Tucson Metro Soccer League
Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

Meeting Date: 2026-08-12, 6:03 PM

Attendees: Marty Tagg, Pete Wendler, April Valenzuela, Diego Morales, Basile (Bill) Andriopoulos, Eddie Betterton, Jose Verdugo.

Action Items

Marty:

- Review the fall calendar and send the board the dates when additional fields are needed.
- Coordinate tournament and referee conflict dates with Maggie.
- Send Eddie Suh's monthly tournament and field availability schedule to the group.
- Assist DM United team with adding players in the registration system, if needed.
- Send Eddie B. a draft response regarding Over-30 underage player eligibility rules by August 19, 2026.
- Contact free agents who selected Over-50 or Over-60 to explain that TMSL does not currently offer those divisions and ask whether they are interested in a possible Over-50 / Over-60 7v7 league.
- Continue providing TASL updates at future meetings.

April:

- Continue trying to reach the University of Arizona contact regarding field availability.
- If there is no response, contact Kyle or Shauna Brago to identify another appropriate University of Arizona contact.

Eddie:

- Continue resolving website team-name and division setup issues with Edmundo.
- Continue helping Gilbert (TVFC) become comfortable with the registration system.
- Send reminders to captains about roster numbers and the August 19, 2026 registration deadline.
- Send registration reminder emails to affected captains and players.
- Send a reminder to players who have not completed registration.
- Use Marty's draft language to respond to Spartak and Locos captains regarding Over-30 underage player eligibility.

Bill:

- Follow up with Doreen regarding Sunday field availability.

Diego:

- Continue following up on the Pima County / Willie Blake field request submitted through the Pima County website.
- Confirm that TMSL now needs only two fields every Sunday.
- Email over 30 players he has been communicating with, especially in divisions with weak registration numbers.

The meeting began virtually at approximately 6:03 p.m. on August 12, 2026.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer report included the following balances:

- **PayPal balance:** $4,016.35
- **Wells Fargo balance:** $65,273.06
- **Total funds:** $69,289.41

A transfer of **$13,500** was made from PayPal to Wells Fargo around the date of the prior meeting.

Deposits totaled **$20,195**, consisting of three checks:

- Two checks from Diego
- One check from Gary (Spartak)

Major expenses discussed included:

- **Corbett's:** $1,025
- **Fields for June and July:** $360
- **Referees:** exact amount was not available during the meeting because it was difficult to calculate

D&R Section
Nothing to report because no games.

Old Business:

The group briefly discussed July minutes. No formal corrections or approval discussion was captured.

Due Outs: The board reviewed prior action items, most of which were completed. Remaining items focused mainly on field availability and contact follow-up.

Website Update:

- The board discussed website and registration issues. Team names must appear correctly in dropdown menus on the Games tab because the system is used for rosters and referee assignments.
- Eddie B has been manually entering some division information and correcting team crossover issues.

Fall Season: Fall season scheduled to start August 23rd with games on the 23rd and 30th at 9 and 11am due to heat.

- **Field Availability**.
  - TMSL needs only two fields every Sunday for 8 games.
  - April tried to contact the University of Arizona contact regarding field availability but received no response.
  - Bill reported that he spoke with Doreen on August 11, and Doreen said she hoped to respond by August 14. Bill clarified to Doreen that TMSL now needs only two fields every Sunday.
  - Diego noted that Kino is secured for August 23 and 30 and September 13 with additional dates available later in the season. It is unavailable in October. The league has a 10-game schedule and needs approximately three additional weekends of fields through December 13, 2026. No fields are needed September 6 because of Labor Day weekend. The board emphasized that October will be the most difficult scheduling month and that tournament conflicts need to be coordinated with Maggie.

- **Team Registration.** The board discussed registration numbers and team readiness.
  - Some teams had sufficient players, but others had very low or no paid registrations.
  - The board agreed that captains should notify the board by August 19 if they do not expect to have enough players.
  - The working expectation was 11 registered players, with possible flexibility for teams close to that number. Teams with very low numbers may have games canceled or forfeited.
  - Eddie will send registration reminders, Amy may help with Facebook reminders, and Diego will email approximately 30 players.
  - Eddie reported that the free agent list is online and can be updated through the embedded form process. Marty will contact free agents who selected Over-50 or Over-60 and ask whether they are interested in a possible 7v7 option instead of immediately directing them to outside leagues.

Bylaws: The board deferred detailed bylaws discussion because the streamlined version was not immediately available.

- Jose had prepared a shorter version and will send it to the full board. The board will compare the shorter version against the full bylaws before the September meeting and decide what should remain in the bylaws versus separate guidelines or procedures.
- The board also discussed using live embedded Google Docs on the website for bylaws and other documents.

New Business:

Captain's Credit: The board discussed captain registration credits.

- Historically, the credit was tied to captain meeting attendance, but the board considered whether the credit should be automatic.

- A majority supported an automatic $75 credit per season. The board decided that each team will receive a $75 credit for Fall 2026 and, if returning, another $75 credit for Spring 2027.
- The credit is intended to recognize the administrative work of managing a team. The board will revisit in November whether a Spring 2027 captain meeting is necessary.

O30 Underage Player Requirements: The board clarified that existing teams may request up to three underage players who are at least 25 and who previously played with that team.

- New 25-, 26-, or 27-year-old players may not be added under the exception.
- Players who meet the standard Over-30 eligibility cutoff are not considered underage.
- If two teams combined, prior play with either team may satisfy the prior-team requirement.

Board Members:

- **Credits:** The board discussed how team credits apply when board members serve as captains, when one person manages multiple teams, or when a paid league representative may represent a team.
    - No final written policy was approved on those specific issues. The board generally supported treating the benefit as a team credit, but final language is still needed.
    - The board discussed board-member reimbursement where a board member cannot use a TMSL registration benefit because no age-appropriate TMSL division exists. The board agreed to seek Connie's guidance on how to label the reimbursement and avoid unnecessary tax complications.
    - The board did not approve a broad stipend or reimbursement for unrelated activities.
- **Conflict of Interest:** The board also discussed conduct and conflict-of-interest concerns involving board members who captain teams. The board favored having a co-captain, assistant manager, or alternate representative for teams captained by board members when matters involving that team come before the board.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Virtual Board meeting is scheduled tentatively for September 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted September 8, 2026, by Jose Verdugo, Secretary.

Martyn Tagg, President