

MINUTES
TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2023

Attendees: Basile (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi, Diego Morales, Jonathan Pearlman, Steven Swain, Eddie Betterton, Pete Wendler, Belayneh (B) Tafesse

Excused Absences: Jack O'Brien

Unexcused Absences: Adam Roth

Guests: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Routine Business (AGENDA):

1. The **minutes** of 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 \$104,434 on June 31, 2023. The board unanimously approved the budget.
 - a. Homa received a detailed report from Connie
 - b. Homa will meet with Pete and Connie to learn the process
 - c. Moving forward Homa will provide a financial overview for the meetings
 - d. Homa will also provide financial guidelines
 - e. Bill received a credit card and Pete's is expiring
 - f. Bill will meet with Homa to get him on the account
 - g. Pete will figure out how to transfer the PayPal account
3. **D&R** – Bill and Marty and/or D&R resolved 3 previous red cards. No new red cards for D&R action.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Chapman Sponsorship** – Adam received the Chapman check and Homa will get the check and deposit it.
 - b. **Committees** – Bill will coordinate his proposed list of committees and send it to the Board next week.
 - c. **Fall Season:**
 - i. **Registration** is open now and will close on 16 August so we can provide the list of teams to Eddie to prepare a schedule. Bill is copying rosters to the new season and will notify captains this week.

- ii. **Divisions** – will be dependent on the number of registered teams. May include D2 if we don't get enough O40 or reduce O40 to O35.
- iii. **Fields** – Bill queried O40 and O50 captains on which fields they wanted to play on. O50 voted 5 for Kino and 3 for City/County, so they will play at Kino. O40 voted 3 for Kino and 1 for City/County so will also play at Kino. Only O60 will play on City/County. Diego will start communication with Kino on fields and Marty will check with Maggie on youth tournament weekends. Costs are \$150 for Kino and \$100 for City/County.
- iv. Homa asked if we should have a board member go to the city and county field meetings instead of depending on TWSL for fields, but the board agreed to stick with TWSL.
- v. Pete asked that we verify with Eddie Suh to consider dual-registered players when he completes the schedule.

5. New Business

- a. **Underage players:** Marty brought up the potential to eliminate the use of underage players in age-specific divisions since it causes complaints and issues. Pros and cons were discussed such as eliminating them altogether, leaving it as is, reducing it to just new teams to help them get established, and being able to keep younger players considered grandfathered in. This was bumped to the next meeting to come to a final decision.
- b. **Paid players** – A team captain asked Marty to bring up the issue of paid players to the Board. At least two O50 teams provide money to players from Mexico. Much discussion including how hard it is to police this issue and it's not trackable. One recommendation was that a player must play at least 50% of a team's game to play in the tournament, but again this is hard to track. The Board determined that there would be no action at this time.
- c. **Bylaws** – Began addressing discussion points in the draft Bylaws.
 - i. Section I.6: all agreed to accept 3 Board member absences as cause to remove a member. Only exceptions are emergency situations.
 - ii. Section I.7h: the Communications Committee will include the Division Representative in cases where a specific Division is involved
 - iii. Section II.b: for out-of-cycle votes or decisions, we will establish a media such as WhatsApp for communication. The President and Vice President can make decisions if they cannot get a quorum for issues that require a quick response.

- d. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be 2 hours to continue Bylaws revisions. If we don't complete the Bylaws, we will have an out-of-cycle meeting the following Wednesday, August 16th, to complete the Bylaws.

Steve motioned for meeting adjournment, B seconded and all approved.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of July 2023.

By _____
Vasilis Andriopoulos
President/Acting Secretary

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm. At “The Shop” or a virtually (Google meet) meeting.