# Tucson Metro Soccer League
# Board Meeting Minutes

**September 16, 2026**

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Meeting Date: 2026-09-16, 6:08 PM

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

Absent: Pete Wendler

## Action Items

### Jose

- Correct prior minutes regarding registration-system assistance

### Bill

- Follow up with Connie regarding an unclear charge of approximately $402.
- Follow up with Eddie regarding an $84 PayPal charge.
- request through Doreen the preferred Udall field combination if both northern fields are not available.
- Set up financial meeting to discuss a more efficient financial-documentation system.
- Continue maintaining receipts and documentation for expenses and deposits.
- Follow up with the Naranja contact regarding field availability.

### Marty

- Follow up with Diego regarding fields and jersey/logo issues.
- Notify Maggie regarding teams currently missing Chapman logos.
- Follow up with referee Richard Benzing regarding the Palermo / Zeus incident explaining the red-card/yellow-card sequence involving a Palermold player.
- Verify with Maggie how referee assignments are being entered into the website.
- Check Rillito field availability because many fields available on Sundays, especially after 1pm.
- Contact Amigos and Real Banil regarding jerseys and logo requirements.
- Bring referee game start times and game times concerns to Maggie.

### Eddie

- Contact Edmundo about website discrepancies.
- Follow up with Julian from the UofA club team to determine whether they can enter a B team or another team later in the season

**Diego**

- Follow up with Sarah at Kino on field dates.
- Attempt to identify the correct county contact for Rillito fields.
- Check whether Real Banil ordered jerseys.

## Detailed Minutes

## Treasurer Report (Bill):

- By the end of August, based on the statement coming from Connie, the balance was $61,088.
- Transferred $22,000 from PayPal to Wells Fargo on September 2, 2026.
- After the transfer, the Wells Fargo account balance was reported as $87,104.95 and a PayPal balance of $4,016.35, for a total of $91,120.95.
- **Major Expenses:**
    - Kino field-related payment: approximately $4,010
    - Referees: approximately $4,200
    - Additional expenses related to closing part of the summer and beginning the season
- Identified one unclear charge of approximately $402, possibly related to Maggie's payment, but will ask Connie for clarification.
- Noted an $84 PayPal charge, which he believed may be related to the website.

## Website Update (Eddie):

- The group discussed the action item assigned to Eddie about resolving website team-name and division setup issues on the Games tab. The group believed the main issue was mostly resolved.
- Noted that referees have not been tracking goal scorers. April said she had not realized that the board wanted that level of detail entered. She has been entering the total score at the top but has not been going back into the player names to select who scored. April said that if the board wants to implement goal-scorer tracking, referees can be told to begin doing that.
- Recommended waiting until everyone is comfortable with the online system and the glitches are resolved before asking referees to begin tracking individual goal scorers.
- Bill reported that on **September 13, 2026**, the referees' names were not listed for some games on the website. As a result, for the early games, referees had to check teams in using paper rather than phones. He explained that if referees are not assigned in the system, they cannot access the game through their phones.
- Marty said referees need to be assigned on the game card and identified this as a Maggie issue. He said Maggie is usually good about that and that schedules are usually entered at least two weeks in advance. Marty said she would check with Maggie.

## D&R Update (Marty)

- Reported that D&R has been relatively quiet. The league has seen approximately four to five yellow cards per weekend, compared with twelve to fifteen per weekend last season. Noted that the prior season included more

games as well as Over 50 and Over 60 divisions, so the lower number may be partly related to having fewer matches.

- Reported one red card from the most recent weekend. The player emailed asking how to contact the referee board. Marty told him that if he had a comment, he should email the league, and the league would provide it to D&R and the referee. Marty had not seen anything further from that player.
- **Suspensions and League Transfer Issue.** Marty stated that suspensions from the prior league do not carry over to the new league. This was discussed in relation to Atlantis and a player named Ming, as well as two Atlantis players who had been suspended in the final game of the prior season. No new formal D&R decisions, hearings, sanctions, or formal recommendations were recorded in that portion of the transcript.
- **Palermo / Zeus Referee-Card Incident.**
    - The group discussed an email received from Alexis (Zeus) regarding the Zeus versus Palermo match played on September 13, 2026. Alexis reported that a penalty kick was given and that Jon Pearlman said something like, “That’s a shit call.” According to Alexis, the referee red-carded Jon, several Palermo players approached the referee, and then suddenly Jon was no longer red-carded. Alexis asked what had happened.
    - Marty will tell Maggie that referees need to shut down excessive dissent and tell players to back off when needed. He reiterated that he is handling the issue and will figure it out once the referee responds.
- **D&R / Compliance Items Discussed Later.** Additional D&R-related discussion focused on rules, compliance, and game administration.

## Fall Season Update

- **Division and Team Health**
    - Diego said his impression was that, although two people who helped run Real Banil were upset, too many players had already paid and wanted to continue playing, so the team was likely to finish the season.
    - Errea had players leave for another league because only 4 teams in Open, but they have enough to continue.
    - **Potential Additional Premier Team.** Eddie said he reached out to Julian from the UofA club team. They may have a B team, but their schedule is packed until October 2026. Eddie will see whether they could join later as another Premier option.
- **Fall Season Field Planning**
    - **Udall Fields.** Marty visited Udall and sent Bill his assessment of the best fields. The two northern fields were the best options. However, one of those northern fields was not available on Doreen’s list, so availability is uncertain. The board agreed that if both northern fields can be obtained, that is the preferred option. If only one northern field can be obtained, the league should request that north field and the southeast field and return the other fields.
    - **Naranja Field Availability.**
        - Bill finally received a call back from the Naranja contact. The contact said he would check availability and get back to Bill either later on September 16 or on September 17.

        - Bill clarified that Naranja likely would not be available for September 20 but might be available after that. Marty agreed that would still be acceptable.
        - Marty said that if the league can secure two fields at Naranja Park, it would solve the field issue. Jose noted that some players may complain that Naranja is too far away. Marty responded that players need to choose between good fields and convenience, noting that he would rather drive farther to play on a better field than play at Udall. Others agreed that travel times to Kino or other fields can already be significant.
    - **Rillito Field Availability.** Marty said Diego mentioned he went to Rillito and saw only one game. Marty noted that he is scheduled to play at Rillito on September 20, 2026, and will check whether fields are available there.
    - **The group identified field preference:**
        - Kino, if available.
        - Naranja Park, especially if two fields are available.
        - Rillito
        - City fields or Udall as fallback options.
- **Refunds and Credits**
    - The board concluded that the $15 ASSA fee begins with the fall registration and should therefore be deducted from fall-season refunds:
        - Registration fee = $75 for 10 games
        - ASSA fee deducted = $15
        - Remaining season amount = $60
        - Refund/credit is still based on $75 fee so $7.50/game.

**Bylaws Review.** The board discussed the new reduced format bylaws.

- Marty skimmed the document and liked the simplified format. He said the new version removes a lot of filler and is easier to use. However, he wants to verify that all pertinent content is still included.
- D&R / Bylaws Sanctions Format. The board appeared to agree that the table format should be preserved for the sanctions section.
- Bylaws wording for age-restricted divisions and required player training needs to be clarified.
    - Players under 18 years old and teams with under-18 players must be addressed clearly in the bylaws.
    - All required players on a roster with under 18-year-olds must complete SafeSport or required sports training.

## New Business

- **Departing Board Member Gifts**
    - Marty asked about the standard amount given to departing board members. Bill confirmed that the normal amount is $250 and stated that he had purchased a gift card for Jon Pearlman on September 12, 2026.
    - Connie advised treating these amounts as gifts
- **Prorated Late Registration.** It was agreed that the league would establish a mid-season point and reduce the fee to $50 after the 5$^{th}$ game.

- **Referee Timing and Game Length Concerns**
    - A significant portion of the meeting focused on referee issues, especially late team check-ins, late starts, and shortened games.
    - Marty clarified that if a team has seven players at game time, the game should start. A grace period only applies if a team has too few players and would otherwise forfeit. He asked that the details of some games where this wasn't followed be sent to him so he can forward the information to Maggie and ask her to address it with referees.
    - Diego confirmed the same issue. He said the opposing team had eight players at kickoff and Legends had enough players as well, so the match could have started on time. Instead, the referee delayed by approximately 15 minutes and later attempted to end the game early. Diego said the tone from the referee suggested that the referee believed it was entirely his decision, but Diego felt the league needs to clarify expectations.
    - Marty agreed that the league should be playing 45-minute halves and that referees should not shorten games due to delays they caused. He said he noticed similar issues during the prior fall season, even in games that did not appear to start late. Marty committed to bringing the matter to Maggie on September 17, 2026, if the group sends him the relevant details by the evening of September 16, 2026, or the morning of September 17, 2026.
        - Referees must check rosters and passes before kickoff, not after the scheduled start time.
        - If a team has seven players at the scheduled kickoff time, the match should start.
        - Grace periods should only be used when a team does not have enough players to avoid a forfeit.
        - Referees should not shorten halves because they delayed kickoff or chose to wait for additional players.
- **Jersey and Chapman Logo Compliance**
    - April reported an issue from a game on September 13, 2026, involving the Amigos team. The team had brand-new jerseys, and an opposing player complained that one player did not have the Chapman logo. She told the captain that the Chapman logo is a league requirement and that they need to comply.
    - Marty said she would check with Diego because there had been a similar complaint the previous season.
    - Bill said he had already spoken to the team about it and they had texted Marty. Bill said he told the team two weeks earlier that their jerseys did not have the logo and needed to be fixed. He told them to collect the jerseys and take them to Diego. Max from Amigos told Bill that the jerseys were their own and that they had bought them. Bill told him that even if they bought the jerseys, because they play in TMSL, they still need the logo. Max reportedly said they were going to get new jerseys because they had not received jerseys for years. Bill told them the new jerseys must also include the logo.
    - Marty said he would contact Amigos and give them two options:
        - Take the jerseys in and get the required logo added, or
        - Submit a request for TMSL jerseys.

- Marty said he would contact teams on September 17, 2026, and provide the correct email and instructions. He will also notify Maggie so referees can be told that the teams are in the process of correcting the issue and can temporarily play without the required logo while the jersey situation is being resolved.
- Bottom line:
  - Teams must comply with league jersey and logo requirements.
  - Amigos and Real Banil must jersey/logo compliance issues.

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**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next Virtual Board meeting is scheduled tentatively for October 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted October 13, 2026, by Jose Verdugo, Secretary.

Martyn Tagg, President