

## MDSL October 2009 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm on October 8, 2009.

Motion to approve September meeting minutes by James and Amy seconded by.

**Members in Attendance:** Lisa Miller, Judy Holloway, Jenn Kernan, James Smiley, Amy Watkins, Jay Dills, Shawn Watkins, Mike Koval, Cindy Bilbie, Terry Kelly

**Visitors:** Mike Buchanan

### **Presidents report (Mike Koval)**

Special thanks go out to Jay Dills and Dawn Weaver for all of their efforts in making our first Family Fun Day a great success. From team photos to food and activities, a great time for everyone. Thanks for all of your hard work, Jay and Dawn. I am sure the kids and families appreciated it.

Jenn Kernan made a motion to nominate Frank Buchanan as field coordinator. Lisa Miller second and all approved.

Scheduling – SheS science room is booked for our March 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Will request to hold the meeting at Paul Smith Library at 7:00 pm. Cindy will contact the library to reserve meeting room. Meeting will start by 7:00 pm.

As mentioned, I have to be out of town for a training class. Two weeks in length, from last weekend in February through March 12<sup>th</sup>. Potential issue- EPYSA annual meeting. If one of those weekends involved, I will not be able to make and someone will need to attend for us. Any other weekend, I will be good. I do not have date yet from EPYSA on meeting.

Storage- We have set up new storage at Almost Like Home Storage off of Constitution Ave in New Freedom. In the process of moving from old facility at car wash. Should be totally in by end of next week. Keys will be distributed to all travel coaches as well as needed board members so they have access to equipment, flags, paint, etc.

Spoke with Deb at the Y. Initial work has started on the fields there. The work being done now is on the baseball field, but plans are moving forward on soccer field. That end of the property needs more topsoil to finish off. I will be meeting with Deb, hopefully in the next couple of weeks to review plans and discuss possible time frames on the project's completion.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP-Registrar (Judy Holloway)**

There are a few travel players that have not completed registration. Payment verification is needed by the families to complete registration.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Games Commissioner (Shawn Watkins)**

Hours for referees have been calculated for August and September and have been submitted for payment.

I have received a complaint from a parent of a referee regarding the behavior of parents at the games and whether or not we will be enforcing the parent code of conduct. We should remind parents to behave according to the rules outlined on the document they signed at the beginning of the year. I have also told the parent that the referee in question needs to learn to tune out the comments from parents on the sidelines and concentrate on doing his job to the best of his ability. I will be speaking with our younger referees about taking control of the field and how to react to parents and coaches.

I would like to schedule tournaments for this year on Saturday October 31 for 3rd, 4/5th and 6/7th grade games. 8-12th grade tournament will be Sunday November 1. 2nd grade will play their final games under the lights on the evening of 11/1. I would like to schedule championship games for the additional leagues on the evenings of 11/2, 11/3, 11/4 and 11/5. I would like to schedule 1 adult and 1 youth referee for all tournament games. For all championship games an adult will referee the game with 2 younger referees working the sidelines as assistants.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Travel team Coordinator (open position)** No report.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP-Website and Public relations Coordinator (Lisa Miller)** No report.

**K-3<sup>rd</sup> Intramural Coordinator (Jenn Kernan)**

All teams are up and running. Working on getting trophies ordered for end of season tournament. Need to know what my budget is before placing the order

**4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Intramural Coordinator (James Smiley)**

No complaints from any parents or coaches. It is time to start planning the tournaments so I will get with Cindy Bilbie about this. Questions include referees for tourney games and when the best time to play the games is. Trophies given by MDSL or is that up to parents on each team?

**Indoor Coordinator (Jeff Brady) absent**

Indoor registration started October 1st. We have 16 registrants so far. I assume the insurance forms have been submitted to the schools since they have not asked me for them this year. I have not had anyone step up to take over the Indoor program yet. Indoor Soccer Orientation Day will be December 12th and the 1st game will be December 13th.

**Travel Registrar (Julie Buchanan) absent**

Players are still being added and removed from the U-14 Boys team. They are having issues w/ not having enough players. We are adding some secondary players and a player from last year to hopefully correct this.

There was a child that was added to a travel team that was not age appropriate. This was an oversight, which was not noticed until after the player had been approved to play on the team and carded by York USA. This is a one-time exception to the no playing up rule because of reasons mentioned.

**Treasurer (Jenny Hall) absent**

Referee checks for August and September have been cut as of Wednesday per Shawn's request. I will be ordering computer checks and envelopes next week.

I do not have the cash boxes back from Jay. The beginning cash was \$343.20. She may have a net figure from soccer day, but I do not.

On Monday, I provided a missing checks report to Mike for 08 and 09.

I suggest that checks be returned to parents for whatever reason, by no one other than me, to avoid duplicate refunds and to keep accurate records. It was also suggested that going forward Jenny updates players accounts as paid in the application with the check number and complete the order. It is recommended that this procedure start with the current indoor registration.

I purchased another cash box for \$12.99 for soccer day and reimbursed myself for it.

Current balance as of October 7<sup>th</sup> is \$15,124.27.

**Fields Coordinator (open position)** No report.

Need volunteers to line Sweeney Park field for tournament. Orange paint is also needed.

**Uniform Coordinator (Jill Steines)** No report.

**Secretary (Cynthia Bilbie)**

No travel committee meetings have been held since June so there are no minutes to report.

I would also like to propose that the board take a look at our fundraising policy for travel. The amount we collect for the fundraiser is becoming more of an issue each year as more FC York players continue to secondary back to MDSL. We do not want the fundraiser to be a deterrent to playing for MDSL. We want to continue to encourage our FC York players to support MDSL. The truth is without these players our youth travel program suffers, with these players our high school program is enhanced. We also have said in the past that the fundraiser covers tournament costs. At times teams don't play three tournaments in a year. Is our policy and/or should our policy be a use or lose it type of one? We need a discussion to craft a creative policy that takes secondary players into consideration, addresses tournaments and other issues board members currently see.

**Past President (Terry Kelly)** No report.

**Special Event Coordinator (Jay Dills and Dawn Weaver)** Dawn – absent.

I think everyone had a good time at Family Soccer Day. The only complaints I heard were that the music was too loud and the photographer was too far away (which was something we couldn't control much-one of the workers was not able to make the hike down the steps and across the field to where I had planned them to be). We did have one parent get injured in one of the scrimmages. The bad part of the day was that, it was not a big money maker. I think there were two reasons for this. First, I decided to go with a hotdog vendor rather than try to recruit more volunteers and donations, but didn't realize how much of a money maker that had been for us in the past. Second, when we had Lifetouch as a photographer, we received a "kickback" for each child that ordered a picture package (I think Dawn said it usually was a few hundred). This photographer did not do that. It's a learning experience and I think we can work on at least the food issue for next year. On the plus side, the apparel was added this year which should earn us about \$500, so that offsets a little bit of what we lost through food and photos. Final numbers aren't in because we haven't been billed for the custodian yet, but we're only looking at approximately \$380 for the day, plus about \$500 for apparel, for a total of about \$880. Thank you to everyone that made the day possible. I had more than 170 volunteers (most of which showed up). We'll do better next year- I've already got some ideas:)

**Fundraiser Coordinator (Melinda Landis)**

There are 9 travel players outstanding with the fundraiser. We have collected \$7,984.00.

**Equipment Coordinator (Amy Watkins)**

First Aid kits have been ordered from Wal Mart. They should be in shortly.  
I ordered a box of 125 instant cold ice packs. They are in the shed at Hametown.

It seems that all items are not being returned at the end of each season. I would like to create something the coaches need to sign when they get their equipment that lists what was given so that we can make sure everything come back.

**Soccer Clinician (Jim Dills)** No report.

**Open Business:** Discussed how to handle situations with coaches if a complaint is brought forward to the board. A policy needs to be written to clarify procedures of this nature. A committee of Shawn, Jay and Terry was created to formulate the proposed policy. The policy will be brought up for a vote to be added to the by-laws in the December meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 and Jay seconded it.

Next meeting is Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm at Shrewsbury Elementary science room.