



Methacton United Soccer Club

Date: 2-25-19

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
- Kym O'Donnell, Webmaster

Others in attendance: Phil Rush (05 B), Doug Willen (05 B), Steve Orcutt (08 B), Colleen Wolf (Flash 2008 B), Matt Beauregard (Phantoms 2009 B), Steve Mumford (Charge 2010 G), Greg Johnson (Victory 2006 B), Sandro D'Angelo (Wolverines 2008 B), Michael Corrigan (Flash, 2008 B), Dawn Stralkowski (05 B), Brad Catania (09 Heat G), Kevin Frey (02 Force), Ellen Frazier (08 G), Robert Hill (09 B Legends), Andy Wilkes, Liam, Mike

Minutes:

Spring Field Use – We have a new field system being installed. It is clean and simple and needs to be populated with the fields and coaches' names. We hope to have it out in two weeks. As of March 23rd, fields can be reserved. Redtail will not be available. We will have Heebner, Sunnybrook, Arcola, Worcester, Arrowhead, and we are working on getting some time at Mt. Kirk. Field 4 at Heebner can fit 9 v 9 or 7 v 7.

April 2nd is the first try out at Heebner. April 22nd is the first academy training at Heebner. Methacton High School has not been good about working with us to rent the turf.

Field Lining and Opening/Set up – This will take place on **Saturday, March 16th**. March 23rd is our back up date. The IM season starts on March 30th and try outs begin on April 1st. We will meet at 10:00 am to get things out and will begin setting up fields at 12:00 noon. If we want the fields to be well lined, the coaches need to get the parents on their teams to volunteer. Emails from the coaches to the parents are much more effective than the mass emails sent out to the club by the Board. It takes three people a minimum of an hour to set up one field, and we have eight fields to set up at Heebner alone.

Phil Rush, our Director of Fields, will be designating leaders at each field location

Travel coaches should be emailing the parents. The club will email IM families. When you ask your parents to volunteer, ask them to bring long tape measures if they have them.

Heebner fields will be used March 30th for the first IM games.

Player ID Clinics – These will be run like normal academy session practices. The clinics allow potential new players to see our team, our trainers, and how we operate. They can see if they fit in and if they would like to try out. Coaches, try to make sure you have your whole team at these clinics.

Spring Leagues – A lot of coaches have registered for spring leagues and state cups. Coaches may be able to bring in guest players but must check the rules of the leagues they are playing with. The cup matches are 11v11

on turf and the club will cover the cost of using the turf at MHS. The state cup draw takes place on March 3rd and the schedules come out the first week of March. The cup weekends start March 23rd.

Coaches, please let Haven know what leagues you have signed up for. The leagues are supposed to notify the fields coordinator but it is a good idea to proactively let Haven know. If you have a league game prior to March 16th, please let us know immediately because we don't plan to have the fields ready until that date.

Try Out Procedures – Most of try outs will take place at MHS; however, there are some dates at Heebner. **Please check the schedule carefully.** The try outs consist of two 60-minute sessions for each age group, with the three trainers running the sessions. The sessions will start out with small sided 3v3 and 4v4 play and will progress to larger sided play.

Coaches should be at try outs and should have copies of their team plans and financial plans available to provide to parents. Coaches should be watching the try outs because they may need to provide input. It is important that the trainers know which players are goalkeepers.

The trainers do their evaluations and Andy compiles the scores and provide them to the coaches. The age group coordinators decide where the bubble players are placed and what the split will be for the 1st, 2nd, and possibly 3rd teams. The 1st team coach calls parents to extend invitations and the 2nd team coach does the same. It is recommended that coaches require players to accept or turn down invitations within 48 hours.

Coaches will receive a list of registrants before try outs so they will know if they need to recruit more players to try out.

Remember, travel players must register for try outs!

Online Marketing Campaign – We are switching from advertising ID clinics to advertising try outs at the beginning of March. We are getting a lot of views and click throughs. We haven't received a lot of additional registrations for ID clinics but in the end, we'll see if our numbers go up. You should be seeing our ads on FaceBook and Instagram. Please like and share the ads.

Team Plans – These are due now. Only a few teams have turned them in so if you have not, it needs to be done asap. This should include a financial plan and a list of expectations for the coming year. Some of these will be kicked back for revisions. Plan on having fewer members than you think you'll have, and then you'll be in great financial shape if you get more.

\$1,100 - \$1,400 per player seems to be the window for the teams plans that have been submitted thus far. This is just a point of reference as you do your plans.

Every team has a team page on the website and this is where your team plan will be published.

Summer Camp – These will take place the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July. We have fields 2 and 3 at Heebner. We'll need canopies and benches for the first week of camp since we will not have use of the pavilion.

Travel players need to register for camp. After try outs, they will receive a discount code to bring their cost down to \$0.00. We need to know how many players will be there so we have enough trainers.

IM – We would like the younger age group travel coaches to come to the IM games to identify potential players for travel, when possible.

