



## **MSA Meeting 05/09/11**

**Run Time: 8:19am-10pm**

### Attendance (all via phone):

Ben O'Brien- MSA President  
Chauntae Nichols- MSA Secretary  
Jack Stone- MSA Risk Management Officer  
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President  
Alli Hicks – MSA Director at large/Marketing/PR  
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President  
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner  
George Pacieznik- MASL President  
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President  
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep

### Absent:

Andy Hemmingway- MSA Member at large  
Cara Nistler – MSA Treasurer  
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President  
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL Executive Director

### **\*\* Action Items Highlighted in Yellow**

- I. **Ben called the meeting to order @ 8:19pm**
- II. **Approve minutes** from the last meeting
  - a. Ben sent out via E-mail for all to review
  - b. No comments/concerns/corrections
  - c. Motion to approve the minutes- seconded
    - i. Motion passes to approve 2/28/11 minutes
- III. **Elections (President, Secretary, Directors At Large)**
  - a. We need the manager contact lists so if you have not yet submitted your data please do so asap. We need to get elections underway asap.
    - i. MWSL submitted
    - ii. MASL submitted
    - iii. Need
      1. DASL/DWSL
      2. MRSL
  - b. Cara Nistler- treasurer planning to resign at end of the term

- i. Chauntae Nichols mentioned that Steven Nichols (her husband) may be interested in the position
  - 1. Currently nothing in the bylaws again having 2 people from the same household on the board
    - a. Only concern: Expense reports
  - 2. Tae and Ben to discuss further

**IV. MYSA/MSA promotional partnership:**

- a. Alli and Ben writing an article for the MYSA newspaper....submitting in the next couple weeks in time for the June/July release of MYSA Times. (topic: Bringing to light the options for post-MYSA play).
  - i. Please contribute suggestions if you have any.
- b. MYSA Mailings and digital media communications (their website, etc) will follow the MYSA Times article.... direct to MYSA demographic who are soon to be "released into the wild" of post-MYSA play.
- c. I still plan to present a session at MYSA symposium spring 2012 to raise awareness of post-MYSA play opportunities.

**V. MSA:**

- a. A tournament for all adults with potential for a regional draw
  - i. Ancient Rangers – continue to grow that tournament
    - 1. September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th
  - ii. MSA to start our own tournament
- b. National Cups 2011:
  - i. 2 Women’s teams from MN entering
    - 1. U-20
    - 2. U-23
  - ii. Currently we can send every team that is interested
  - iii. Travel subsidy
    - 1. Currently- \$500 per round per round completed
    - 2. Currently \$6K to \$7K surplus per year
    - 3. About \$50K in the bank
    - 4. Jack supports increasing MSA support per team
    - 5. Karissa supports increasing MSA support per team
    - 6. \$750 per team, per round?? Pending Ben getting budgetary information to the board
    - 7. Matt proposes that each year the same team enters the tournament, then they get additional \$\$ each year they continue to go to the tournament.
    - 8. Distance- should that play a factor?
      - a. May get to be too difficult to track, etc.
- c. Donnelly Cup 2011:
  - i. MASL Fire considering the tournament
    - 1. Ryan Manning to talk with George
      - a. Travel subsidies?

- 2. MSA support
  - a. How much?
    - i. Discussion about teams, players, representation, management, etc
- d. Tournaments in general
  - i. How do we get people interested?
    - 1. Ben working hard to get people interested; seems like pulling teeth
    - 2. Better subsidies?
    - 3. More youth development?
    - 4. Ben- talk with USASA about best practices about minority leagues
- e. Elite Player Program support:
  - i. Start a program in MN where players apply for sponsorship/grant and join up with a team that is already planning on going to Donnelly cup/National cup, etc
  - ii. 2 players in the DWSL that are good candidates (women)
  - iii. Ben would like to start a pilot program from 2011
    - 1. Play with Peter Rivards team (from MN) or another USASA team from another state
  - iv. A sought after thing
    - 1. Apply annually
    - 2. There would be a process and win/earn sponsorship
  - v. What about players from the Twin Cities?
    - 1. They are eligible too
- f. Coed leagues (& tournament?):
- g. MN GLBT Soccer league - <http://www.mnglbt soccer.com/> or <http://tcjacks.com/>
  - i. May be interested in something bigger
- d. Other prospective leagues:
  - a. New situation at Macalester College:
    - i. Facility Contract
      - 1. Liability and risk management

## VI. State Referee Committee

- a. Need to approve Doug Marshak as SRC's State Director of Instruction since Dean Barton is stepping down at the end of the year
- b. SRC does joint approvals with the MYSA
  - i. MYSA going to be drafting the approval letter
- c. Any other candidates able to join the mix?
  - i. Not really- more of an internal search
- d. Motion to nominate Doug Marshak as SRC Director
  - i. Seconded by Sia
  - ii. Passes Unanimously
  - iii. BEN: Draft Approval for Doug Mand send to Paula H and CC Bob P

## V. Next meeting?

**Ben update on tournament items**

**Ben/Cara get financials to the group**