



# Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 1-28-19

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Worcester Community Hall

Executive Council in attendance:

- John Larcinese, President
- Cathy Alexander, Secretary
- Jeff Davis, VP Intramural Soccer
- Haven Hoilett, VP Travel
- Ralph Navarrete, Treasurer
- Michelle Bauer, VP Communications
- Kym O'Donnell, Webmaster

Others in attendance: Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Matt Beauregard (Phantoms 2009 B), Steve Mumford (Charge 2010 G), Bill Bonewitz (Warriors 2003 B), Jon Hartzel (Victory 2006 B), Sandro D'Angelo (Woverines 2008 B), Shawn Bauer, Michael Corrigan (Flash, 2008 B)

## Minutes:

**Winter Academy Training** – Andy is very happy with how the training is going. Every age group is well represented and there has been good participation by the coaches.

**Online Marketing Campaign** – The campaign started on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will advertise the ID clinics during the month of February and Try Outs during the month of March. You should be seeing our ads on FaceBook and Instagram. Please like and share the ads.

**Player ID Clinics** – The dates of the clinics, March 4-8 and 11-15, have been published on the website. These feel like regular training sessions to the travel players. Registration is open and is required for non-travel players and non-MUSC so we'll know how many players will be showing up. There will be a nominal cost of \$10 for non-travel/non-MUSC players to help ensure they show up after registering.

All coaches and players should be at the ID clinics. This is a chance to see how potential new players click with existing team members.

**Try Outs** – These will take place April 1-4 and 8-11 and the dates have been published on the website. Registration is open and every player needs to register. The \$20 registration fee will be credited back to a player's team fee if the player joins one of our teams.

**Spring Leagues** – EDP has already closed its registration for the spring. The Rock League closes registration on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Cups registration deadline is the end of February.

Someone asked if guest players can play in the spring league if they are not registered with our club. The answer is that you have to check with your league.

**Team Plans** – Each team needs to put together a financial plan and a list of expectations for the coming year. The first draft is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> so that our committee can review them. However, John would prefer to see

plans start rolling in the **second week of February**. It would be great to be able to hand out plans to potential players at the ID clinics. Plans should absolutely be finalized by Try Outs so that you can share them with interested players and parents.

The travel registration fee will be going up by \$25 per year.

One coach asked how coaches should plan for expenses. Coaches don't want to ask parents for more money during the year. Haven has the cost of many tournaments and can provide this to the coaches. It is a good idea to bump up all of your expenses from last year by a small amount. There is a line in the team budget template that allows you to add in a fudge factor to your estimated expenses. If there is extra money, it will go back to parents at the end of the year.

Any fundraising that is undertaken will offset expenses for this year. There is a threshold of how much money can be carried over to the next year. When there is extra money, we usually use it to reduce future registration fees for a team. Teams do not officially have unspent money until the fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Some teams are still spending money in the spring, such as on tournaments.

One coach asked if younger kids have to do two nights of training with a trainer each week. Some of the younger girls would prefer to have one night with a trainer and one night as a team practice. The response was that professional training at this age is extremely important and the girls really should have it two times per week.

**First Aid** - One coach asked about first aid kits. It was announced that the club will be ordering a first aid kit for every team. It was also asked if the club could hang a protocol sheet in the sheds at the fields – one that states the closest hospital and other important information.

**Snack Stand** – Every travel team will be assigned one weekend during the spring or summer to man the snack stand. The club is working on information about hours, coverage, what we will be selling, and what the prices will be. The snack stand will be stocked by the club. If you want extra weekends to work in the snack stand, please let us know.

***If you know any parent who would might be willing to volunteer as our snack stand coordinator, please contact Cathy Alexander at [secretary@methactonunited.org](mailto:secretary@methactonunited.org).***

**Summer Camp** – We had to change one of the camp weeks from the dates we put out in December. We are working with a new person at Worcester Township and there was a snafu in getting the fields the weeks we usually have them. The camp weeks will be as follows:

July 8-12 for the older kids, rising U13 (2007) and up  
July 15-19 for the younger kids, rising U12 (2008) and younger

Our permit for the Heebner fields starts in April and we will open the fields the last week of April or the first week of May.

A coach asked if they can get out there now and use the fields, The answer is that it is not club sanctioned but it can be done as long as it will not cause damage to the fields.

