

MINUTES
TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2023

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

Guests: None

Excused Absences: Jonathan Pearlman, Diego Morales,

Unexcused Absences: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

I. Routine Business (AGENDA):

- 1) The minutes of October meeting were motioned for approval by Marty Tagg and Adam Roth seconded. Changes to make: Pete was unexcused on the minutes but his absence was actually excused. Need to reword the minutes to remove the referee's name from Leopard's discussion. Marty will correct and send to Eddie to post on the website. Approval was unanimous.
- 2) Financial Report – Homa provided a brief financial report. Total assets are \$138,693.68 with \$1889 in PayPal and \$136,804.68 in Wells Fargo. Marty motioned for approval and Homa seconded.
- 3) D&R – number of red cards was not mentioned. Bill sent all red cards to D&R besides a Leopards' assessment that Marty sent. Bill needs to send the ref reports for Leopard's games in question.

II. Old Business

- 1) Turf Tank (Paint-machine)
 - Bill talked w/ PCJSL representative, and he hadn't received Bill's email with questions. Bill will see him again on Saturday and will hand him the questions. City fields have been lined so far this season.
- 2) Secretary position
 - Emma has taken over the secretary position. \$100 per meeting was agreed on for payment. Marty connected Emma with Connie regarding the payment process.
- 3) Committees
 - Committee lists with names were briefly looked over and will be emailed out for more detailed review.
 - Ron Apple's name needs to be corrected on the committee's list (Appels).
 - Homa says he wants to be removed from the tournament committee. Marty and Bill agree to remove him.
- 4) Bylaws
 - The sanctions still need to be agreed on.

- Marty said that everyone gave back feedback saying they didn't want a point system. He sent out a spreadsheet that explained every red card is a minimum of \$25 and it goes up from there depending on the level of penalty.
- Pete says that others say the point system is enough to drive people away. He believes the money penalties will not be taken seriously and drive people away from participation. He proposes suspending people from games will be more effective in behavior change. Marty and Homa agree with Pete's point.
- Pete agrees to meet with Marty to restructure the fines and penalty system. Bill says he will also attend.
- Pete proposes any referee abuse needs to be penalized with a yellow card. Marty says that he will discuss logistics with Pete when they sit down together and discuss penalties.
- Marty will provide draft final bylaws before next meeting with hopes to finalize them for January.

V. New Business

- 1) Tournament committee
 - Bill proposed that in D1 the teams play each other once (13 games), and in the second half of the season the top teams play each other, and the bottom teams play each. The tournament committee needs to come up with format and divide the 14 teams into Groups A and B with one group of 8 and one with 6.
 - a. Marty proposed having two brackets in D1 for the end-of-season tournament in the same format as the second half of the season, so all teams play in the tournament, rather than only allowing the top 8 teams.
- 2) Forfeits
 - Forfeits have been an issue especially in over 60. B and Marty say the issue is the lack of players.
 - Walia has forfeited twice so lose their bond and must repay it before they can play again. B says they might combine with Javier's team. Marty needs B to let him know if the teams are going to combine for the Nov 15th game. B is going to talk to the team and let Marty know ASAP about the attendance count.
 - a. Decision on team combining needs to be made before the weekend. B will keep Marty posted so Marty can adjust the schedule.
- 3) Division reps
 - Bill says there are too many managers texting him and Marty. Emails must be sent to the division rep, and division reps must then let Bill or Marty know about their decision. Any issues managers have can be brought to the division rep and the rep can bring any relevant issues to the board so limit texts from managers directly to Marty and Bill.
- 4) IRS
 - Bill received a bill on Monday for \$3359 owed in taxes. Pete pointed out that the group is a non-profit and shouldn't owe the amount. A meeting is proposed with Pete and Bill for Homa to coordinate a call with Connie and David to figure out how to proceed.

5) Leopards FC

- Pete mentioned a female referee was harassed during his O40 game and the ref said she wouldn't ref TMSL games again. Bill will send referee report to D&R and will be reviewed for next steps regarding how to handle the team's behavior.
 - a. Marty forwarded Bob Barton's assessment of Leopards' game to D&R for review and Bill will send them the ref report. Bob also provided referee interview on previous Leopards' game where the refs issued yellow cards to all Leopards' players.

6) Slide tackles

- Over 50 & 60 does not allow slide tackling. Referees are inconsistent regarding how to call them. Marty says Bob Barton recommendation: Any slide is an indirect free kick. If there is slide tackling (ie. Tackling a player) it's a yellow card and indirect free kick.
 - a. Marty makes a motion that moving forward for over 50 & 60 that any slide is an indirect free kick and any slide tackle connecting with an opponent is a yellow card. Motion is approved with four votes yes and one vote no. Marty will have Maggie notify the referees and Marty will have Eddie post this on the website for captains.

7) Christmas party/dinner

- Email with details regarding a separate christmas party meeting will be sent out by Bill.

8) Second payment

- Removed from agenda for time.

9) Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting will be pushed to December 14th instead of the 13th due to Bill's birthday being on the 13th.

VI. Adjournment. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Pete seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of November 2023.

By Emma Peet

Vasilis Andriopoulos
President

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be in person at The Shop and/or virtual on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm.