

TUCSON METRO SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 1, 2025

Attendees: Martyn Tagg, Pete Wendler, Diego Morales, Jose Verdugo, Eddie Betterton, Jonathan Pearlman, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi, Basile (Bill) Andriopoulos

Absences: None

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.

Routine Business:

- I. The minutes of May meetings were motioned for approval by Marty, Homa second. All agreed, none opposed.
- II. Financial Report – In Wells Fargo \$ 93,744.88 and PayPal \$ 2,618.11 for a total of \$96,362.99. Marty motioned for approval, Jose second. All agreed, none opposed.
- III. D&R – A total of 18 yellow cards have been issued this season. One player, Michael Brett, received a red card. D&R gave a 6-game suspension and a \$200.00 fine for his second violent conduct. Marty the player and the team captain with the details.

IV. Old Business

1. Bylaws: Marty distributed a draft of the updated bylaws on Friday, May 30 for review and feedback. Homa, Eddie, and Jose provided feedback.
2. Website Update - Eddie
 - Eddie provided an update on the website project. Moon Dog, a vendor previously used by TASL, submitted a proposal outlining three phases of development with different pricing tiers. So far, two phases have been provided, with estimates of \$850 and \$1,350, respectively. The total project is expected to remain under \$10,000, making this the most promising option to date.
 - Eddie will give Moon Dog access to the registration website so he can determine what needs to be updated and cost (Phase 3).
3. Summer Season Update
 - The final three weeks of the schedule are being held to allow for potential top vs. top and bottom vs. bottom matchups. This approach is aimed at improving competitive balance following several high-scoring, one-sided games.
 - Andrew Chen is managing the City nets and flags for the season.
 - Final team counts for the summer season:
 - Open Division: 7 teams
 - Over 50 Division: 5 teams
4. Committee Updates
 - Current committees: no updates from committees were presented at the meeting.
 1. Finance Committee: Marty, Eddie, Diego, Homa
 2. Sponsor/Partner Committee: Jon
 3. Season Format Committee: Pete, Diego, Eddie, Jose
 4. Tournament/Trophies Committee: Homa, Jose
 5. Fields Committee: Marty, Diego, Homa
 6. Tournament/trophies: Homa, Jose
 7. Fields: Marty, Diego, Homa

V. New Business

1. Outstanding invoice for Kino

- There is an outstanding invoice from Kino that was due in January, as well as amounts owed for future field reservations. Kino bills in advance but provides credits if reserved fields are not used. Diego and Homa will work together to review and resolve the outstanding balance and future billing details.

2. Elections

- President
 1. Candidate: Martyn Tagg
 2. Open for volunteers/nominations
 - a) No additional volunteers or nominations were received. All in favor of Marty continuing as President, none opposed.
- Vice President
 1. Candidate: Peter Wendler
 2. Open for volunteers/nominations
 - a) No additional volunteers or nominations were received. All in favor of Pete continuing as Vice President, none opposed.
- Registrar
 1. Candidate: Eddie Betterton
 2. Open for volunteers/nominations
 - a) No additional volunteers or nominations were received. All in favor of Eddie continuing as Registrar, none opposed.
- Treasurer
 1. Candidate: Homayoon Karimi
 2. Open for volunteers/nominations
 - a) No additional volunteers or nominations were received. All in favor of Homa continuing as Treasure, none opposed.
- Secretary
 1. Candidate: Amy McFarland
 2. Marty nominated Jose Verdugo
 - a) No additional volunteers or nominations were received. Jose accepted nomination. All were in favor of Jose as Secretary; none opposed.

3. Fall Season Format

- The board discussed whether to change to a 10-game season or maintain the current 18-game season format. The vote results were:
 1. 4 votes to keep the 18-game season format
 2. 3 votes to switch to two 10-game seasons
 3. 1 did not vote

As a result, the current 18-game season format will remain in effect. The board agreed to bring up the 10- and 18-game formats at the captain's meeting
- Fall Season Start Date
 1. Marty proposed a Fall season start date of August 24, with no games scheduled for August 31 (Labor Day weekend), and the season concluding at the end of April. The board voted between two start dates:
 - a) August 24: 3 votes
 - b) September 7: 1 vote

- c) 2 board members abstained from voting
- d) 1 did not vote

As a result, the Fall season will begin on August 24, 2025.

Key Dates:

1. 03/29 – Final regular season games
 2. 04/26 – Tournament final
- Fields:
 1. The board discussed whether to hold all games at Kino Sports Complex or continue using both Kino and City fields. While City fields may still be needed occasionally when Kino is unavailable, it was noted that City fields result in financial losses with only 2 O60 games each Sunday. A vote was held to have all games at Kino with City fields as backups. None opposed – the motion passed unanimously.
 - Registration Start Date
 1. Marty proposed opening Fall season registration on July 1, 2025, while teams are still actively playing. Teams must have a minimum of 11 players registered by August 10, 2025 to be eligible. All agreed with the proposed timeline.
 - Captain's Meeting
 1. Marty proposed holding a Captains Meeting before the start of every season to improve communication and clarify expectations. The Fall season Captains Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025. As an incentive, free registration will be offered to the team captain or their designated representative who attends the meeting.
 2. Marty also suggested giving a Good Sportsmanship award, such as a nice soccer ball, to the team with the best sportsmanship. He excluded all teams with red cards, and one team had only 3 cautions. This will be discussed further.
4. Social Media
 - Amy will send a proposal to the board regarding social media management. The board will review the proposal and consider options for hiring a professional or propose alternative arrangements, including compensation. A final decision is expected in the July meeting.
 5. By Laws
 - Marty will schedule a separate, dedicated board meeting to review the bylaws. This specialized session will allow adequate time for an in-depth review and finalization of any proposed changes or updates.

VI. Adjournment.

- a. Marty motioned to end the meeting and Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17 day of June 2025.

By Amy McFarland

Martyn Tagg, President

The next meeting of the Tucson Metro Soccer League Board of Directors will be virtual on Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30 pm

Action Items:

Marty

1. AZ State Corporation should be sending Marty forms in the next two weeks
2. Schedule a meeting for Bylaws discussion
3. Send bylaw updates from suggestions out
4. Get Amy scores for social media
5. Send Jose minutes for examples.

Eddie

1. need to give Moon Dog admin access to the website

Diego and Homa

1. to work out details getting Kino fields paid

All board members

1. If you have social media, please start following and engaging with the league on Facebook and Instagram. Encourage your players to follow, like, comment, and share posts to help increase visibility and community engagement.

Amy:

1. Couple sentences about the follow TMLS on FB and IG.
2. Send important dates about fall season to everyone in WhatsApp or by email.