TMSL Board Meeting Notes

November 16th, 2022

Attendees: Basile (Bill) Andriopoulos; Marty Tagg; Eddie Betterton; Steve Swain; Belayneh Tafesse; Homa Karimi; Htay Hla

Absent: Jack O'Brien (unexcused); Pete Wendler (excused); Diego Morales (excused); Adam Roth (excused); Jonathan Perlman (unexcused)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 (NOTE: this is an out-of-cycle meeting to make up for the scheduled meeting on 9 November where there wasn't a quorum; Marty took minutes since this is Htay's last meeting)

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes:

1. October minutes were amended to mark Bee as unexcused absent. Marty moved to approve the minutes and Homa seconded. Minutes were approved by all.

2. Financial report:

1. Pete was absent so financial report was not presented.

3. DNR Report:

- 1. Discussion on how to deal with player negative behavior, referencing two past games with multiple ejections.
- 2. Marty will ask Bob Barton to instruct referees to be stricter and better control continual harassment or attitude from players using verbal warnings, cautions, and ejections.
- 3. The board will ask Bob to assess certain games that have attitude issues.

4. Old Business:

- 1. Mentoring referees (Bob Barton) agreed that mentoring will help problem refs improve since with a ref shortage it's hard to get rid of them without creating more shortage. Board can ask Bob to assess certain refs and games.
- 2. Marty proposed continuing this program, Homa seconded, and all approved.

5. New Business:

- New Secretary Htay is retiring after this meeting and the Board appreciates his years
 of service. Discussion on Secretary's responsibilities. Htay says he usually takes the
 minutes, but believers Secretary should send out meeting reminders and be a meeting
 facilitator. Bill and Marty will come up with an official list of responsibilities so
 interested people know what the job is. Voting in a new Secretary bumped to the
 December meeting.
- 2. **Christmas Party** Board members put in a lot of work and this is one way to reward them. Marty will provide a couple of Saturday and Sundays in December with no games and everyone can vote on best option. Marty proposed having the Xmas party and Bee seconded; all approved.
- 3. **Kino Field Conditions** Eddie brought up poor field conditions at South Kino fields but North fields are good. Everyone agreed that Diego will discuss the issue with the Kino representative.
- 4. **Player waivers** Bill expressed concern about team captains signing waivers for their players. No foolproof ideas came up, so all agreed that Bill will email or send letters to all captains reiterating that players must sign their own waivers. Eddie also recommended that an addendum should be added to the TMSL registration site about

- player privacy. Captains will be sanctioned for forging signatures and we need to get Jack's input on this issue to protect the Board and TMSL. This will be added to the Bylaws.
- 5. **Board Members** Bill discussed the need to reorganize some committees so they're more effective and Marty mentioned reducing the Board to 10 members and removing those with poor attendance or not participating. Marty will prepare an attendance table for 2022 and provide to the Board for further discussion. Bill will email one Board member who's missed the last four meetings unexcused. Bylaws will be updated accordingly.
- 6. O60 Homa expressed concern about younger, rougher players coming to O60 as underage players. Homa proposed that starting in January players have to meet the age limit of the Division, and younger players currently on teams will be grandfathered in. Eddie and others expressed concern about changing the rules in the middle of the season. Homa made a motion on his proposal and Bee seconded. The motion did not carry with 2 voting for and 4 voting against it.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday December 14th** at 6:30 p.m. at The Shop or Online. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

v/r Marty Tagg Vice President