



# Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 9-23-19

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 B1 Thunder), Kevin Frey (02 Force), Greg Johnson (2006A Victory), Sandro D'Angelo (2008B Wolverines), Steve Orcutt (2008 B1), Matt Beaugard (U11 Phantoms), Jeff Sheedle (08 Bulldogs), Brad Catania (Heat), Terry Larkin (Dragons), Leon Kanopka (07 Raptors), Michael Marks (07 Lightning)

## Minutes:

**DDP Program** - This year, we have the largest DDP program we've ever had. We're not sure why there has been a surge in the size of this group. Having some of the board members and coaches facetime with parents at the IM training clinics probably was a factor.

**Stack Sports**- If you have not been able to print your player cards, please see John for assistance. There are five teams that are not yet ready to print their cards. John can help three of these teams immediately, and he is working on a solution to help the remaining two teams. All other teams should be able to print out their cards and rosters.

Many clubs are having problems with Stack Sports. The game refs are supposed to be okay with these issues as long as the teams are working to resolve their problems with the system.

**Travel**- We are three weeks into the season. If a team is having any problems, they should communicate with Haven at [travel@methactonunited.org](mailto:travel@methactonunited.org).

John wants to compliment all of the coaches and parents in the club for their admirable behavior on the field. John has seen a lot of not very nice behavior among coaches, parents, and players on other fields. We haven't had any refs complain about our behavior. He commends our coaches on fostering good sportsmanship at our games.

**Training**- Andy is extremely happy this year because he sees a lot of things moving in the right direction. He's very pleased with the high level of coach participation, and the high level of energy exhibited by the players, from the Pee Wees through the teens.

Next week, academy training sessions will move from Heebner to Redtail. The younger kids will train from 5:30pm – 7:00pm and the older kids will train from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

**Winter Training** - Haven is in the process of securing facilities for the winter DDP program. The DDP players will be playing Futsal in gyms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. We are looking for a larger gym, but the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church gym will be our fall back. We can't use the Norristown Area School District gyms because they charge too high a rate for nonprofit entities. One of the coaches mentioned the Variety Club so we will reach out to see what they have available.

The Winter Academy schedules are done for the travel teams. These teams will be playing on turf at the All Sports Center in Trappe. This year, we could not reserve any time during the week. All sessions will be on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

**IM Program** - Jeff said the IM program is going very well this fall. All IM games are being played at Heebner. We had a lot more kids register this year and we added an extra session for the Pee Wees and Juniors. We added two more fields for the U8s. We've had a number of parking issue which we are in the middle of getting resolved.

The second session of professional training for the IM players is taking place this Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at Heebner. There will be 13 teams of U8s and 7 teams of U10s participating. This is a good opportunity for the U10 travel coaches to go and meet some players and parents. There will be a third session of professional training for the IM players taking place at Redtail on October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm for the U8s and at 7:00pm for the U10s.

**Snack Bar**- A large amount of sales the first three weeks were made to IM players, parents, and siblings. Most of these games were played on Field 4. The sales were made by walking around the fields with snacks and drinks.

Sales the first three weeks were the following:

Week 1 - \$231 gross sales

Week 2 - \$208 gross sales

Week 3 - \$181 gross sales

Total Revenue over the first 3 Saturdays was \$620. Total expenses were \$240.60, resulting in a profit of \$379.40, thus far. The expenses also include some unsold inventory that will add to our sales revenue in the coming weekends.

While we know the snack bar location is far from ideal, we are moving a lot of games closer to the snack bar and moving the flag and signs closer to the parking lot. We will also indicate directions to the snack bar on the white board signs.

We are looking for the donation of a wagon to be used by snack bar volunteers to walk around the fields with food and beverages. If you know anyone who has an old wagon that they would like to donate to the snack bar, please have them contact Cathy Alexander at [secretary@methactonunited.org](mailto:secretary@methactonunited.org).

**Field Reservation System** - We decided to pay for our field reservation system so we will be able to keep the same system we had in the past. While the system is similar to what we had before, we are still figuring out how to use it and are having trouble blacking out fields that are not available. We hope to have it out this week. Until it's available, please let Sean Thomas and Haven know what fields you would like and when you would like them.

**Apparel** - Some teams are missing apparel from Angelo's. Until now, teams have been dealing directly with the store on their own. John will reach out to Angelo's about the remaining items.

**Cleaning Up Fields After Games** - The Adidas pop up signs that were used at the DDP festival at Arcola looked very professional. Coaches asked how can we get more of these. John doesn't want to get more until the teams get better about putting away the flags and goals that are left on the fields. John said every team should assume



they are the last team on the field and put these items away. If another team needs them, they can get them out of the shed themselves. We don't want these items left overnight on the fields.

**Mt. Kirk** - A coach asked how the field at Mt. Kirk looks since a lot of games will be held there this Saturday. There was a lacrosse net on the field that John has moved out of the way. Before your game, walk around and pick up all the golf balls. Coaches have picked up 10, even 20 golf balls, before some games.

**Coach's Manual** - A couple of coaches asked if there was a coach's manual for new coaches. They said it would be extremely helpful to them. We are looking into this and will send out an email about it.

**Game Balls** - Some coaches asked if there were game balls still available. The answer is yes, but only to new teams. Teams are given new game balls every two years.

**Board Positions with Expiring Terms** – The Treasurer, Secretary, and VP of Travel all have two-year terms that expire at the end of November. According to our by-laws, we must publicize in October that these positions are becoming available and ask for nominations. If there are multiple candidates for any position, we will vote on them at the November 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.

**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.

**Clearances** – Cathy Alexander has contacted everyone who needs updated clearances. Many coaches have clearances expiring in 2020. This is because clearances were first mandated in 2015 so most of the coaches got them then. Each clearance is good for five years from the date it was obtained. Cathy will be contacting everyone whose clearances will be expiring next season. John said that EPYSA technically will accept any clearances that expire after July 1, 2020 as being good for the entire 2020 year.

**Patches** - Colleen Wolf has patches for any coaches that need them at tournaments.

**Field Break Down** - Phil Rush would like a club wide email sent out about the primary and secondary dates for dismantling the fields and storing the equipment. It was recommended that Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> be the primary date, with Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> as the backup date.

**Magnets** - Matt Beaugard asked if the club was interested in selling magnets as a fund raiser. The answer is yes and that this would be a great item to sell in the snack bar. Please let the Board know what is needed to get the ball rolling on this.

