



Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 3-25-19

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
- Kym O'Donnell, Webmaster

Others in attendance: Phil Rush (05 B), Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Steve Mumford (Charge 2010 G), Dawn Stralkowski (05 B), Brad Catania (09 Heat G), Kevin Frey (02 Force), Matt Beauregard (Phantoms 2009 B)

Minutes:

Clearances – The club must have clearances on file for all coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers. Clearances that are less than five years old may be forwarded to Cathy Alexander at secretary@methactonunited.org. Cathy can also send an email with a description of the clearances needed and links to request them to anyone who needs to get their clearances.

Snack Stand – We are in the process of getting the Heebner snack stand up and running. It will have a refrigerator, storage cabinet, and hotdog roller. We are ordering a large vertical banner that will let people on the fields know when the snack stand is open. **We will be assigning every travel team a four-hour shift to work in the snack stand during the spring and another four-hour shift to work in the fall. We will be relying on the travel coaches to find parents on their teams to work these shifts.** Our club is run by volunteers and we need more people to give their time and get involved.

We have a snack stand coordinator, Mary Robin, who will be purchasing the inventory of food and beverages to be sold. She will hold the keys to the snack stand and the cash box that will be used to make change and hold earnings. We will be starting out with a very basic menu that we will expand as the snack stand grows in popularity.

Try Outs – So far, we have 277 players registered. We are 58 below registration at this time last year, but we expect the numbers to jump as coaches make sure their players are registered. Please talk to Andy about how you would like to number the players in your age group. Tell Andy which players he should be watching most closely. This will result in a better evaluation for your age group.

We project that we will have 23 travel teams. But we may not have the numbers to have teams for 2010 boys, 2011 boys, and 2011 girls. We only have one 2011 boy registered for try outs. There are no 2011 girls signed up. The 2011 teams will be brand new out of the DDP program. There is an IM clinic this Sunday for the 2011 players and John will be there to talk to parents about the travel program. If all the players show up for the clinic, we will have 40 boys and 40 girls.

If you are looking for players for your travel teams, reach out to Jeff Davis at intramurals@methactonunited.org and he will let you know when IM games are scheduled for your age group. You can go to the games and talk to the coaches and parents. There are a lot of good players in the IM program.

Team Plans - Every coach should have submitted a team plan by now. These can still be changed if your rosters change or if tournaments are cancelled but the general guidelines need to be published so people have an idea what to expect.

ID Clinics - Someone mentioned that some potential players did not show up for the ID clinics because they were surprised they would have to pay \$10.00. The registration fee was charged because when people pay a small amount, they are more likely to show up. However, we are happy to have potential new players try out one academy practice at any time during the year. If you meet potential players, invite them to a practice and introduce them to Andy so they can check us out.

IM - Our IM numbers are down somewhat. Registrations are still trickling in and we anticipate ending up with around 285 players, down about 30 from last year. Fifteen of the older kids decided they didn't want to play this spring. We had a number of players accidentally register for Spring Academy instead of IM but we have had them switched over. We have coaches for all of our IM teams. The coaches are emailing the players and the schedules are in TeamSnap.

Kym O'Donnell mentioned that many of the clicks on our club's website are coming from the Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation website. Parents are going to the township website to look for information about soccer programs for their kids.

Field Set Up – Phil Rush did a great job overseeing this job. Heebner still has Field 4 that needs to be lined, John and Phil said they will take care of this during the week. Mt. Kirk had some damage to the field so we have not lined it. This field is used by the Collegeville Cougars, but we can possibly use the field if we need it. Sunnybrook is not lined yet. We are trying to schedule as many games at Heebner as possible to create more traffic for the snack stand.

Someone asked about outsourcing the establishment of the fields and their regular repainting. We prefer to have volunteers establish the fields and get more parents involved in our club. We had 25-30 parents show up and help. We do outsource the repainting of the fields to a high school student and we are getting a very good deal.

We need to find out if Worcester will allow us to install permanent pins at Heebner.

Treasurer's Report (John) – The team plans will be moving into a new club year soon. All team accounts are currently right on par where they should be. If you are planning to do a lot of tournaments this spring, please let us know because we may need to do an assessment. Ralph Navarrete will be at our May club meeting to present our club's spending and other yearly numbers. All indoor rental space charges have been paid and right now, there are no bills outstanding.

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.

Academy Training – Andy is seeing a lot of improvement in all of the age groups. He is very appreciative of the coaches for participating and helping him out.



Refs – Any players who are U13 and up may be refs for the U8s and U10s who play their IM games on Saturday mornings. The refs are paid per game and can often ref back-to-back games. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Rob Murray at referees@methactonunited.com to set up training.

Guest Players – All of the IM players in our club, whether they play in the spring or the fall, are approved by EPYSA. You can bring IM players as guests to travel games and they don't need player cards. Just list the IM players on your roster and write that they are guests. If a player only participates in spring academy, but not IM or travel, then the player is not registered with EPYSA. Please check with your particular league for specific rules on guest players.

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 Planning Committee started recruiting teams and volunteers in January. The same people have been running the tournament for years, but their kids are now grown and we need new people to join the committee.

The Marc Small fee is not covered by the club for travel teams and we recommend that you include the fee in your team plan. Travel teams can submit teams, since the day is all 3v3, it is recommended that you make teams of 5-6 players each which means that 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. John would also like each travel age group to submit an adult team. The adult bracket is the one that has been growing the fastest. The coaches who have played the last few years have had a blast and the kids love watching the adults play.

Each travel team also needs to donate at least one basket that will be raffled off at the tournament. You can create a basket with a theme and have all of the parents give donations for the basket. Some teams have one parent collect money from all of the other parents. Then that parent shops for everything to go in the basket. The basket raffle is a big money maker and helps to fund the two scholarships that are awarded each year to a graduating boy and girl soccer player selected by the committee.

