

## Tucson Metro Soccer League Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

**Attendees:** Vasilis (Bill) Andriopoulos, Marty Tagg, Diego Morales, Jose Verdugo, Homayoon (Homa) Karimi, Pete Wendler.

**Absent:** Jon Pearlman

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

### Action Items:

- Marty:
  - Reapproach Jon on legalities/liabilities of having players' businesses on the website for minimal or no cost
  - Contact Dan Trainier regarding insurance
  - Contact Eddie to revise the schedule to reflect Tucson Locos moving to Division I.
  - Reconcile list of teams who owe bond money
  - Request Amy post waiver and payment notice on website.
  - Review 7 player rule and send any re-write to board
  - Message Maggie to remind refs to continue to address incidents of dissent
- Pete:
  - Reapproach Kirstin on waiver wording
- Homa:
  - Write up process for uniform tracking
- Eddie:
  - Follow up on website progress
  - Post decision to have everyone sign/re-sign waivers and reminding captains that second half of registration fee is due for players who split payment.
- Diego:
  - Inquire about Kino fields for Nov and Dec
- Bill:
  - Inquire about city/county fields for Nov and Dec
  - Get list of teams missing bond

### Routine Business (AGENDA):

- The Board did not review the September minutes so Marty will send them out later for review.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - September balances are \$104,723.57 in Wells Fargo and \$16,699.21 in PayPal, for a total of \$121,422.78.

- Current deposits are at the same level as last season's September combined financial deposits.
- Inflows have ended for the season; outflows will increase, leading to balance depletion until December/January when more registrations resume.
- Amy's monthly payment was clarified as \$100 per month; any \$300 payment observed was an accumulation for three months due to payment timing issues.
- **D&R report:** Current trend: About "12" yellow cards per Sunday; no reds issued this week; no player has reached a third yellow yet, with a few at two.
  - Dual-rostered players: Yellow cards are tracked separately per team; a player can appear multiple times if on multiple teams.

### Old Business

- Due outs were not discussed because the September minutes were not available.
- No Committee updates
- No significant Website updates
- Fall Season Update
  - A significant upcoming expense is the shop/uniform invoices totaling about \$8,100. These include new uniforms for some teams and replacements for others, all deemed reasonable upon review.
  - Motion unanimously approved to move Tucson Locos to Division I immediately
  - Waiver Collection Problem Due to Website Glitch
    - Fall season began without requiring players to sign new waivers, contrary to usual practice of re-signing at start of each fall. New players signed, but returning players did not.
    - Concern was raised about liability exposure, given the lack of a current-season waiver requirement and uncertainty about waiver expiration or effective dates.
    - Require all existing players to sign by December 31, 2025
  - ASSA Player List Reporting
    - Email received from Dan Traynor requesting the ASSA player list.
    - Cynthia may have submitted something but was told to step back; the board will create and submit its own list.
    - Recommendation: Send a list of players registered for this season. Eddie confirmed this can be done easily.
  - Discussed the need to determine which new teams still must pay bonds; Bill and Marty will pull together their lists of bonds

### New Business

- **Fall Season**

- Agreed players must pay second half \$75 fee over Thanksgiving break to be eligible to play on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Board unanimously voted for full refunds for deployed service members.
- Early Game Termination Bylaw Clarification
  - Four games this season terminated after 60th minute (considered a full game). Three had lopsided scores (7-1, 9-0) and the winning teams received full 5 points; one was 2-0 or 3-0.
  - Captains have been stopping games after 60 minutes for reasons such as injuries or being significantly down; referees have recorded incidents but not enforced continuation.
  - Bylaws consider 60 minutes a full game, but early termination still applies. The “seven player rule” is believed to state that dropping below seven players results in a forfeit.
  - Referees can terminate for safety conditions (lightning, violence) at any time, including after 60 minutes, but do not have authority to make administrative decisions (e.g., roster eligibility, sanction outcomes).
  - Several board members supported routing early terminations to D&R for case-by-case evaluation, with referees documenting termination details in reports.
  - Concern raised about a loophole: a team strategically terminating at 60 minutes (e.g., at 0-0) to avoid larger goal differentials, affecting standings and championships.
  - Potential sanction ideas included deducting a point for a team causing early termination, analogous to red card deductions.
  - Clarifications: standard forfeit score cited as 3-0; a game that ended at 2-0 remained 2-0 when the other team quit, yielding 2 points vs. potential 5 for goal differential.
  - Marty will revise Bylaws wording and present to the Board for approval to clarify and resolve the issue.
- A recent game revealed a jersey color conflict (Sol 40 now shares the same color as another team). Teams should have multiple uniform options to avoid conflicts.
  - The website’s team color listings are outdated; teams have changed colors, and updates are needed to prevent future conflicts. Collecting and tracking current jersey colors will be prioritized, potentially integrated with uniform purchase tracking.

- Tabled the discussion to increase roster size to November and Marty to email the board to prepare a plan for next month's meeting. (Marty)
- The Chapman Cup tournament will be added to the November agenda to confirm rules and communicate clearly to all teams.
- Proposal for Homa to draft a process outlining board involvement for The Shop new uniform expenses and potentially other large payments (ASSA fees, referee payments).
  - Conflict of interest note: Diego should be excluded from shop-related approvals.
  - Suggested creation of a small expense committee (1–2 people) to track team-related financials in a shared spreadsheet
- **Field Talk**
  - Some team captains and players mentioned verbal harassment of referees and sanctions. Marty will ask Maggie to tell the referees to sanction accordingly and record incidents in their game reports.
- Board members were reminded that their on-field actions reflect on the league; they must avoid interactions that could be perceived as influencing referees or applying board authority during games.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

**Next Virtual Board meeting scheduled tentatively for November 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Respectively submitted November 10, 2025 by Jose Verdugo, Secretary

Martyn Tagg, President