

## **MUTS minutes for Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Members present: Regina R., Mason G., Murphy T., Bernstiel S., Bonham G., Shaffer J., Ricci S., Somers S., Sloane J., Kokot B., Littlefield T., Cunningham A., Zelnick J., Oliu M., Castro R., Whitney J. (by tel.)

Meeting began @ 8:25pm.

Motion made by club president R. Regina to accept minutes of prior meeting; March minutes accepted.

Quorum vote: a vote was held for the formal acceptance of the revisions of our club's by-laws – by club V.P., G. Mason. All teams were represented, with the exception of the Revolution, Strikers, & United. There was a unanimous vote of all 12 delegates present at that point in our meeting ( 6 of whom were board members) - with all in favor of accepting the club bylaws.

Fiscals: Club treasurer J. Whitney provided the budget update via telephone: roller-skating fundraising fees, disbursements, advertising for try-outs, etc.... April 28 will be the cut off for all due collection for team fees by the club. Reviewed 501c3 status within the club.

Mosa update: update provided by MOSA rep B. Kokot. Post plays are generally denied by the organization; exemptions are rarely granted, even for religious reasons. In order to avoid a forfeit, 6 is the minimum for a small sided team; 7 for a full sided team. Important to note that if there are any inquiries in regards to paperwork (i.e. drop/add players, team rosters, cards, etc... please contact our club MOSA rep; please avoid direct contact with our district commissioner or making unannounced visits @ the N.J.youth soccer office to see our District commissioner – Lindsey Nappi. If there are any Red cards issued to a player on your team, the board should be notified.

Web administration: update provided by A. Cunningham. A soft launch will be put out as of Monday 4/11; each team will be handled individually & managed by their respective coaches. We will be billed 2x a year for maintenance costs. A tutorial will be implemented at some point by A. Cunningham for easier navigation of the site. Photos will be put out by each team contingent upon signed consent by that family.

Fields: Discussed how a crossbar collapsed on a goal post (field #4) during a U-17 boys game... the rec dept. was notified of the repair. Field #1 is waiting on goal posts, still pending. Field #3 is closed down for the remainder of the season for field preservation.

Ref assignors: Reviewed by T. Littlefield. If at all possible, 'play the game'; whenever there is a preplay, it presents its own problems. Please check to see if your game is scheduled correctly from week to week. If pre-plays are not requested within a timely fashion, they may not be honored.

Fundraising: the discount cards have been a noted success. Any individual cards that are sold, half of the proceeds will go to the team, the other half to the club. We may need to look into exclusivity rights with Rondino, as other clubs within town are showing an increased interest.

Communications: In regards to upcoming try-outs, Ads within the Examiner; flyers went out today – in all schools. A request has been made in regards to receiving updated distribution lists/email contacts.

Rec soccer: R. Regina & G. Mason attended a monthly rec dept. meeting so that they could explore the possibility of having more cohesion with rec & travel players. Discussion ensued in how travel & rec can work together. Although rec. participation may be down, our travel club can help develop players & foster continued interest in the game of soccer (i.e. clinics for new coaches, skill sessions for rec players).

Try-outs: need to have volunteers, with breakdown for each player/age group. Scheduled for Sat., April 30th & May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10-12 noon. All coaches need to be mindful of what is said to parents, as well as replying back to all parents within a timely fashion. All players, both present/new, will be asked to complete a club registration form.

Miscellaneous: Special needs soccer need volunteers; will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup> 9-9:45. Looking for any players who need volunteer hrs. (i.e. Confirmation, High school). N.J. Youth soccer – concussion training will be mandatory for all coaches coming this Fall, 2011. Open discussion arose on the significance of head trauma & overall player safety for our club members.

Meeting adjourned: 9:55p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Club Secretary - Tom Murphy