



## **MSA Meeting 08/23/2012**

**Run Time: 8pm – 8:55pm**

### Attendance (all via phone):

Ben O'Brien- MSA President  
Matt Hawkins- MSA Vice President  
Chauntae Nichols- MSA Secretary  
Jack Stone- MSA Risk Management Officer  
Steve Nichols – MSA Treasurer  
Kris Nelson – MSA Commissioner  
Dave Albrecht- Director at Large  
Karissa Richardson- MWSL President  
Alli Eshelman – MSA Director at large/Marketing/PR  
Eric Cleveland- SMASA President

### Absent:

Andy Hemmingway- MSA Member at large  
Michael Sengbush- DASL/DWSL Executive Director  
Sia Rahimi - State Referee Committee MSA Rep  
Sean vanNatta – MRSL President  
John Melius – Coed League Director  
George Paciecznik- MASL President

- I. Ben called the meeting to order @ 8:15pm
- II. Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Mid Year meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Chicago
    - ii. Co-ed Cup
      1. MN team attempting to form
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Centennial
      1. How can the state promote this – soccer in the US is 100 years old this year
        - a. Ancient Rangers?
        - b. Put info on the website
  - c. Commissioner
    - i. Player registration question for SMASA

1. Centralized registration
  2. What is your currently system?
    - a.
- d. Treasurer
- i. Checking: \$42,834.32
    1. However pending checks to be cashed to the USASA for \$27,345.00
      - a. Checks from MASL & SMASA send to USASA not cashed yet for player registrations
    2. Total: \$15,489.32
  - ii. ING Savings Account: \$43,714.37
  - iii. Total MSA \$59,203.69
  - iv. Region II to bill \$1 per player = still a large check to write (upon bill receipt)
  - v. Many Expense reports need approving
- III. New USASA Fee Structure: Standard vs. Premium
- a. 2 tiered system
  - b. Premium = \$15 per player
    - i. National/Regional based event
    - ii. Sanctioned via USASA
  - c. Standard = \$14 per player
  - d. How does the MSA want to handle this situation?
    - i. Keep all players at \$15
      1. Put that \$\$ toward more programs we want to do?
      2. If teams play in regional and national cups- no extra fee
      3. Thus no fluctuation of fee's between teams/leagues/players
    - ii. Discussion occurs – all agree; keep at \$15
      1. Motion passes
- IV. Process current player registrations (money & data)
- V. 2012 insurance claims
- a. 33 – up from 20 last year
    - i. MWSL has at least ½ of those
- VI. National Cups bid
- a. Any reactions to putting in a bid for MN to host?
  - b. No objections from the group
- VII. USASA Hall Of Fame nominations: Tony Sanneh, Brianna Scurry,
- a. If you have any suggestions, contact Ben
  - b. Add Mary Holleron
    - i. Ben and Ali to put something together
    - ii. Paula and the referee committee
    - iii. Ben to contact George P
- VIII. MWSL Fall Charity tournament
- a. Vadnais Heights Dome up in the air – what is publicly known vs. what is actually happening
    - i. Winter may also be in jeopardy
  - b. MWSL to keep MSA in the loop
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in October – the 20<sup>th</sup>
  - d. MSA to financially support the tournament
    - i. At least meet the donation that was provided last year (\$400 donated in 2011)
- IX. MSA Ancient Ranger tournament (Sept 8 & 9)

- a. ~40 team registered
    - i. Dave sent a check
- X. Soccer Apparel Company starting up – US made
  - a. How would they be able to network to get the word out?
  - b. Work together with the MSA- trying to connect soccer players throughout MN
    - i. Put an ad on the leagues websites?