

MINUTES

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2023

Attendees: Vasilis (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi, Diego Morales, Steven Swain, Eddie Betterton, Adam Roth

Excused Absences: Belayneh (B) Tafesse, Pete Wendler, Jonathan Pearlman

Unexcused Absences: Jack O'Brien

Guests: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:44pm.

Routine Business (AGENDA):

1. The **minutes** of July meeting were motioned for approval by Marty and Homa seconded. The board unanimously approved the minutes.
2. **Financial Report** – Homa provided a brief financial report. Total assets are \$99,661 with \$68,371 in Wells Fargo and \$31,290 in PayPal. 31, 2023. Diego proposed acceptance of the financial report and Marty seconded. The board unanimously approved the budget.
 - a. Bill and Homa need to meet at Wells Fargo to get Homa on the account
 - b. Homa needs to move PayPal funds to Wells Fargo and only leave about \$10,000 in PayPal.
3. **D&R** – No new red cards for D&R action.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Chapman Sponsorship** – Adam still has Chapman check and needs to get it to Bill or Homa to deposit it.
 - b. **Fall Season:**
 - i. **Registration** will close on 16 August. Bill will be at The Shop for captains to drop off registration.
 - ii. **Divisions** – as of meeting there are 4 Premier teams, 10 D1, 5 O40, 6 O50, and 5 O60. Discussed potentially combining Premier and D1 but will wait until the end of registration and Bill and Marty will make the final decision on divisions depending on the number of registered teams. Once divisions are set, Marty will contact Eddie Suh to put together the schedule.
 - iii. **Fields** – Diego got dates for Kino fields and we have 8 days from August to November. Diego will lock in at least 3 fields for the

available days. Marty will get list of youth tournament weekends so we can determine blackout days.

- iv. **Underage players.** Agreed on the rules for underage players in age-restricted divisions based on the current bylaws and what the league has allowed for the O60 division last season.
 - 1. A new division can have young players for the first 3 years with 3 players per team up to 3 years younger than the age restriction. In the second year the original young players are grandfathered in and the young players can only be 2 years younger. In the third year, the players can only be 1 year younger (for example, in O60 year 1 younger players can be 57-59, in 2nd year 58-59, and in 3rd year 59).
 - 2. Per the Bylaws, for existing age-restricted divisions, teams can request 3 younger players if they are at the bottom of the standings and cannot compete within 3-5 games of the start of the season. They can request 3 young players within 3 years of the age limit and these players can play the remainder of the season but are not grandfathered in for the next season.
 - 3. Adam made a motion to accept the new language in iv.1 above and add this to the Bylaws, and Homa seconded. The board unanimously to approve.

5. New Business

- a. **Jon Pearlman status on the board:** Jon emailed Bill that he will have soccer training for the next 9 months on Wednesday nights so cannot attend meetings, but he would like to remain on the board and 4 board members provided recommendations.
 - i. **Homa** recommended the board create an associate position where an individual could support the board but would not be a voting member.
 - ii. **Adam** said that because of his position in the Tucson soccer community he's valuable to the board, so he could take sabbatical and return to a full member when he is available; **Steve** provided a slightly different version of this by just putting his position on hold and he can decide what he wants to do when he's available again.
 - iii. **Diego** recommended he remain on the board and work on committees since he's available at other times during the day and

can still contribute and can call in to meetings if possible. This way he continues to contribute.

- b. The board agreed to provide options to Jon and he decide how he'd like to process. Marty will email him tomorrow.

6. Bylaws. The board continued to work through Bylaws discussion points:

- a. Section IV.2. It was agreed that a referee can suspend a game if both captain agree, even if both teams have enough players to legally play (such as cases where one team is blowing the other team out).
- b. Section IV-Guidelines for D&R Committee. It was agreed that we need harsher penalties for ejections and poor behavior. Marty will draft out a list of new fines and suspensions (suspension matrix) for the Board to review. If this isn't effective, we will consider a point system like TWSL uses.
- c. Section V.4. It was agreed that if both captains agree to have a game even if the 7th player shows up after the 10-minute grace period, the referee can allow it. For the original 10-minute grace period, a full game is played. If a game begins after the 10-minute grace period, the game time is reduced accordingly.
- d. Section V.6b. It was agreed that substitutions can be made based on new guidance the Board came up with for the previous summer division. This now includes subbing on an opponent's throw-in or corner kick as long as the opponent subs first and subs are at the center line ready to come in. The referee can not allow a sub if the subs are not ready.
- e. Section V.7. There was much discussion about how referees should handle slide tackles in O50 and O60 divisions where they are not allowed. The difference between a slide tackle and a slide (ie. To stop a shot or put a ball out of bounds) is better defined in the Bylaws.
- f. Section VI.7. It was agreed that the team shall wear a captain's armband during the game so the referee knows who he is and he can question calls without being penalized. The league will provide two armbands to each team which they can use, or they can buy their own. If the team loses these, they are responsible for replacing them.
- g. The board agreed to have a captain's meeting on Wednesday, 23 August at a venue to be determined to go over the new Bylaws with captains. The meeting will be mandatory for a captain or representative.

7. Adjournment

Bill ended the meeting without a motion or second, and it adjourned at 8:46pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of August 2023.

By _____
Vasilis Andriopoulos
President

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm, at The Shop or a virtually (Google meet).