

Wednesday May 19th, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes



Attendance:

- ✓ Angela Larson
- ✓ Tae Nichols
- ✓ Alyssa Rupp
- ✓ Bethany Paradee
- ✓ Karissa Richardson
- ☐ Kristin Frenn
- ☐ Kris Nelson
- ✓ Kim Edelman

Immediate Items:

- Welcome to guests: Julie Gobel
- Approval of April meeting minutes: approved to post
- 2021 Summer
 - Return to Play guidelines- have all edits been picked up?
 - Alyssa will do final copy edit and formatting
 - Alyssa: website, social, etc.
 - Angie to email team managers (add note to get your players registered)
 - Will need to share with ref assignors, however they are not responsible to enforce. Karissa will send to field managers and ref assignor
 - Teams low on players, especially D1, D3, and D4 and 7v7.
 - One email was already sent to Mpls Unity (D3) do we send more?
 - Several teams have been asking about performance bond balances
 - Make sure all teams, returning and new, are at \$300
 - Bethany to look at list of registered teams and make sure new teams have \$300
 - Adding \$100 team admin fee for those not at AGM
 - Bethany to look at AGM attendance record (on Basecamp)
 - Consider revising who needs to attend AGM in future, there were teams who had someone at the AGM but it wasn't a manager; a lot of questions are being asked that probably shouldn't be
 - Bethany to add field fees to team accounts: board determined \$90/home game
 - Karissa: Referee situation update, how teams are expected to pay
 - Teams need to be aware that not all games will have full crews
 - Refer to "Referee Payment Schedule" on Resources tab
 - \$45/team for one ref

- \$75/team for two refs
 - \$105/team for three refs
 - Fees may need to increase for next year for refs (because youth leagues are upping what they're paying). Keep on radar for next year.
- Players registering for multiple teams; we continue to have issues with this?
 - Can't delete them
 - Can't inactivate their account as they use the same email. Inactivate their account = inactivate for both teams
 - Showing up as "declined" on both team rosters until we "re-register" them in the Stack backend. Then will show up on both rosters.
 - Keep making sure people are aware they SHOULD NOT DO THIS. In the future do we say no refund?
- We should probably remind team managers about field lights (for those at Coon Rapids) No need for Maplewood. A mass email would probably be best. Documentation is here: http://www.mwsl.org/doclib/MWSL_FieldLightsInformation.pdf
 - Karissa to send email to assign team managers specifically for lights duty
 - Coon Rapids lights need to be turned on and off
 - Put light box codes in your phone for easy access
 - Karissa to make sure Victory Park contact is accurate on documentation
- Players who register who decide not to play/need refund
 - 1 player created a new team and paid \$300
 - 1 player registered and paid \$26 and no longer wants to/can play
 - Once this person reaches out, send refund request to Bethany to handle, refund \$23 of \$26
 - Delete her from Team Connect
 - Do refund minus "X" to cover admin/Stack fee's?
 - Refunds would be by check
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- Alyssa to post on social: field lights, how to get player pass

Committee Updates:

Marketing/Growth

- Kristin: 2021 World Cup Street Fair
 - Friday July 30th 4-9pm, Utepils Brewery
 - We've been invited to participate, similar setup to last time but we'd be responsible for providing nets and any equipment for 3v3 games as well as coordinating and recruiting MWSL teams. \$300 prize for winners, no additional charges for us and all participants would get a free beer.
 - Should we participate?
 - Alyssa to put Julie in touch with Kristin. Gather additional details and see who can/wants to attend.

Charity Tournament

- Look to nail down charity around August/Sept 2021
 - If you have any charity ideas, share with the group
- Aiming for tourney date of Spring 2022
 - Depends on availability of WSP dome

Fields

- Status of nets at Centennial, Murray, and STA?
 - NETS EVERYWHERE!
- Field rental permits, getting them online
 - Karissa has the permits, she will organize and get to web team to post on our website.
- Email to team managers about where to park at STA
 - Angie will add to mass email, park on Mendota Heights Rd.

Website

- Sports Engine update
 - Tae has provided pricing and other details on Basecamp message board for whomever will eventually take over the project
 - Player pass situation: "I checked with our development team and they agreed the best way would be the photo submission once registered. An athlete will have a chance to update their profile on the roster and it will be confirmed after registration is closed. These photos can be pulled up on the mobile app. prior to a game to be checked by officials. That is what most of the organizations have been doing in that process."
 - Should we look at doing away with player passes in the future? MWSL seems to be the minority on this issue
 - We got a review from MASL board member on Sports Engine; not glittering but they seem to function with it pretty well.
- Any other providers we should look at?
 - Julie will reach out to her contacts to see what they use, any further leads
- The transition away from Stack Sports should take place in either fall or winter to minimize impact.

Open Agenda:

- Winter 2021/2022, Karissa will sign the dome contract and return to Matt
 - Plan to get communication out about winter plan once we get summer season rolling. Space will be more limited than what it has been in the past (we could have 12 teams)
- Treasurer/tax update
 - Got a quote from external source who could do our taxes

- Angie to circle back with Anna about moving forward with her.
- Ancient Rangers tournament
 - “As discussed on Friday evening, can you inquire with the MWSL what the interest is for women’s teams to play either 7 v 7 and/or 11 v 11. Our thoughts are at the moment to keep it local for this year. Thank you for your help! I am always available to further discuss this with the MWSL.” - Carlos, MN Senior Soccer Commissioner
 - If it does happen it would be weekend after Labor Day
 - We are always willing to support what they come up with and we think there would be interest. Kris to circle back: Recommend that they offer 7v7 for competitive and rec divisions for women, as they have materials pass them on so we can promote
- Recruitment of board members
 - Alyssa is open to filling VP role
 - Need more at large members - Currently only 2
 - Someone will eventually need to take over web admin duties and the current project to move away from Stack Sports possibly
 - Field and Schedule coordinator support
 - Charity Tournament
 - Player recruitment and public relations
 - Any other areas we predict we’ll need people?
 - Start calling out candidates directly/being more blunt
 - Maybe a “recruitment” get together if someone is willing to plan
 - Julie has expressed interest in hosting
- Alyssa to send out doodle for June meeting; do we want to try and meet in person at someone’s place/hang out for the evening?