



## MSA Meeting 12/13/09

### Attendance:

Karissa Richardson- MWSL President  
Cara Nistler- MSA Treasurer  
Jack Stone- MSA at large member  
Chauntae Ruppe- MSA Secretary  
Ben O'Brien- MSA President  
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep  
Sean VanNatta- MRSL President  
George P-MASL President; on phone

### Missing:

Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner  
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President  
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL President

### Meeting Items

- I. Minute approval from last meeting
  - a. Jack motions to approve minutes as they were written, Cara 2<sup>nd</sup>'s
  - b. Vote: all in favor
- II. Election results
  - a. Kris = commissioner
  - b. Chauntae= secretary
  - c. Ben= president
  - d. Nomination for VP: Matt Hawkins by Ben
    - i. Motion passes to accept Matt Hawkins as the Vice President
    - ii. 2629 Xenwood Avenue; St. Louis Park, MN 55416
      1. 612-799-5070
    - iii. [Hawkins.matthew@gmail.com](mailto:Hawkins.matthew@gmail.com)
  - e. Ben and Kris are working on transferring of duties and paperwork.
    - i. Transfer main address to possible rented mailbox; currently set to Kris' home.
    - ii. No PO box for taxes
    - iii. Ben believes we need a system in place in order to address changes in MSA members

iv. Cara states bank accounts, etc need updating of names and access to accounts.

v. NEW MSA ADDRESS:

1. 2751 Hennepin Avenue; STE #28; Mpls, MN 55408

f. At large member interest- Andy Hemmingway.

g. Election results are effective immediately! Congrats to those with the new positions

h. Discussion on addition at-large members

### III. Officers reports

a. Sean VanNetta- MRSL President

i. Light attendance at meeting

ii. Changes in bylaws- cleanup verbiage

iii. Insurance claims: had a lot of claims

b. Karissa Richardson- MWSL President

i. Risk management guidelines discussion

ii. More infractions this year than in years past

iii. Things are running smoothly

c. Cara Nistler- MSA Treasurer

i. Working on taxes w/Anna; due Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. No issues with meeting the deadline

ii. Copy of profit/loss detail & Balance sheet; not much activity happening in the accounts now

iii. Dishonesty bond question: waited on paying it b/c of elections by Kris' recommendation. Cara has now received 2 letters stating that CNA Surety wants to cancel our policy due to lack of payment. The MSA has till Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> to rectify this problem. Cara and Ben will work together to get a registration address and payment to continue coverage

iv. Sean asked about payment of his players to the MSA. Cara and Jack explained the fiscal year to him. Runs September to August. Cara explained the remittance form. MSA is still covering a portion of the player fees.

d. Sia – State Referee Committee MSA Rep

i. Paula Hildman is the new State Referee Administrator

1. A few issues with old SRC rep Terry Collins

a. Continue to move forward and issues will be dealt with MSA and MYSA

b. Financial questions; lacks documentation for certain actions

ii. Charge \$20 to attend referee clinics. In the past a fee of \$200 was assessed so the youth clubs don't have to pay.

iii. Dean Barton - trying to get all the referee recertification clinics set up

iv. Mike Bazakos- new state assessor.

1. There was not the perfect candidate. Mike will hold the position until a proper replacement can be found.

2. Need to find a candidate

- v. Sia Rahimi wants to know what his job description is. Cara looked through the bylaws to find. Not listed as one of the officer positions.
  - 1. **Action Item:** Need to get this into the bylaws. It was possibly deleted
- vi. SRC wants a way to communicate the minutes to the MSA. Any info that the MSA wants to communicate info to the SRC, let Sia know
  - 1. Discussion to have the SRC send the info to the MSA secretary (Chauntae) and she can disseminate what gets passed on

#### IV. Old Business

- a. MN Cup Discussion
  - i. MN Cup to be opened up to other teams beyond the MASL; a true state tourni. Any team eligible from any MSA registered team. Details regarding an “all-star” team.
  - ii. MN cup is a weekend thing
- b. College league
  - i. Status on project. Terri Voit to longer w/the NSC. Terri was a huge contact w/Jack and the MSA regarding this project. Terri worked @the NSC. Jack does not have time to work on this project.
    - 1. Sean believes the MASL would be a better fit for this
    - 2. Project to be on hold indefinitely until we can find an organization to get this up and running
    - 3. This project to promote soccer in MN in a more structured environment
  - ii. Possibly get the new MSA VP to take on this project?
  - iii. George will bring up to the MASL board to see if any interest
  - iv. Cara brings up the issue to still have Terri Voit to still coordinate
    - 1. Jack to ask if she still has an interest
    - 2. There may be a lot of hard feelings between her and the NSC
  - v. Post meeting info: Jack spoke with Steve Olson at the NSC and they are interested in trying to put together the college league.
    - 1. Contact would be Matt Koehn 763-717-3899
      - a. Jack said he has a call in and will get the MSA board more info
- c. Website Launch
  - i. Kris in the process of transferring over the domain name
  - ii. Idea of the MSA being the only way to get to the MWSL, MRSL, etc to get more traffic.
  - iii. Symbiotic relationship is needed
  - iv. Individual leagues need to do a better job of stating they are affiliated with the MSA. Affiliated, not owned by the MSA.
    - 1. A way for all leagues and the players to develop an understanding of what the MSA is.
  - v. Centralized registration benefit
  - vi. Big picture - Insurance benefits, less work
  - vii. Training admin users would follow shortly after the launch

- viii. No time frame currently – Ben working with Kris
    - ix. Cara not on the list of E-mail responses. Cara has a few more issues regarding the website. Ben stated he is not getting those E-mails at well. Cara to follow-up with Kris regarding her website questions and status.
  - d. Risk Management document adoption
    - i. All members in attendance were given a physical copy of the document
      - 1. 6 main guidelines
    - ii. No members had any questions regarding the document
    - iii. Chauntae makes the motion to accept the “Risk Management Guidelines;” Karissa seconds. Motion unanimously passes to accept the “Risk Management Guidelines” as written 12/12/09.
  - e. Possible affiliations in the works
    - i. ND
    - ii. Azteca
    - iii. Hispanic league
      - 1. Issues regarding registration and validity of immigration status. Addresses and documentation. Being affiliated with the MSA would benefit them greatly.
    - iv. Need a liaison between all the league to help clarify cultural understanding (Peter Mudima’s named raised for this position)
  - f. League presidents to complete and fax in league D&O insurance
- V. New Business
- a. Vadnais Heights Field Development
    - i. Plans created; city council approved plans
    - ii. Karissa noted that the MWSL paid good faith money towards the development
    - iii. Ben wants leagues to alert their boards that there are 2 board meetings coming up and as many people that can attend should. We need Vadnais Heights to see the support behind this project
    - iv. **Action Item:** Ben to get the dates to the MSA board. Board to pass on as necessary.
- VI. Duluth trying to put together an over 30 and over 40 tourni over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend
- a. Focusing on the families
  - b. Ben to get the info out to the MSA board as it becomes available
- VII. Items from the floor
- a. Sean Vanetta – No player card’s this summer season. Worked extremely well. Had to have a state issued ID to play
    - i. MRSL would provide an ID if they needed it for a tournament
    - ii. MRSL has checks and balances
      - 1. Insurance issues brought up by Sia. Prefer 2 ID system
    - iii. Red Cards- no card to keep. Documentation occurs on the MRSL website. Rosters cannot be printed until certain time prior to game time.
- VIII. Jack makes motion to adjourn the meeting; Sean seconds; motion passes

