



MSA Meeting 11/15/11

Run Time: 7pm-8:10pm

Attendance:

Ben O'Brien- MSA President
Chauntae Nichols- MSA Secretary
Jack Stone- MSA Risk Management Officer (phone)
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President (phone)
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
Steve Nichols – MSA Treasurer
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President (phone)
Dave Albrecht- Director at Large (phone)
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner (phone)
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep (phone)

Absent:

Alli Hicks – MSA Director at large/Marketing/PR
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President
George Pacieznik- MASL President
Andy Hemmingway- MSA Member at large
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL Executive Director

John Melius – Coed League Director

- I. Ben called the meeting to order @ 7:10pm
- II. Welcome to Steve Nichols – New MSA treasurer
- III. Mid Year Meeting
 - a. New push for marketing directly connecting all the leagues
 - i. Duncan Riddle (**incoming USASA Executive Director**)
 - b. Good workshops
 - i. Referee forum
 - ii. Women's development forum
 - c. Different pricing for competitive vs recreational leagues in tournaments (suggestion)
 - i. Help with cost for some teams to register
 - ii. How would this work? (**details to come at USSF AGM**)
- IV. Co-ed Cup
 - a. In Dallas this year
 - b. 43 teams

- c. Thoughts about moving it around geographically
 - d. Get the word out to specific teams
 - i. Combine multiple people and form a team from MN for the tournament?
- V. Co-ed Indoor League at Vadnais Heights Dome
 - a. Monday and Fridays
 - i. 6-8 teams per night
 - b. Very good start
 - c. Action Item: Ben to send out next round of Co-ed info to MSA board for distribution
- VI. Timely reporting in player registration
 - a. Currently a lump annual registration
 - i. MSA is not getting data or \$\$ until after the fiscal year has closed
 - ii. Ben gets nasty calls and E-mails b/c info is not reported in a timely fashion
 - b. Is this too much to ask of the leagues? **(Ben's looking for league feedback on this)**
 - i. As soon as registration closes- info pushed through right away
 - ii. Even is raw data in excel- push it through to the USASA in Chicago
 - c. MSA needs a single system people can log into **(currently under development)**
 - d. If we comply for monthly reporting – MSA would get 50 cents per player refund **from USASA**
 - i. The \$\$ would be returned to us.
 - ii. Pay in full and receive rebate
 - e. Mirror this to the region – Bruno to issue a 25 cent rebate per player
 - f. Sean VanNetta- Is this a cumulative total or each month
 - i. Ben O'Brien thinks this would be total for each month and then at the end of the year, the USASA could add up all the #'s
 - 1. Each league could spot check
- VII. Mid-Year meeting financials and documents
 - a. Ben to E-mail out and board can comment as necessary
- VIII. Officers reports
 - a. Vice President – Nothing to report
 - b. Secretary – Nothing to report
 - c. Treasurer – Steve got everything transferred over from Cara
 - d. MWSL –
 - i. Charity tournament
 - 1. Went very smoothly
 - ii. Winter indoor just started last week
 - 1. Got new players b/c of the tournament – previously did not play with the league
 - e. MRSL-
 - i. Fall meeting on Sat (11/19/11 at Brit's)
 - 1. Recap of the past season
 - 2. Get feedback from players/team reps
 - ii. Going to revamp the website
 - 1. Staying with NetAcceleration
 - 2. Hoping this will help improve relations with the teams
 - iii. Jose (MRSL VP) took a job in Boston
 - 1. Vice President position is now open
 - iv. Secretary position open

- v. Have some new people interested. Not sure if they want to take a position on, but willing to be at large
 - f. Referee Committee
 - i. Middle of Dec (10th)- meeting in Duluth
 - 1. Paula Hildeman – adult leagues to kick in a bit of \$\$ to send more MN adult refs at tournaments
 - ii. What does Paula need from the MSA to get our MN referee’s more involved?
 - 1. MSA to pitch in \$\$ to put into the budget so referee’s travel/accommodations, etc can be subsidized
 - 2. Jack feels Paula needs to address the MSA and tell us what they need instead of the MSA trying to speculate
 - a. Sia to pass along the information
 - iii. SRC meets 3-4 times a year
 - 1. Obviously summer less often due to how busy everybody is
 - g. DASL/DWSL
 - i. Taking over the DECC and starting soccer leagues in there!
 - 1. Mike did A LOT of hard work – congrats!!!!!!
- IX. Elections
 - a. We do have all the data from all the leagues
 - b. Was pending Ryan at NetAcceleration (**MSA online voting function not working**)
 - i. Moving on to something else- survey monkey?
 - c. Hoping to start in the next week or two
 - d. All people will be up for election again to get back on schedule
- X. MSSL (MN Senior Soccer League)
 - a. Trying to get additional leagues affiliated
 - b. Rick elected as Vice Commissioner
 - i. Rick wants to speak with Ben about insurance, etc
- XI. Ancient Rangers
 - a. Looking to get more sponsors
 - b. Looking to get more teams interested
 - c. Hoping to get a good marketing team organized
 - i. Ben, Matt, Karissa, Allie, Dave
- XII. New Business
 - a. MN Stars – who owns them?
 - i. Still looking for a buyer – still owned by the league (NASL)
 - b. What can the MSA do to help the leagues
 - i. MRSL needs help with referee scheduling (**Need a mediator**)
 - 1. **Quality of referees may suffer in MRSL leagues since MASL and MRSL have overlapping kickoff times on Sundays and refs may tend to opt in for MASL games over MRSL games**