



MSA Meeting 2/15/10

Attendance:

Chauntae Ruppe- MSA Secretary
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
George Pacieznik- MASL President
Jack Stone- MSA at large member
Cara Nistler – Treasurer
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner (arrived @ 6:40pm)

Absent:

Ben O'Brien- MSA President (family emergency)
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President (tried to attend via phone, but no phone)
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep

- I. Jack called the meeting to order @ 6:05pm
 - a. Meeting minutes
 - b. George - motions; Karissa 2nds; approved
- II. Officer Updates
 - a. Vice President – Matt Hawkins
 - i. 1st meeting; going to sit back and see how things work
 - ii. Will work on getting information on the league
 - b. Secretary – Chauntae Ruppe
 - i. Nothing
 - c. George Pacieznik- MASL
 - i. So far so good
 - d. Karissa Richardson
 - i. Vadnais Heights soccer complex
 1. MWSL to sign the lease this week
 2. Women to try and run a winter indoor league; this would be sanctioned
 - ii. AGM in March
 1. Karissa to touch base with Ben to see if he can attend the meeting
 - e. Cara Nistler - Treasurer

- i. Taxes were submitted
- ii. Cara and Ben need to find a time to meet to change account information
 - 1. Get Ben on banking documents; items must be completed in person
- iii. Audit? Jack wanted to know if the MSA has completed one.
 - 1. Action Item: Next meeting discussion item
 - 2. Look at discrepancies; ask accountant if they have an auditor who can do that. With a change in board members it would be a good thing to complete to ensure our protection

iv. Cara to E-mail treasurer report

- f. Jack Stone –
 - i. Nothing to report
- III. Competitions
- a. MN Cup
 - i. What does George need from the MSA
 - ii. Charge \$125 to play in tourni (per team)
 - 1. MASL will cover the costs- teams do not have to worry about paying refs, etc
 - iii. If MASL needs help, Jack recommends that George contact the MSA and we as a board will see what type of help we can offer
 - 1. Invitation
 - a. Dates, times, cost
 - b. George to get Chauntae the info to relay the information to the league reps. Chauntae and Del to connect for relay of information vicepresident@masl.org
 - b. National Cups
 - i. More participation from MN!
 - 1. What about the women?
 - a. Not a ton of teams that are interested
 - b. Variation of skill
 - 2. Co-ed cup option
 - a. MWSL has never asked the question to their members
 - b. Karissa suggests that the MWSL survey the members
 - i. AGM action item
 - ii. Whoever wins MN cup?
 - iii. Make more formal invites to try and get more participation in various national cups
 - iv. 1 men and 1 women team interested in various cups
 - 1. Sanctioned USASA event: Jack suggests that the MSA subsidize a certain amount of \$\$ for these teams that are interested in playing in these cups

2. Jack mentions that \$500 would be a good amount. Matt Hawkins motions that the MSA subsidized \$500 to teams wishing to participate in a national cup. George seconded. All in favor, no opposed
 - c. 4th of July tournament weekend in Duluth
 - i. Unsure if there will be sanctioned teams or if sanctioned tournament
 1. Let players know ahead of time
 2. MSA insurance would not be valid if unsanctioned
- IV. State referee committee
- a. Paperwork issues to clean up with the turnover in people
- V. USASA Annual General Meeting update
- a. Government structure may be changing
 - i. Currently being discussed
 - b. Initially, no immediate effects
 - c. 8 implementation committees; USASA is looking for volunteers
 - i. If interest, look at USASA website and apply
 - d. Switching of the calendar year/registration year
- VI. MN Professional Team: NSC Minnesota Stars
- a. Fight over the 2nd division
 - b. Team owned by the NSC and is a non-profit
 - c. Jack does not like the structure; but he is happy professional soccer is back in MN
 - i. Discussion on how the MSA could have a relation with the Stars
 1. Karissa and Matt to meet with the Stars – try to develop a strong adult following. Matt to start the ball rolling
 2. Kris Nelson would be willing to help as well
- VII. Risk Management Guidelines
- a. MWSL and MASL adopted them
 - i. MWSL in rules and regulations
 1. 1st page in the winter mailing
 - ii. MASL to work on getting into rules and regs
- VIII. Insurance
- a. Directors and officers insurance
 - b. Complete and get back to Ben ASAP
- IX. Website
- a. Preview at the March 2010 meeting
 - i. Open action items; many for Kris
- X. Old Business
- a. Sia needs a job description.
 - b. Chauntae and Kris to work on after the meeting and then E-mail to Ben for review
- XI. New teams to become affiliated with the MSA
- a. Azteca- no word
 - b. North Dakota- never paid the funds.
- XII. Cultural liaison

- a. Peter Mudima suggested as a great candidate for possible new MSA position
 - i. Board members understand he currently has a lot on plate (medical, etc)
- XIII. Motion to adjourn meeting by Chauntae; Kris seconded. Meeting ended at 7:15pm