



MSA Meeting 01/24/11

Run Time: 6:35pm-7:40pm

Attendance:

Ben O'Brien- MSA President
Chauntae Nichols- MSA Secretary
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President (via phone)
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner (via phone)
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President (via phone)
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President (via phone)
Cara Nistler – MSA Treasurer (via phone)
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President (via phone)
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep (via phone)
Jack Stone- MSA at large member (via phone)

Absent:

Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
Andy Hemmingway- MSA Member at large
George Pacieznik- MASL President

- I. Ben called the meeting to order @ 6:40pm
- II. Meeting minutes from 11.11.10- meeting minutes approved
- III. Officer Updates
 - a. Kris Nelson – MSA commissioner
 - i. No commissioner activities happening yet this year!
 - b. Chauntae Nichols – Secretary
 - i. None
 - c. Cara Nistler – MSA Treasurer
 - i. Taxes done – Ben and Cara have a copy of this info
 - ii. P & L info to be sent to Chauntae and she will send out
 - iii. Action Item: Possible Audit?
 1. Cara to get info and get that to Ben sometime in the future
 - d. Karissa Richardson – MWSL President
 - i. MWSL has an indoor league; going very well ☺
 - ii. AGM – March 12th, 2011

1. Time 10:30am, place TBD (likely Maplewood Library)
 2. Ben would like to be on the agenda
- e. Sean vanNatta – MRSL President
- i. Busy – New managers meeting this weekend
 - ii. Registration opening soon
 - iii. AGM March 5th
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 2. Time and place TBD
- f. Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President
- i. Karissa gave info to Mike about Vadnais Heights dome (Mark)
 - ii. Membership continues to grow :) ~10% increase per year
 - iii. There are larger spaces in Duluth, but need to find someplace to house the soccer players with adequate facilities
 - iv. AGM- March TBD
 1. Ben offered to attend AGM if needed
- g. Eric Cleveland- SMASA President
- i. Took a step back after injury – commissioners helping to run the show
 - ii. No official leagues during the winter
 - iii. Starting to get moving on things for summer
- IV. Special Committee on Bylaw Review – Summary by Kris Nelson
- a. 5 areas been asked to review (6 bylaw changes)
 - b. How committees are formed by USASA
- V. On-line registration
- a. By the start of USASA AGM- decision on whether to work with current vendor.
 - b. Kind of rushed into things...need to take a step back
- VI. MSA Elections
- a. End of the year? **Kris to check the bylaws to see which positions are up for election**
 - b. Possibly table till after all the leagues AGM's
 - i. We will need the team managers for all the teams in the leagues
- VII. SRC Update- Sia Rahimi
- a. Everything going full blast on-line www.minnesotasrc.com
 - i. Referee test in the system – be able to figure out the correct answers to questions referee's got wrong
 - b. FIFA Club (Referee Mentor program)– Referee's moving up to a higher grade
 - i. Schedulers to let Sia know if any referee's are interested
 - c. Budget finalized
 - i. Restructuring resources
 - ii. Mentoring programs
- VIII. Competitions
- a. Call for entries
 - b. Deadlines come up quick
 - c. MN Cup – Currently a men's tournament

- i. Deadline is March??
 - ii. Ben to get MN Cup info to the leagues
 - iii. Easy to get into and a really good tournament
 - d. Tournament of champions – Regional tournament
 - i. Referral type tournament
 - ii. Only region 2 does it
 - e. National tournament – open cup
 - i. Amateur to MLS teams
 - f. Veterans cup
 - i. Divisions typically 30+, etc
 - ii. 2011 is Florida in July
 - iii. 200+ teams in 2010
 - g. National co-ed cup
 - i. Competitive
 - h. Any interest in tournaments? Contact Ben
 - i. Ancient Rangers – Matt Hawkins to work with them to get affiliation
 - i. What could they use for resources – anything the MSA can do to help?
 - j. Having funds available from MSA and affiliated leagues really helps to attract interest
 - i. Karissa believes MWSL may have 2 teams interested in some of the tournaments
- IX. Insurance claim form
- a. SSN# requested – insurance company says it is a federal mandate. However- we do NOT have to give our SSN
 - i. Players have the right to deny entering the info
 - b. Insurance claims with the MWSL has run through smoothly
 - c. Players are entitled to the benefits
- X. New business
- a. Need updated board info: Names and positions (ALL)
 - b. Provide a copy now and after the AGM
- XI. Website info
- a. Get feedback to Ben about what we want changed (ALL)
 - i. What can we do to make it more member friendly
 - b. Who posts the minutes on the website?
- XII. Marketing and PR position
- a. Alli Hicks – MWSL board member
 - i. MSA looking to tap her as a resource
 - b. MSA to create a position
- XIII. Region Notes
- a. Regional Secretary position opened up
 - i. 1 person running – self nominated
 - 1. She is pretty involved already
- XIV. North Dakota

- a. Applied for a USASA Membership
- b. When they were registering adult players it was through MN

XV. Iowa – has a new president

XVI. USSF AGM

- a. Ben attached the bylaw proposals in E-mail to MSA board on 01.24.11 if anybody is interested in reading them

XVII. What do we find most valuable in being a part of the MSA? (ALL)

- a. What does the MSA offer each individual league
 - i. This is what the MSA can do.....
 - 1. Helps with player conduct issues
- b. Supplies insurance
- c. How visible is the MSA supposed to be in this organization?
- d. What are the players getting for their money?

XVIII. Motion to adjourn the meeting

- a. Meeting ends 7:40pm