

Tucson Metro Soccer League

Meeting minutes- December 2022- HKarimi

Attendees:

Basile (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Eddie Betterton, Pete Wendler, Homa Karimi, Belayneh Tafesse (B), Diego Morales, Jack O'Brien, Adam Roth, Steve Swain, Jonatan Perlman

Absentees:

None.

Meeting:

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:40, and *Homa* second it.

The first order of business was to discuss the board Secretary vacant position (this had high priority to ensure documentation of the meeting minutes). The role and responsibility of the board secretary to be defined by the board and documented. The by-laws are being revised by the board which will reflect this and other board members and officers roles and responsibilities. For this session *Homa Karimi* volunteered to document the meeting minutes, and the board approved it.

Routine Business:

- 1) The **minutes** of November meeting was motioned for approval by *Adam*, and *B* seconded it. The board unanimously approved the minute from November 2022 meeting.
- 2) **Financial Report** – The financial report was tabled to be reviewed in January 2023.
- 3) **D&R**- There is only one new case that is being reviewed by the D& R committee. Other cases are routine infractions.

Old Business:

- 1) **Christmas Party**- December 18 was set for the dinner board members appreciation dinner. Eddie recommended having somewhere owned by a TMSL player and Marty suggested Bianchi's Italian owned by an Over 40/50 player. Everyone agreed and Adam recommended starting at 5:30 PM. *Marty* will coordinate the reservation and provides address to all board members.
- 2) **Kino Fields** – The South field quality has deteriorated. The North field is in good condition and is reserved for The Shoot Out from February 1 to 24. Ochoa field is not in a good condition. Jack pointed out that the contract with Kino should have specified the

field quality. The league will play on North Field, if not the issue will be further discussed and escalated.

- 3) **Board Member Attendance** – Bill stated that the attendance of some of the board members has not been good. *Jonatan* spoke about his unsatisfactory attendance and pledged to improve his presents at the future meetings.
- 4) **Guest Attendance** – *Patricio*, a player who was suspended back in March of 2022 attended the December meeting. The purpose of his attendance was mainly to advise the board (D&R) about being flexible on some unintended violation. Bill shared *Patricio's* email from March date which provide the details of the incident. The board members while sympatric with *Patricio's* plea for reversal of this suspension reiterated the D&R process and thanked him for the constructive feedback. Jack went further and asked *Patricia* to get involve with process of improvement.

New Business:

- 1) **FC Wolves** – The team has dropped from the Premier Division, and this has impacted the schedule. To avoid unbalanced games played for this division numerous options were discussed but nothing was agreed upon. Marty and Eddie Suh will look at all options later emailed the board members that the issue will not cause scheduling problem for the second half of the season, and each remaining team will have equal number of games.
- 2) **Christmas Bonuses** – The board discussed the bonus for some key non board members whose work is crucial to the function of the league, and approved the following:
 - a. *Maggie, Connie, Eddie S. each get \$250*
 - b. *Eric- \$150*

This was motioned by Marty and seconded by Jack. The motion was approved by all board members.

- 3) **Persia (Bond)** – Persia team has forfeited two games on the field. Per the By-Laws the team loses its bond money. Bill will draft an email and will send it to the Persia captain (*Raad*) for the new bond payment before holidays, and to determine if Persia plans to continue playing
- 4) **Registration second (\$75) Payment** – Bill reported that there are few players who have not paid their second registration installment of \$75. Bill will email the captains of the involved teams that these players cannot play until the payment is made.
- 5) **O-60 team: Sylvia's**- significant number of players in this team are not happy with their captain (*Javier R.*). They asked the league to allow them to create a new team for the

second half of the season. The board discussed this matter and concluded that this is an internal team issue. B made a motion to allow the formation of the new team, and Marty has second it. The board voted as follows:

- a. 6 members voted , “NO”
- b. 1 members voted, “YES”
- c. 2 members abstained

The motion was rejected by the majority. *Bill* will communicate the results to the key members in the team.

Agenda items Queue:

1. Refund to player and the roster action follow up- Proposed by *B*.
Marty reiterated defining and consolidating the Registration process, role and responsibilities.

***Marty* motioned to end the meeting at 8:07, *Homa* seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to end the meeting. *Bill* ended the meeting.**

End.