



MSA Meeting 11/11/10

Run Time: 6:30pm-8:05pm

Attendance:

Ben O'Brien- MSA President
Chauntae Nichols- MSA Secretary
Cara Nistler – MSA Treasurer
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner (via phone)
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President (via phone)
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President (via phone)
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep (via phone)

Absent:

Eric Cleveland- SMASA President
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President
George Paciecznik- MASL President
Andy Hemmingway- MSA Member at large
Jack Stone- MSA at large member

- I. Ben called the meeting to order @ 6:45pm
- II. Officer Updates
 - a. Kris Nelson – MSA commissioner
 - i. Governance task force
 1. Goal was to take the recommendations from the summit and try to make changes to the bylaws
 - a. Toes got stepped on, but Regional Committee let the bylaws pass through
 - b. The rules committee dropped the ball on putting the bylaws into the proper format. Progress was started..lacked final execution
 2. Registrations Committee
 - a. Trying to put together a electronic registration for all registered players

- b. A vendor was already in place when Kris joined the group; vendor has customizable software
 - c. Look at functionality of the USASA system in regards to leagues that do not have an electronic registration and those who already have a functioning electronic database (MWSL)
 - d. Moving along, but slowly
 - 3. Bylaws task force
 - a. Kicking off tonight and wrapping up by AGM in February (VEGAS baby!)
 - b. Cara Nistler – MSA Treasurer
 - i. All expenses processed
 - ii. Get last fiscal year wrapped up before Cara has her baby (fingers crossed)
 - iii. Action Item: Possible Audit?
 - 1. Cara to get info and get that to Ben
 - c. Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President
 - i. Nothing
 - d. Secretary – Chauntae Nichols
 - i. Forgot to send out March’s minutes
 - 1. Will send out March’s minutes and tonight’s minutes via E-mail
 - 2. Likely approval via E-mail
 - e. Ben O’Brien- MSA president
- III. Insurance claim form update
 - a. New claim form asks for SSN # (instead of player ID); therefore the MSA will be using the old claim form
- IV. SRC issues
 - a. Current work of new SRA/SRC
 - i. Doing a lot of audits. Clean up books and operations for compliance issues and accounting practices, taxes, etc
 - ii. Kip Jackson as the new State Director of Assessment
 - 1. Have the support of both MYSA and rec of SRA
 - 2. Chauntae recommends Kip Jackson as the new State Director of Assessment
 - 3. Kris seconds
 - a. No discussion
 - b. Motion Passes
 - 4. Ben to prepare a confirmation letter that he will send to Paula Hildman with the MSA support
 - iii. Working on a new website for MN
 - 1. November 20th & 21st 2010 brain storming meeting
- V. Competitions
 - a. Cups Commissioner – still need one (currently Ben)
 - b. MN Cup 2011 – Call for teams (usually held in July)

- i. In 2010 – A Duluth team made it to semi’s
 - ii. Ben would like to see a women’s division
 - c. National Cups
 - i. Women’s league had some teams
 - 1. Woodbury U23 team did very well!
 - d. Ancient Rangers Tournament 2010
 - i. Nonaffiliated tournament
 - 1. The MSA has things to offer
 - a. Insurance
 - b. More organized game
 - 2. There would be growing pains
 - ii. FUN TIMES
- VI. Website update
 - a. MSA wants traffic on their website
 - b. Affiliated leagues to E-blast members
 - c. We want current events on our page
 - d. Players can start their injury report on website
- VII. USASA Mid Year Meeting/AGM Update
 - a. Summit documents in 2009- triggered the changes.
 - i. Ben to get the document for MSA members to view
 - 1. Comments welcome
- VIII. MN Professional team
 - a. NSC Stars – Matt had some interaction at the beginning of the summer
 - i. A lot of promotions are not well planned – lacking preparation
 - 1. Example: Chicago Fire game cancelled b/c the Stars lacked presales
 - ii. Would like a family day, all*star game
- IX. Marketing/Relations
 - a. Any initiatives
 - b. MWSL is working hard on this
 - i. Alli Hicks – has a marketing background
 - c. Grand Ol’ Day
- X. Indoor Leagues
 - a. MWSL has a winter league at the Vadnais Heights Sports Complex
 - i. 1st games last night
 - ii. 13 teams registered
- XI. Membership
 - a. Is gradually declining
 - b. How to we recruit new members – the summit says our main focus should be recruitment!
- XII. USASA AGM in Feb 2011
 - a. MSA support’s Kris Nelson’s travel to this event
 - i. Ben to get costs and send to group.

- ii. We will vote via E-mail

XIII. Duluth Indoor Facility

- a. Interest – but how should the DASL start taking action?

- i. Karissa to pass along the info on contact for the VHSC

- 1. You have to convince the CITY that this complex is a good idea

XIV. Meeting is adjourned at 8:05pm