



# Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 10-28-19

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Fairview Village Community Hall

Executive Council in attendance:

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

Others in attendance: Kym O'Donnell, WebMaster (2008 Flash), Micheal Marks (2007 Lightning B), Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Steve Mumford (2010 Charge), Dawn Stralkowski (05 B1 Thunder), Kevin Frey (02 Force), Jon Hartzel (2006A Victory), Matt Beaugard (2009 Phantoms), Brad Catania (2009 Heat), Terry Larkin (Dragons), Leon Kanopka (07 Raptors), Jen Halfpenny (2004 Blue Demons), Rob Hill (2009 Legends), Gil Capelini (2008 Bulldogs)

## Minutes:

**Referees**- If anyone is having referee problems, please contact Haven, We recently noticed a few problems, and we are looking into changing referee assignors.

**IM Program** – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the last day of IM games. We've had zero weather cancellations this season. The U8 and U10 training sessions were very well attended.

**Fall Training**- Once the players play their last fall league game, their fall academy training is over. The academy sessions in mid to late November will be only for teams playing in a November tournament. If your team has a November tournament, please let Haven know as soon as possible.

**Snack Bar**- Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be the last day the snack bar is open this fall, bringing it to a total of seven Saturdays it was open. Our gross revenue for the first six Saturdays was around \$1,100, with net profits around \$700. Some of the costs have been one-time costs for equipment.

A big thank you to Jen Danecker for donating a wagon, Sue Washburn for donating a coffee maker, and John Larcinese for donating a cooler. These three items have enhanced our ability to run a snack bar. Seventeen different travel teams worked one or more shifts in the snack bar this fall. A huge thank you to the coaches and parents for supporting our club during our first season running a snack bar.

**Magnets** - Matt Beaugard has magnets for sale for \$5.00 apiece. Please contact Matt at [matt.beaugard@methactonunited.org](mailto:matt.beaugard@methactonunited.org) to purchase them.

**Field Break Down** – Phil Rush will be coordinating the dismantling of the fields and the storage of equipment on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will need a lot of help with this. Coaches, please put this in Team Snap and encourage parents to sign up.

**Winter Training** – The winter schedule has been finalized, with academy sessions beginning the second week of January. The DDP and 2009 boys will be training on Wednesday evenings, and the 2009 girls and 2010 boys and girls will be training on Thursday evenings. Training will be held in the gym at Penn Christian Academy.

The older age groups will have their winter training sessions on turf at the All Sports Center in Trappe. All sessions will be held on Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Winter training is open to anyone, whether or not they play for Methacton United. Those that are not part of the current training program must register in advance. There is a fee for those that are not part of our travel program, currently. Current travel players do not need to register.

**Indoor League** – If your team is signing up for a winter league, let Haven know when your games are going to be, as soon as possible. Since the older kids will have their winter academy sessions Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays, there is not a lot of wiggle room for changing the schedule. Haven will see what he can do if you have conflicts with games, but there's a good chance that it will not be possible to change the schedule.

**New Travel Uniforms**- We are in the process of choosing new travel uniforms for the next two years. We have narrowed it down to three choices. We are trying to continue to incorporate the blue and yellow color scheme. Our current uniform is not being made anymore so we are selecting something new. It will still be customized but we are looking at shirts with a much shorter lead time – 30 days instead of 60 days. Angelo's is changing the ordering system. Instead of the club ordering in bulk, every family will order individually and have their items shipped directly to them.

While we have looked at other vendors, we have decided to stay with Angelo's because of their club donations, equipment donations, and dramatically reduced prices. The uniform store will open immediately after try outs. As soon as players accept their invitations, they will be able to order their uniforms.

**Treasurer** – The club has collected all but \$40,000 in travel payments. We will collect all but \$900 this year (2019). This puts us in a very good cash position. We moved money to a money market account, which has earned us \$1,700 in interest payments. We currently have \$275,000 in our account, but we'll have negative cash flow (more cash out than in) until IM registration in January. Our profit and loss will be similar to last year. We expect our fees to stay about the same in the coming year.

**Pictures** - Michelle Bauer needs pictures from the coaches and parents. The same teams have pictures posted on social media over and over again and we would like to feature more of our teams. Please send all pictures to [media@methactonunited.org](mailto:media@methactonunited.org). Michelle Bauer and Kym O'Donnell will post on social media and update the website pages.

**Trophy Case**- We would like to create a trophy case on our website, similar to the one Westmont has on its site. If your team has won its league or come in first or second in a tournament, in the last five years, please email this information to Kym O'Donnell at [media@methactonunited.org](mailto:media@methactonunited.org).

**Sponsorship Letter**- Our club has a sponsorship letter available to any coach who would like to get a team sponsor. Contact Cathy Alexander at [secretary@methactonunited.org](mailto:secretary@methactonunited.org) if you would like a copy.

**Board Positions with Expiring Terms** – The Treasurer, Secretary, and VP of Travel all have two-year terms that expire at the end of November. We're currently accepting nominations; if there are multiple candidates for any position, we'll vote on them at the December meeting. The winner of each position assumes their position at the December meeting. The three current office holders would like to continue in their positions.



**Volunteer Positions-** We need to get fresh blood involved in our club. The entire board is made up of parents with U14 players, so it's important for the parents of younger players to begin volunteering in some capacity. Volunteers are the lifeblood of this club.

The following four positions will be vacant soon and need to be filled:

1. Methacton School District Liaison - In addition to serving as Treasurer, Ralph Navarrete is serving in this position. However, it presents a conflict of interest with his role as a School Board member. This position requires 3 hours/week at the beginning of the spring and the beginning of the fall. Other than that, it requires a very low time commitment for occasional emails. This is the person responsible for requesting and confirming the field/turf space at the high school, as well as at other schools at which the club uses space.
2. Worcester Township Liaison – Doug Willen is currently in this role but his kids are about to age out of our program. This person is our direct contact with the Worcester Township Director and gets the permits we need from the township. This position requires 3 hours/week at the beginning of the spring and the beginning of the fall. For the rest of the season and year, it requires a very low time commitment for occasional emails.
3. Lower Providence Township Liaison – this position is currently vacant. This position requires 3 hours/week at the beginning of the spring and the beginning of the fall. Other than that, it requires a very low time commitment for occasional emails.
4. Scheduler – Sean Thomas has had this position for the past 5 years and is moving on. If someone volunteers for this position, Sean will fully train you during the spring. EPYSA made a change in how scheduling was done this year. Sean stayed this year so he could usher in the new process. This position requires 4-5 hours per week during the first couple of weeks of the season to get all the games lined up and entered into the system. Then, the time requirement drops to 1-1.5 hours per week. The winter season is very easy. The spring season is also very light compared to the fall.

**Goalkeepers' Training** – This will be held in the spring.

