

MINUTES
TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2023

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

Excused Absences: Adam Roth, Steve Swain

Unexcused Absences: Jack O'Brien,

Guests: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Routine Business (AGENDA):

1. The **minutes** of August meeting were motioned for approval by Marty and Homa seconded. The board unanimously approved the minutes with two minor changes.
2. **Financial Report** – Homa provided a brief financial report. Total assets are \$134,000 with \$6,633.32 in PayPal and the rest in Wells Fargo. Homa discussed the need for records of expenses and a potential conflict of interest (Diego and The Shop). He will come up with procedure or documentation to better track expenses of board members. Marty motioned for approval and Bill seconded. The board unanimously approved the budget.
3. **D&R** – No new red cards for D&R action.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Jonathan absence** – Board agreed that Jonathan can continue on the board while not attending board meetings due to soccer coaching. He will replace Jack on D&R. Jon agreed to this new duty.
 - b. **Bylaws** – Marty will email the remaining sticking points to the Board to review and comment on, and then he'll complete a clean copy for final review. Still need to agree on new sanctions.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **PCJSL Field Lining Machine:** PCJSL buying field lining machine for City fields and asked if TMSL will provide some money since we used the fields.

- i. Eddie asked what guarantees we have that fields will be lined and what repercussions we have if they're not.
 - ii. Jon asked who owns the device, who's responsible for it, and do they have the City's permission to line fields.
 - iii. Pete said we don't play on youth fields and is there overlaps in the fields we use.
 - iv. Bill will meet with Larry Lucket with these questions and talk about a written agreement. He will send an email to the Board with answers and the Board will discuss at the October meeting.
- b. **Week 1 Lightning Delays.** The last two games on week 1 had delays, with two games completed to half time, and should we consider these complete games (one was at 5-0 and the other at 3-0) even though the Bylaws say 60 minutes must be played. Much discussion. Marty made a motion that we accept these as final games and Eddie seconded. It passed 7-1.
- c. **Resignations and New Secretary.** Jack O'Brian and Steve Swain resigned.
- i. The recruitment committee will put the word out to see if anyone wants to join the board.
 - ii. Bill asked if anyone willing to be Secretary and replace Jack, and noone volunteered.
 - iii. Already agreed that Jon Pearlman will replace Jack on D&R.
 - iv. Marty brought up option to pay a secretary since he knows someone who will do it. The Board would pay \$100/month and the person would sign a Nondisclosure Agreement since they wouldn't be a Board member. Marty made the motion and Eddie seconded it. It passed with a vote of 5 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstain. Marty will contact the person and see if they're interested.
 - v. The Board agreed to recognize Jack and Steve's contributions to the league and years on the Board with a \$250 gift card. Bill will write letter of appreciation.
- d. **Leopards FC Game Cancellation.** Leopards refused to play game on Week 2 vs Phantom because they have issue with center referee. Marty will contact Bob Barton for assessment of referee and team and then D&R can determine whether the game is replayed (if referee is at fault) or Leopards forfeit (if team at fault).
- e. **Menlo Team.** A Menlo team is interested in playing O50 and asked if they could join the league. They would forfeit missed games. Disadvantage is it will make O50 division uneven and create a bye. Should get O50 captain's input. Bee motioned to accept new team and

Marty seconded. Unanimously approved. Marty will notify team and tell them how to register.

- f. **Ron Appels on D&R.** Ron is currently a higher-level ref and he volunteered to sit on D&R to provide referee input as a non-voting member. Board concurred with no vote. [Marty spoke with Bob Barton afterwards and he thought it was a great idea.]
- g. **Referee Mileage.** Maggie Barton asked Marty if the Board is willing to pay referee mileage so she can possibly get refs from Sierra Vista and Phoenix. Marty made a motion to approve and Homa seconded. Unanimously approved.
- h. **Heat Issues.** Pete brought up the concern of playing in 100-degree heat when youth leagues cancelled games after noon.
 - i. Potential to stay with Tuesday/Thursday night games next season until it cools down, but some captains said their teams won't play night games.
 - ii. Youth teams practice on the fields at night so might be an issue getting fields.
 - iii. Pete recommended getting more fields and playing early games only, perhaps 8am and 10am only.
 - iv. Will continue with two hydration breaks each half until it cools down and consider various options for next season.
- i. **Website Access.** Bee recommended that more Board Members had website access for registration purposes.
 - i. Currently Bill and Marty have access and are considered registrars. Discussed issues with having more people with access so left it as is.
 - ii. Discussed the registration process.
- j. **Printer Needs.** Homa brought up the need for a printer for Treasurer position. Bill motioned to allow Homa to buy a printer, which will be passed on to new Treasurers. Bee seconded. Approved unanimously.

- 6. **Adjournment.** Bee motioned to end meeting and Marty seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of October 2023.

By _____
Vasilis Andriopoulos
President

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be in person at The Shop on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm.

