



Club Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-24-18

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

Others in attendance: Dawn Stralkowski, Greg Johnson, Tony Paone, Colleen Wolf, Kym O'Donnell, Dave Cingiser, Sandro D'Angelo, Steve Mumford, Dave Wunsch, Bob Hill, Jon Hartzell, Max Well, Kevin Frey

Minutes:

John and Cathy:

Update on Board positions – The terms for President, VP Intramurals, VP Communications, and VP Marketing expire at the end of November. John Larcinese is willing to continue on in the role of President and Jeff Davis is willing to continue serving as VP Intramurals. We are looking for people to fill the other two positions. We are also accepting nominations, if anyone else is interested in serving as President or VP Intramurals. *If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate for any of these positions, please email Cathy Alexander at secretary@methactonunited.org.*

Ralph Navarrete has offered to continue in the role of Treasurer, which has been open since last December. The Board voted to approve Ralph serving as Treasurer until the term expires at the end of November 2019.

Other open positions – We need coaches to talk to parents on their teams to help us find volunteers to fill other open positions. We need to fill the following positions:

1. Director, Uniforms, 2. Director, School Affairs, 3. Director, Fundraising, 4. League Delegate, PAGS, 5. Valley Forge Tournament Director, 6. Snack Stand Coordinator.

Please contact Cathy Alexander at secretary@methactonunited.org for a list of responsibilities and time commitments for any of these positions or the Board positions.

John:

Fundraising – The opportunities here are endless and are only limited by your creativity. Please present your ideas to anyone on the executive council and we will move quickly to let you know if we approve them. If a team would like to run the snack stand at Heebner for a day, that is encouraged. The snack stand has electricity, a refrigerator, and crockpots, but the team would need to bring any other equipment required as well as the food to be sold. We are looking into whether snack stand items can be stored in the shed.

Haven:

Travel Season Update – The games have just started. Many games will need to be rescheduled because they were rained out. The schedule is finally done and is posted on the website. It was not a smooth process this year.

It is important to remember that we do not have “starters” and “benchwarmers,” particularly among the younger age groups. Everyone should have equal playing time. Andy and the Board want to make sure we are not too wrapped up in winning. Everyone needs to play so that they develop skills. The kids know when they are sitting out more than everyone else.

Winter Academy Training - The indoor training schedule will be done by mid-October. The older teams, U13 and above, will be playing on turf. We have reserved space at the All Sports Center in Trappe. The younger teams, U12 and below, will have futsal training. We are working on finalizing gym space for them.

One of the coaches asked if the older teams could also get futsal space. The answer is that the club is only reserving the futsal space needed for the training of the younger teams. If the older teams want futsal space, in addition to their turf training, they need to line this up on their own.

Another coach asked if the younger teams are locked into using gym space, which tends to be very tight for training. The answer is to let us know if you have found other space and we will consider it. However, keep in mind that the academy sessions run back to back and the only trainer we have during the winter is Andy. While the location can change from night to night, the back-to-back training sessions each evening need to be in the same location. So any space you find needs to be able to accommodate all of the sessions for that evening. Payment for the academy training space comes out of the club's budget. If your team wants space beyond what is provided for academy training, the additional expense comes out of your team budget.

Winter Futsal Leagues – The club is not coordinating registration for these leagues. If travel coaches want to qualify for lower registration fees by grouping together when they register, they need to coordinate this on their own.

FaceBook and Instagram – If you would like any pictures posted here, please send them to Haven at travel@methactonunited.org.



Jeff:

IM is off to a good start. IM games take place from 8:30 am – 11:30 am on Saturday mornings. The U8s play at Arcola and the U10s play at Heebner. Coaches should stop by and check out players who may be interested in playing travel.

A U13 girls coach said that the team only has one sub and asked if they are allowed to ask IM players to play in their games. Since this travel team is in the Central League, this is allowable and the IM players would be considered guest players. Guest players have to be part of MUSC, so the team cannot ask girls to play who are on their school soccer team but not members of our club.

Website – Kym O’Donnell is our new Website Coordinator. She wants everyone to know that there is an area on the website for each team. Teams should look at their team pages and let Kym know what updates they would like made. She can post schedules and team standings or post links that go to these places. If you would like weekly updates and fresh pictures posted, she can do that too. Please contact Kym at kym.odonnell@methactonunited.org.

