



MSA Meeting 3/22/10

Run Time: 6:30pm-8pm

Attendance:

Ben O'Brien- MSA President
Chauntae Ruppe- MSA Secretary
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner
Jack Stone- MSA at large member (via phone)
Cara Nistler – Treasurer (via phone)
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President (via phone)
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep (via phone)
George Pacieznik- MASL President (via phone)

Absent:

Eric Cleveland- SMASA President
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President

- I. Ben called the meeting to order @ 6:33pm
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes w/no additions or changes to 2/15/10 minutes
 - b. Karissa motions to adapt last meetings minutes; Kris Nelson 2nds
 - c. Motion carries
- II. Officer Updates
 - a. Vice President – Matt Hawkins
 - i. Met w/Matt from the NSC and the new Stars team and how we can support each other
 1. What can the NSC do for us – Idea's
 - a. MWSL Night, MRSL, night, MASL night, MSA night
 - b. Soccer Saturday – play a rec game, hospitality tent
 - i. Give us fields for free – thought this could be an option
 - ii. NSC to find sponsors
 - ii. Under 23 team – most likely will not be started this year; working on for next year
 1. Play on Friday nights
 2. Currently working on tournaments
 - iii. Working on Ancient Rangers; possible affiliation

- b. Secretary – Chauntae Ruppe
 - i. Nothing
- c. Karissa Richardson – MWSL president
 - i. Good AGM
 - 1. 55+ teams who were at AGM; looking like a lot of teams this year
 - ii. Attended Tina & Barry's referee meeting
 - iii. Vadnais Heights
 - 1. Wants MWSL input on turf surface
 - 2. Rumors that developer has been approached by others cities
- d. Kris Nelson - MSA commissioner
 - i. USASA front- appointed to registration committee
 - ii. MSA commissioner- no items
- e. Mike Sengbush- DASL/DWSL present
 - i. 10/15% increase in numbers for this summer
 - ii. Same issues as in the past
 - iii. Over 30-40 tournament over 4th of July weekend
 - 1. Lacking a good response
 - 2. Looking for fields to use
 - 3. If not in the cards for 2010, they will try for 2011
- f. Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep
 - i. Legal issues w/previous SRA; may need to hire a lawyer if wanting to pursue further
 - ii. Many Referee Recertification Clinics
 - iii. Moving office from the NSC due to conflict of interest
 - 1. 60 day notice submitted
 - 2. Going to use MYSA office and mailing address until Paula finds a new place for a small office
 - iv. FIFA Club looking for upcoming officials who are looking to move onto the next level
 - 1. If anybody interested, let Sia know
 - a. Want these refs to referee some bigger matches
 - i. Mentoring opportunities
- g. Cara Nistler – Treasurer
 - i. 10 minutes ago Cara E-mailed out the financial statements
 - 1. Balance sheet & Income and Expense
 - ii. US Open Cup Check received
 - 1. Performance bond- hang on to for now
 - 2. Registration – Cash
 - iii. Audit? Cara E-mailed accountant this week; yet to hear from her
 - 1. Action Item: Next meeting discussion item
- h. Jack Stone – member at large
 - i. Nothing to report

- i. George Pacieznik- MASL President
 - i. Defer to MN Cup Discussion
- III. Updated insurance options for members
 - a. Increased Sub limits – Optional
 - i. Any leagues interested in updated/expanded accidental/medical?
 - ii. Above and beyond what members are currently paying
 - iii. If you deny, you will still have basic benefits
 - iv. Presidents of leagues to bring to their board meetings
 - b. Fidelity Bond - Optional
 - i. Any leagues interested in this?
 - ii. This bond coverage is an alternative option (cheaper/better coverage) for what the MSA board currently has
 - iii. Protects against fraud and theft by the MSA members
- IV. SRC Issues
 - a. Sia mentioned already about the SRC is moving offices
 - b. Some practices that were questionable by Terry; until lawyers get involved.
 - c. Corrected 1099 forms sent out – Jack wanted confirmation on that
- V. Competitions
 - a. Cup Commissioner – Ben is still Cup Commissioner
 - b. MN Cup 2010
 - i. We do not want to use this for MN qualifier for our members
 - ii. Any team involved would have to register for National Cups
 - iii. The winner of MN Cup could get an automatic bid for qualifier for the National Cups
 - 1. If other teams register, playoff. No other teams = that team moves on
 - 2. Had MSA board support; this is an good idea
 - iv. \$75 per MASL team to register – MASL teams get a subsidy due to surplus in budget (guarantee 1 game)
 - v. \$125 non-MASL teams (guarantee 1 game)
 - 1. If they get past the 1st round, the MASL will cover the costs
 - a. Ben thought it sounded generous; George affirms that this is correct
 - b. Wanting to attract other competitive teams
 - vi. Details to get send out soon. Ben to coordinate sending the info to Mike in Duluth
 - vii. Should the MSA lend any support to the tournament?
 - 1. Semifinals/Championship?
 - a. Kris – Will it be open to all sanctioned leagues in MN?
 - i. No, women do not have an option yet
 - ii. MWSL okay with the MSA supporting the MN Cup keeping in mind that the women’s options are in the works/looking to be developed further

- iii. Idea for playing field fee's is good idea.
 - 2. Teams that travel and get knocked out 1st round – have another friendly game for those teams – MSA to sponsor
 - a. Overnight – may cost too much for those traveling
 - b. Same day is a possibility
 - c. Could be more of a headache to coordinate
 - 3. Further details about MSA support for the MN Cup will be decided in the future based on cup info and who is participating
- c. National Cups
 - i. TC fire (men- MASL) & Woodbury U23 (women - MWSL)
 - 1. Should the MSA support these teams?
 - 2. How much are we willing give and in what form (cash vs. paying for field fee's, etc)
 - a. If we have money budgeted for items that we do not use, we should aliquot towards other items
 - 3. TC fire is registered, but we really need to get the ball rolling
 - a. In years past the MSA would contribute money
 - b. Jack motions for \$500 to give these teams who travel out of state; Karissa seconds. Motion Passes
 - 4. Cara wonders how we should coordinate the \$500 contribution
 - a. Team and players will need to be registered
 - b. Once the MSA receives confirmation, Ben, will put the team manager/coach in touch with Cara
- d. Duluth Cup – 4th of July weekend 2010?
 - i. See officer Update by Mike Sengbush- DASL/DWSL present
- e. Ancient Ranger Tourni
 - i. Matt to follow-up on that

VI. Website Updates

- a. Comments/Suggestions on Website
- b. Kris – Would like all members to play with the PUBLIC PAGES of the site.
 - i. Text/Grammar changes
 - ii. Anything that doesn't look right
 - iii. Need to get Public site up and running
 - iv. Let Kris and Ben know ASAP if any changes
- c. Ben to send out link to the page and test the insurance stuff

VII. Grand Ol' Day booth (St. Paul) – Sunday June 6th; 10am ish

- a. Space for us in the sports area (\$200)
- b. We would need shirts, banners, volunteers
 - i. Have info about what the MSA is
 - ii. Pass along the invite to MWSL, MRSL, MASL
- c. Chauntae motions to put \$200 towards a booth; Jack seconds
 - i. Motion carries

- d. Ben will be the point person
- e. Chauntae will touch base with the league reps for volunteers
- f. Karissa to check on banner makers and get to Ben

VIII. USASA Annual General Meeting update

- a. Governance committee meeting more regularly – weekly currently; think about 2x/wk
 - i. Looking at changing the bylaws
 - 1. Hoping draft will be ready by May 1st so it can continue on its way through the appropriate member groups
- b. Summit outcomes

IX. MN Professional team

- a. The Stars would like us to promote their league and let our players know there are games, etc.
- b. Karissa mentions that the Stars need to generate a promotional E-mail that the leagues would be willing to pass along and post on our appropriate websites
 - i. MWSL requests within the next week b/c traffic volume is high

X. Field liability requests – Send to Ben ASAP

XI. All the Jersey's are in Chauntae's garage

- a. Ben will take them – Chauntae to coordinate with Ben

XII. Matt moves to adjourn, Chauntae 2nds- Meeting adjourned at 8pm