



Club Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-22-18

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
Liz Fuscaldo, VP Marketing
Ralph Navarrete, Treasurer

Others in attendance: Kym O'Donnell (Flash, 2008 B), Sandro D'Angelo (Wolverines, 2008 B), Steve Mumford (Charge, 2019 G), Robert Hill (Legends 2009 B), Kevin Frey (Force, 2002 G) Steve Orcutt (Wolverines, 2008 B), Matt Beaugard (Phantom, 2009 B), Ellen Frazer (Bulldogs, 2008 G), Brad Catania (Heat, 2009 G), Jon Hartzell (Victory, 2006 B), Gil Capelini (Bulldogs/Blue Demons)

Minutes:

Haven:

Winter Training Schedule – The U13s and older will have winter academy on turf. The turf has already been reserved and the training schedule will be released by the end of this week. The turf is only available at a later practice time that is not suitable for the younger age groups. We are still looking for futsal space for the U9-U12 age groups on Monday and Tuesday nights. Winter training will consist of one-hour sessions, one time per week. Teams will consistently train the same evening each week.

Winter Leagues – If you are interested in getting a discount registering a futsal team in King of Prussia, please contact Haven at travel@methactonunited.org. Haven will coordinate registering all the teams at the same time in order to get the discount. Futsal teams play 5 v 5 games. We need to have at least five teams to get a discount, ten teams for a larger discount. You probably need no more than eight kids per team, unless your players are involved in other sports. Then you'll probably need 9-10 kids per team. Players can play up in age if you need the numbers. If you have more than one team, you can intersperse players except for during the play offs.

Liz:

This was her good bye since she has reached the end of her term. The board thanks Liz for all of her hard work.

Ralph:

Teams' Financial Accounts - Two new financial policies have been drafted. The first one addresses payments and reimbursements, and the second one discusses team travel accounts. The policies contain standard compliance rules, but we have put them on paper so everyone can see them. We don't want coaches collecting checks and cash. We want to minimize the amount of money that runs through anyone's hands other than those of the Treasurer.

If teams are combining players from different age groups for things like Futsal teams, then Ralph will need to assess the players individually.

Coaches may not go to Angelos, choose items, and ask for the cost to be charged to their team accounts. We have told Angelos to not accept these purchases unless they have been approved ahead of time. Please contact Kristin O'Neill and she will order whatever equipment you need. She does it through our club account and gets a discount. These purchases get forwarded to Ralph and charged to your team account. You may purchase equipment on your own if you get permission from John Larcinese or Ralph Navarrete in advance.

Reservation of MHS Fields – Our club has access to the MHS turf until the end of November. The high school teams are pretty much wrapped up and the turf is available. The rate varies between \$80-\$90 per hour. All requests need to go through Ralph. MHS wants a one-week notice to reserve fields; however, since Ralph is on the road so much, it is better to give him more time than this, if possible. Please remember that the MHS turf is only lined for U13 and older groups.

Jeff:

The IM season is going well. The rained out games have been or will be rescheduled.

Cathy:

Volunteers – An email went out to the membership almost two weeks ago asking for volunteers and describing our open positions. Someone has stepped up to be our VP of Communications and will be starting in this role soon. We still have many open positions that need to be filled. We will be sending out another email to the membership this week and in early November. Please encourage the parents on your team to step forward and volunteer.

Elections – Elections for our open Executive Council positions will take place at the November club membership meeting. These positions are President, VP of Intramurals, and VP of Marketing. If you know of anyone who would be good in any of these positions, please encourage them to email me at secretary@methactonunited.org.

Snack Stand – We have applied for and received a permit from Worcester Township to operate the snack stand during our fall season. We have put down a refundable security deposit and have received a key to the snack stand. Bill Bonewitz's U16 boys premier team ran the snack bar on Oct. 14th and 20th. They made about \$400 over the two days, but the parents donated the food and beverage items to be sold. No one knew the snack bar was open so the boys walked around the fields letting people know, and drumming up business. Before they run the snack stand on November 4th, we will send out an email to the membership, letting them know it will be open.



Currently, there is nothing in the snack stand, so Bill's team brought in hot water urns, a hotdog roller, coolers, etc. We are going to contact Worcester Township to see if they would allow us to purchase a refrigerator and a locker to install in the snack stand.

If any other teams would like to run the snack stand for a day, please let me know and I will have Worcester Township add that date to our permit.

Weekly Update Emails – We would like our new VP of Communications to begin emailing the membership each week with newsflashes and links that take readers back to our website. The website will then have short articles and photos of each team. We need a parent or coach from each team who will email our new VP with a photo or two and a couple of sentences after each game and tournament. **Coaches, please email me at secretary@methactonunited.org with the name of the contact person for your team.**

John:

Fields Update - Mt. Kirk is now up and running with a full 11 v 11 field. It is in good shape and is grossly underused. If you're looking to reschedule games, definitely consider playing here.

There is a new field at Heebner on the other side of the baseball field. This is field #4 (4A and 4B). It will be set up 9 v 9 one way and 7 v 7 the other way. It will be lined in white and orange, hopefully, by the end of this week. There is a paved parking lot with plenty of parking for one game being played. Right now, you need to walk around or across the baseball field. The rumor is the township intends to connect a trail along the new wooden fence that has been erected.

The grass quality on the Heebner fields is not great. All of the fields in Worcester Township were spot treated for weeds, followed by aeration. The fields were so wet when this took place that it looked like someone turfed the fields. The bare spots hold water, which has contributed to why these fields have been closed so much. Sunnybrook was aerated in the pouring rain and it was a complete mess. It is now useable. The township has overseeded everything and they are supposed to do so again at the end of October and once more next spring.

Comments from Travel Coaches:

When needed this past weekend, there were no ice packs in the orange bags in the Heebner shed. We need to order more and restock them.

Center Square Golf Course is going out of business and auctioning off equipment on November 7th. We should look into purchasing a refrigerator and hotdog roller from them. We should also ask them if they would donate a golf course to us since we are a nonprofit organization.

How hard is it to do a Chick Fillet night? Not hard at all and we have coaches who have contacts there.

UNOs also is good for fundraisers.

Have MUSC magnets ever been made? The answer is yes, a long time ago, but they were not compliant with our logo.



Kym O'Donnell:

We believe that every travel team is now listed on the website; however, please check to make sure that your team is there. If you have a team plan, please email it to Kym at kym.odonnell@methactonunited.org and she will put it on your team page. Right now, Kym is not taking away old information, just adding new items. If coaches or team managers have anything they want added or changed, please let her know. If your team's information is really dated, she can wipe your page clean. Please also send Kym photos of your team. She would like to rotate these on our website's home page.

