoever the new Chapman contact person is sent a letter explaining they will no longer sponsor the league.
- Numerous Board members recommended reaching out to Neb, who in the past supported the sponsorship to verify Chapman will no longer support the league. Jon indicated via text that he has contact with Neb and Marty will ask Jon to reach out to him. Homa also has contact with Neb and will talk with him if Jon doesn't. After this contact, the Board will discuss ideas on alternatives in the next meeting.
 - Diego says we should send a notice to captains saying, "effective immediately the Chapman logo is no longer required on uniforms."
 - The Chapman Cup name will have to be changed depending on a future sponsor or to something like TMSL Cup.

2) Website Status

- Diego's website guy is out of town and will have a meeting with him next week for updates on the website progress.

3) Arizona Corporation Commission

- Marty and Bill will from here on out email Connie with resignation updates so paperwork only includes active Board members.

4) Bylaws

- The changes to the Bylaws from the previous meeting are approved. Marty will send the updated version to Eddie to post. "Amendment 1" with a date is now under the title, and the appendix provides details on what is changed in which sections, and the dates of the changes.

5) Marketing

- Emma's friend has been unreliable but he trained her to create content. Emma volunteered to help lay the foundation for a future content manager so that the cost for marketing is not as high as the amount proposed by her marketing friend.
- Diego has an employee, Josh, who is a good content creator that we could potentially use. Goals on what needs to be portrayed in ads from August onwards need to be discussed in July meeting.
- A team to work directly with social media managers has been suggested—Diego, Eddie and Marty are willing to be a part of it. Emma will reach out to Josh and come up with a plan.

V. New Business

1) Fall Season

- The first game is set to start on August 25th and registration will close August 12th. Divisions are Open (potentially D1 and D2), over 30, 40, 50, and 60. Teams must have 11 players registered by August 12th to have a team.
- The current costs are \$100 for City/Count fields and \$150 for Kino. The cost of the fields and any other misc. fees will help determine registration fees. The Board will finalize fees when they look at field costs, potential to provide teams with inexpensive jerseys (if we have no sponsor) etc. Diego can provide jerseys for as cheap as \$10 per jersey.
- Marty recommended Division reps reach out to current captains in every age group to verify which fields they want to play on.
- Marty makes a motion for Fall season that for age restricted groups players must meet the age limit by of December 31, except for the exceptions made in the Bylaws. Since O60 has completed three seasons, there should be no age exceptions. 4 yes, 2 no, motion passed.
- Homa makes a motion that previous passed motion regarding age limits should only apply to new players effective this fall.
 - i. Other members suggest modifying the previously approved motion: If any team feels they cannot compete without young players they can put in a request to their Division Rep and the Board will decide on the outcome.
 - ii. Two members feel the previous motion was not properly discussed after the motion was made. The board will discuss further on an organized committee.
 - iii. Homa left the meeting.

2) Tony's Email (Global League Tournament)

- Bill received an email from Tony Akator, a team captain, last week. He is planning a tournament in Tucson in mid-July and asked if TMSL teams would participate.

Everyone agrees on allowing teams to join the tournament to support Tony. Bill will have Eddie post Tony's letter so team captains can participate if they wish.

3) Elections

- Bill and Marty received no emails about running for office this term. Eddie nominates the existing officers to continue in their positions. Everyone concurred.
- Marty says he will not continue to stay in his position with the current conditions. He will continue if the Board agrees that all communication with captains goes to the division coordinator rather than him and Bill.
- The Board agrees that all communication with the Board will go through the TMSL email address and whoever monitors that will pass those requests to the division coordinators who will then provide recommendations to the president, vice president and registrar. Eddie volunteers as Registrar.
 - i. Those who are division coordinators will have standardized TMSL division emails rather than providing their personal emails.

VI. Adjournment. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Bill seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th 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, July 10th at 6:30 pm.