

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes



Attendance:

- ✓ Angela Larson ✓ Tae Nichols ✓ Alyssa Rupp ☐ Bethany Paradee
- ✓ Karissa Richardson ☐ Kristin Frenn ✓ Kris Nelson ✓ Kim Edelman
- ☐ Emily Fulton-Foley ☐ Maria Moy

Immediate Items:

- Approval of January meeting minutes; approved, Alyssa to post
- Prepping for summer 2021
 - Referees
 - Tina and Barry are not returning as assignors, but Todd is being recommended as replacement. We are in support of that. Will ask for cost proposal from Todd.
 - Goal is to have three refs per game but there's a chance we may have to do less.
 - Could we give an incentive for members to become certified referees?
Angie to add to AGM presentation
 - 7v7
 - We will offer 7v7; see what we get for registrations
 - Mounds View (unsure), Maplewood and NSC have availability
 - Put blurb on website after AGM about 7v7; 25 min halves, registration fee stays the same, what nights, max roster limit, etc. Tae to draft, have ready for just after the AGM
 - Online Registration Setup
 - Tae/Alyssa to tackle setting up registration events, communication
 - Team registration opens March 13th, closes April 20th
 - Player registration deadline: June 20th
 - \$26 player fee and \$300 team registration fee
 - Set age range for no minors
 - D1-4, Rec, Rec 7v7(more brainstorming)
 - Plan to make schedule May 1st-2nd
 - New player waiver is updated on our backend!

- Return to Play Guidelines
 - Releasing a couple weeks before the season starts would be ideal due to changing conditions. This document can change throughout the season. It also needs to be shared with every field manager.
 - AGM message: “This is what it could look like, we’ll have the official document a couple weeks ahead of season.
 - Plan to enforcement; Players and reps enforce themselves and all parties can report violators to commissioner, commissioner to issue warning, multiple warnings equal team/player suspensions. No refunds, no exceptions.

- AGM
 - Finalize slides as a group
 - Confirm with Karissa what the end date for play would be and what date teams need to notify MWSL that they are getting their fields
 - Angie to designate slides to people; will send out ahead of AGM after the presentation is finalized.
 - Send reminder communication; 1 week and 1 day before?
 - Angie to send out Zoom link to summer 2019 folks
 - Alyssa to be “producer” role, taking attendance, filtering questions, etc. Will host zoom meeting

Committee Updates:

Marketing/Growth

- Ramp up social communication going into summer season
 - Dana has drafted some content, Alyssa with schedule to post
 - Google Analytics: TBD

Charity Tournament

- Spring 2022 at the earliest??
- On hold until mental bandwidth and monetary resources are more in our favor.

Fields

- Nick Thompson in Apple Valley; willing to work with the league at Johnny Cake Complex, possibly some other fields but only for a team who’s willing to rent.
- 2 grass fields at St. Thomas academy (no lights), stadium is also possible but much more expensive.

Website

- Tae just had a meeting with Stack Sports; got several resources for communicating with them, updated player waiver

- Current system we are using will be phased out, probably a year or so until we have to change. YIKES. **Keep this on our radar**

Open Agenda:

- Bethany uploaded copy of extension filing to Basecamp.
- Insurance: Karissa
 - In the past, we've had "trickle down" Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance from the state association. We will no longer have that based on a change of carrier and process for obtaining D&O insurance. I will check with the main USASA office about the process for us to get a quote from the carrier for coverage, although they're in the middle of all of the national AGM stuff, so probably won't do that until after those are over. Otherwise, we will want to discuss if we operate without D&O coverage or if we look elsewhere for coverage.
- Rules and regs need to be updated to reflect 18 year old change. **Alyssa will update Rules and Regs doc.**
 - Section 7.01

A player playing in an MWSL game must be registered with the MWSL Registrar. **Players must be 18 years of age or older on, or before, the date of the first league game for that season.** ~~Youth players must be at least sixteen (16) years old and must receive prior permission from the MYSA to "play up" if they are also current MYSA players. Players under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian signed waiver submitted to the Commissioner prior to their first game.~~
- Board meetings: keep with Doodle. **Alyssa to send out March**