



Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 4-29-19

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Fairview Village Community Hall

Executive Council in attendance:

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

Others in attendance: Phil Rush (05 B), Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Steve Mumford (Charge 2010 G), Dawn Stralkowski (05 B1 Thunder), Kevin Frey (02 Force), Robert Hill (2009 B1 Legends), Jonathan Hartzel (2006A Victory), Sandro D'Angelo (2008B Wolverines), Ellen Frazier (2008 Bulldogs), Steve Orcutt (2008 B1)

Minutes:

Try Outs Recap – Try outs are over and most invitations have gone out. We picked up three boys' teams and will have a total of 14 boys' teams. We're down at least two girls' teams and will have a total of 7 to 8 girls' teams.

If Dawn Stralkowski gets a decline from an invitation, she will send this on to the appropriate coach. She can also let coaches know which players have not registered yet. If players give coaches verbal declines, please tell the players they need to go online and decline.

Since some invitations have not gone out yet, the try out credit will be available to those who register through May 14th. The monthly payment plan has been reduced from ten to six payments. This will result in every player being paid in full by November. A player's monthly payment date will be determined by the day of the month the first payment is made and will then take place on that date, each month, for six total payments. The first payment is larger than the next five payments in order to help the club pay expenses.

A complaint from some players was that they weren't moved around enough during try outs and didn't get to touch the ball much. As a result, they didn't feel like they were able to show their talent. This was a problem when the try out groups were large and certain players weren't moved around enough. Next year, we'll need to consider having an additional try out night for large groups, or only having certain players come to the second night of try outs.

Uniform Orders – John just spoke with Brett at Angelo's Soccer Corner and he'll have a preview order available at the store next week. An order link will be made available in mid-May. Please ask parents to get their orders in promptly because the earlier you order, the earlier the orders come in. Sometimes the uniforms are not ready until late August. The uniform is not changing this year, will be the same as last year.

Team Snap – We can roll over teams and archive the old information. When your season is over, let Haven know and he can flip it to your new season. If you create a new account, then you'll need to re-enter all of your team information. If you keep your existing account, you can add and drop players.

Team Credits – Ralph will go through each team’s account and if there are any credits, he’ll email the parents. The club’s policy is that money does not carry over from year to year. There are many reasons for this, one being that the players on teams change from year to year. Fundraising can’t carry over but has to be used in the year it was raised. The exception is that \$10 per player may be carried over to the following year.

IM – Only two IM games have been cancelled so far. The U8s play at Arcola from 8am-10am on Saturdays. The U10s play at Heebner from 8am-10am on Saturdays. Coaches, please come out to these games if you’re looking for younger players for travel.

Marc Small Tournament – This is an amazing event that is a lot of fun for all participants, young and old. It will take place Saturday, June 1st with a rain date of Sunday, June 2nd.

The Marc Small fee is not covered by the club for travel teams and costs \$20 per player. Travel teams can submit teams and can use unspent funds in the team account to register their players. Since the day is all 3v3, it is recommended that you make teams of 5-6 players each. This means each travel team should be able to create 2-3 teams. You can submit numerous teams so that all your players get a chance to play. Any registration questions should get sent to registrar@methactonunited.org

The Marc Small registration process is not yet live. We’ll let the travel coaches know how they can register teams and use surplus team funds to pay the registration fee.

Marc Small Volunteers - The Tournament Planning Committee is made up of the same people who have been running the tournament for years. But many of their kids are now grown and we need new people to join the committee. Bill Gray will update the Methacton United website with information about how to volunteer. Coaches, please encourage parents on your teams to volunteer. If we don’t get new parents involved, we’re in danger of this tournament going away. The Marc Small committee will send out a link to the whole club about 2-3 weeks before the tournament.

Travel Team Baskets - Each travel team needs to donate at least one basket that will be raffled off at the Marc Small Tournament. You can create a basket with or without a theme and have all of the parents give donations. Some teams have one parent collect money from all of the other parents. Then that parent shops for everything for the basket. The Marc Small Committee will send out an email about where to drop off the baskets. The basket raffle is a big money maker and helps fund the two scholarships that are awarded each year to a graduating boy and girl soccer player selected by the committee.

On May 22nd, the Marc Small Memorial presentation will take place at Methacton High School.

Field Reservation System – We have decided to go back to the “You Can Book Me” reservation system. We thought we were moving to a new system but we have just decided to stay with this one. As a result, we’re a little behind because we’re just setting it up. We’re figuring out how to block out fields and then the system will be available to travel coaches. For now, contact Haven if you need to book a field.

DDP – We have 16 to 17 kids interested in DDP. We hope to have one girls’ team and one boys’ team.

Training Schedule – The summer training schedule will be released within the next week. The fall training schedule is just about set and will be coming out too. The winter training schedule has also been planned, since we are trying to get locations and times nailed down a lot earlier this year.



Fall Leagues – If you have questions about fall leagues, please reach out to Haven. PAGs and APL are now joined. Haven thinks there is a late fall/early winter sports season with EDP. If you want to change your level of competition, Haven can give you some recommendations.

Fall IM Registration – Registration will open by May 31st so we can encourage parents to register when we see them at the Marc Small Tournament. It will cost \$150, with a \$15 discount for registering by June 30th.

Heebner Snack Bar – We have a refrigerator and storage cabinet well stocked with food and beverage items. We keep them locked when the snack bar is not open. We have a Snack Bar Coordinator who purchases inventory and holds onto the cash box and keys. We have purchased a huge flag that says “open” and has our club logo on it.

We plan to have the snack bar open every weekend during the busy fall season. Each travel team will be responsible for running the snack bar one day during the year. The coaches will be responsible for getting enough parents on the team to run the snack bar on their team’s assigned day.

We will send out an email to the whole club letting them know about the snack bar and how it will be staffed.

Treasurer’s Update –

2018 financial statements have been finalized in preparation for our annual Form 990 filing. Excluding travel team expenses, the club finished the year unfavorable by nearly \$50,000, almost entirely due to extended payment terms for travel registrations that deferred approximately \$54,000 in revenue into 2019. The club finished the year with approximately \$118,000 in cash on hand.

For the first quarter of 2019, net of travel teams, we were favorable by almost \$36,000, primarily due to deferred travel revenue from 2018. Club expenses YTD are within \$2,000 of this point last year.

In March, \$100,000 in cash was transferred to an interest-bearing money market account with a rate of 1.7%.

Social Media Usage – Please send pictures of games, training, and team practices to Michelle Bauer and Kym O’Donnell at media@methactonunited.org. Kym would like to feature a team of the week on the website and we don’t want to be showcasing the same teams all the time. You can send a weekly recap, a season recap, or just pictures with a few comments.

