

South Shore Soccer League
Minutes from General Meeting on June 11, 2018



Meeting Called to Order: 7:34pm

- A) Not in attendance: Abington and Quincy
- B) Minutes of Previous Meeting -- Approved
- C) Treasurer's Report -- Approved
- League fees and fines must be paid in full before games begin on Saturday
 - Abington, Quincy, and MMR still owe fines
- D) Communications
- Mass Youth & Leagues Committee
 - MTOC information is available on the MYSA website. Our photo rosters are acceptable, bring 12 copies to be safe.
 - MTOC Wild cards: G6.2, B10.1, B10.2, B12.1
 - Games at MTOC will begin on Friday at 5pm, all fields will be in use, including the three fields down the road at the FC Stars complex
 - Referees
 - Quarter finals went well in Raynham, games were competitive and refs did good
 - There are 65 – 70 refs scheduled for Semis-Finals in Bridgewater next weekend
 - Courses are starting for new and recertification for refs, check massref.net for dates and locations
 - Registrar
 - Final MYSA Spring 2018 Registration must be submitted along with payment by Wednesday and confirmed to SSSL by Friday
 - Spring Season
 - Quarter-finals went very well, on time, minimal number of cards, and quality games
 - Semi-finals will be a long day, rosters and uniforms must be correct. Instruct your teams to arrive early to be checked in.
 - There are 35 games on Saturday for Semi-Finals, so arrive at least 45 minutes before your game and all teams need to check-in at the tent.
 - Absolutely no dogs allowed at the complex.
- E) Reports of Committees
- Rules
 - Review the separate rule change document. Focus will be on the modified and new submissions.
 - Rule 9.1.8 – Brockton wants to eliminate this rule because his thought is this does not give the ref any flexibility if the fifth card does not necessarily put the game in such disarray that it should be terminated.
 - New 9.4 Reserve Option:
 - (1) Need to add players should be from the same town

- (2) Reserves should be an option from all divisions
- (3) Reserve player can't skip his regular game for a reserve game
- (4) Setting reserve lists and constantly changing rosters could be a administrative nightmare
- (5) Some of the language has expectations that cannot be enforced by SSSL
- New 9.4 Travel Pass Options 1 and 2:
 - (1) Primary difference between 1 and 2 is that 1 wants to impose limits per age group and per player. Option 2 does not propose these particular limits.
 - (2) Reserve player cannot replace a position lost on roster due to a player being suspended.
 - (3) MTOC level players can only be reserves on MTOC eligible teams. Non MTOC eligible team players can play up one division on any team.
 - (4) Option 2 amended that "up to 5 players from no more than two teams" – in the first line.
 - (5) Option 2, item f – amended that a player pass player cannot be used to replace a suspended player position on the roster.
- Rule 10.6 added email in line 11
- Scholarship
 - Winners announced last month
- Sportsmanship
 - Winners are being notified by Dana Santilli
- TOPS
 - Jamboree in Stoughton went well last week
 - Jen Comeau in Stoughton is also looking into TOPS athletes being able to participate in Special Olympics programs as well.

F) Reports from the Delegates

- Jeff Shaw/Brockton reported that due to their school start dates many of their younger teams are disadvantaged because their players are player older teams.
- Delegates were clear that they more comfortable with using grades as a means to set the teams
- Paul reiterated that Memorial Day games are free reschedules.
- John/Easton will submit a proposal to manage days when division 1 and 2 teams with significant numbers of club players participating will play versus when division 3 and 4 teams will play to increase the probability of players being available to play.
- John/Easton would like to have appeals posted on SSSL website.

G) Special Reports

H) Unfinished Business

I) New Business

- Referee Recruitment & Retention Committee to survey our under 45 year old refs to determine ways to get them to work more games for us.
- Refs under 45 years old are averaging 6 games while refs over 45 years old are averaging 15 games

- Need to get access to local college kids.
- A large group of the under 45's are also parents who are coaching.
- There is still significant fall off in refs in the 16 to 26 age group.

J) For the Good of Soccer

K) Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Next Meeting is Aug or Sept.