

M.U.T.S. Board Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2011

Members Present: Rocco Regina, Gary Mason, Jim Whitney, Brian Kolkot, Anthony Cunningham, Tracy Littlefield, Jim Bell, Gary Bonham, Sal Ricci, Ken Simels, James Coffey, Cary Cutler, Mike Olin, Tom Doran (via telephone)

Meeting began at 8:20pm on motion to start meeting made by R. Regina and seconded by J. Whitney.

Motion made to accept minutes from last meeting made by G. Mason and seconded by J. Whitney

Reports and Discussions:

Tryouts - G. Mason reported on first day of tryouts, which produced a reasonably good turnout, but still lacking in numbers. Disappointing turnout from many coaches and their teams. Discussion regarding making tryouts mandatory for all teams, players and coaches. Also discussed issues over players playing at their appropriate age level, specifically whether to require existing players to play their level for the benefit of fielding teams at levels for which we don't have teams, or whether we ask coaches to inquire with those players regarding their interest to play at their true age level. Discussion regarding new teams - Sal's U9G team and whether they will have sufficient players and whether there's a potential for players dropping down from Bill's team to Scott's team and from Scott's team to Sal's team. Ken Simels participated in tryouts. Trying to get his team to come back to Millstone and would play U12 in the fall.

Fiscals - club treasurer, J. Whitney, provided financials. Month started with beginning balance of \$3,286.79. Paid \$1,600 to Rodrigo for fall keeper training. Revenue consists of: spring fees \$12,526.25, discount cards \$50, contribution \$150.00 from Jim Whitney and his employer, bringing end of month balance to \$14,413.04. Jim will have update at next meeting with revised budget and forecast. Still owe Rodrigo for spring keeper training and GenLo for lining (\$1,300 approximately for season). Also owe second website payment of \$1,150.00. Tracy owed \$80 credit for double counting of families on discount cards. Jim investigated on-line access to bank accounts. Currently, statements come in monthly and distributed to teams. Two tiers to on-line banking: tier one is free but only accommodates up to 3 accounts which doesn't work for us; tier two is \$4/month but only up to 5 accounts, and \$1 each for each additional account. Probably best and most economic to keep things as they are for now. Discussions regarding outstanding invoice for Port-A-Johns for first weekend of soccer when bathrooms were not open. MUTS disputing that it's our responsibility and should be covered by rec. J. Bell indicated that he would recommend to rec board that we split the cost equally.

Grounds - goals need to be assembled and spikes laying around on ground that need to be picked up.

Communications - T. Doran took care of try out flyers distributed in schools, and advertisements in papers. Tom also sent out to everyone updated distribution lists. All coaches

and board members should be using those distribution lists on emails so that everyone who should be getting notice is, in fact, getting notice.

MOSA - B Kolkot was unable to attend meeting and we were unable to find a replacement. Possible fine from MOSA for missing meeting, but nothing received to date. Presentation made to Brian of the official MOSA briefcase that Gary Bonham used for numerous years. Brian took the official MOSA oath swearing to maintain the integrity of the briefcase.

Fundraising - Rob was not present at meeting, so no update. Discount cards are being well received, for the most part. AJ Krishinsky selling a lot of extra cards - has sold 23 cards. Tom suggested sending email to MUTS parents that we have opportunity to get extra cards to use as fundraiser and they will get 50% of proceeds. R. Regina made motion to send email. B. Kolkot seconded. Motion passed to send email.

Game Cancellations - discussion about game cancellations and the proper protocol for confirming that a game is canceled as a result of the mis-communications with Rockets. Coaches are urged to confirm with Tracy, Brian or Rocco before taking the step to advise players or opposing team that game is canceled. Coaches should also take note at the excellent drainage at the Brandywine fields such that other towns may need to cancel games that could safely be played on our fields.

Referees - T. Littlefield reports that assignments going well. Everyone getting ref assignments on Sunday nights. If fields are canceled, Tracy must be notified first so that refs can be notified. J. Bell indicated that the rec dept had long discussion at rec meeting. Technically, it's Township property and rec's decision to cancel games, but unofficially rec would take MUTS' determination regarding playability of fields into consideration.

Keeper Training - B. Walkley arranged for keeper training with Red Bulls trainer. Issue regarding insurance. Brian trying to work that out with trainer who doesn't want to pay for the insurance. Possible solution is to simply charge players a little more to pay for cost of insurance.

Website - A. Cunningham reports that website is open for business. Anthony is primary administrator. Discussed administration of site in general and coaches ability to log on and make changes to their team pages.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Regina and seconded by G. Mason at 9:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Club Vice President, Gary Mason, a woefully deficient substitution for the absent secretary, Tom Murphy.