

MICHIGAN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

I. Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

On June 7, 2018, the Annual General Meeting was held at Carpathia Hall and called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The MYSL President, Dave Harris, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and gave his opening remarks. He called on the MYSL Vice President, acting for the MYSL Secretary, to call the roll and for MYSL Vice President, Yvonne Curtis, to report the results.

II. Roll Call

Clubs

Present	Excused	Absent
Express FC		
Fraser		
Goodrich		
BBSC		Dragons
Carpathia Kickers		
Oxford Soccer Club		FC Union
Clawson		Flint Steelers
East Side FC		Flushing
Michigan Burn		Liverpool
Nationals		Vardar North
Michigan Impact		Waterford
Michigan Revolution		WAZA West
Michigan Wolves-Hawks East		White Eagles
Pato's Magic Soccer Club		
Pontiac Futball Club		
Rochester		
Romeo FC		
Royal Oak SC		
SOCS		
St. Clair Shores		
Sterling Clinton SC		
Troy		
United FC - Michigan		
Vardar Main		
Waterford		

Board Members

Present	Excused	Absent
Dave Harris	Debbie Fitzpatrick	
Adolph Reichert	Anthony Spica	
Diane Karabetsos		
Donna Pounds		
Hal Mayer		
Mike Koval		
Yvonne Curtis		

Yvonne Curtis presented the credential report. Present are affiliated members representing 662 votes out of a total of 738 possible votes. A voting majority of 332 votes is established at 8:15 p.m.

III. Reports of the Officers and Delegates

(A) Treasurer Diane Karabetsos gave the financial report to the members. Income and Expense Fiscal YTD July, 2017 through May, 2018: Total Income \$294,097.44; Total Expenses, \$247,871.79. Net Income \$42,226.65.

Diane stated that compared to last year, income was down \$15,000, but expenses were down \$20,000 as MYSL continues to seek ways to reduce costs..

Balance as of May, 2018: \$363,918.27

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

Nationals made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Vardar. Vote on Motion: Yeas, all; nays, none. Motion passed.

IV. President's Remarks

Dave Harris reviewed the packet that was handed out for this meeting. The jump drive includes the By-Laws (as of 7/1/18), the Rules and Regulations (as of 6/18), the Registration Guidelines and the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is especially important and fines are stiff for infractions.

He also reviewed the last year: increased services, including increased hits on the website and blog. Transition to GOTSOCER went fairly well. Still working with them to improve. Discussion followed.

Emphasis was placed again on going paperless for field check-in. Work will center on conforming with the different platforms used by teams.

He announced that MYSL is now an "elite" member of the United Soccer Coaches. There are only two in Michigan, and we are one. (There are 237 members in the association, and only 30 elite.) Elite status gives us access to videos, to visiting coaches and a discount at the national convention.

The MYSL Cup was mentioned. The third annual MYSL Cup Championship concluded last night. The MYSL Cup is a unique two-year competition for MYSL teams beginning in their Fall U11 season and concluding in their Spring U12 season with a Champion and a Finalist.

Send our Director of Coaching, Anthony Spica, your thoughts on his analysis of point spreads and running up the scores.

Thanks to all for making this another successful year.

V. Minutes for the last Annual General Meeting were presented. When motion to correct was announced, Mike Koval, Donna Pounds, Debbie Fitzpatrick and Hal Mayer corrected to say that they were present at that meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as adjusted. Accepted by ayes.

VI. Approval of Actions of the MYSL Executive Board

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

Nationals made a motion to approve all actions of the MYSL Executive Board during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 seasonal year. Seconded by Vardar; discussion held. Vote on Motion: Yeas, all; nays, none. Motion passed.

VII. Election of Officers Conducted by the Vice President

Nominations from the floor were opened at this time. Hearing none, Vice President Yvonne Curtis closed nominations and requested a motion be made to elect the officers by acclamation.

With no nominations from the floor for Vice President, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

Vardar made a motion to vote by acclamation for the positions of President, Statistician, Registrar U11 and under, and Treasurer. Seconded by St. Clair Shores. Vote on Motion: Years all; nays, none. Motion passed. By acclamation, Dave Harris is elected President, Mike Koval is elected Statistician, Donna Pounds is elected Registrar U11 and under, and Diane Karabetsos is elected Treasurer.

Board Member Reports:

(A) Adolph Reichert, Publicity Director: has Dick's coupons and MYSL participation medals up front if needed for U7 - U9 participants. He promoted two websites: FIFA.com/videosforkids and FIFA.com/respectforkids.

(B) Donna Pounds, Registrar for U11 and Under: requested that if a team is changing its logo, we need to have that new logo as soon as possible.

(C) Referee Liaison Hal Mayer: Referees needed. Classes are being given 14 July through August 19 this summer. Please make sure that each league has a certified referee assignor who is responsible for assigning all games.

(D) Mike Koval, Statistician: sited that it has been difficult completing games the last 2 months because of weather. Also, with the four-goal limits on running up the score, nobody has complained.

(E) Yvonne Curtis, Upper Registrar/MSPSP/MSYSA/Vice President: requested that the following, including items from her report, be made part of these minutes. First I would like to thank everyone for another very successful year. We have tried very hard to make registration as easy as possible, but again there is always room for improvement. The biggest challenge that we have is divisioning. It is very important that when registering your team you pick the division you truly want to play in and that your team will be competitive in. Putting your team in a division where you completely dominate every game means you are in the wrong division, and it is not fair to the rest of the teams in that division. The division report we will run this year will come right from GOT SOCCER. We try very hard to give you the division that you request. Be sure to register your team in GOT SOCCER only once.

PLEASE REMEMBER: MYSL offers office hours on Wednesday and Saturday, and if you need something in a hurry, that can usually be handled while you wait.

If any of your team member's Risk Management number will be expiring during the seasonal year, I strongly urge you to have them renew before you submit your fall registration.

If you add a new field, please request insurance coverage on it before playing and/or practicing on that field. All requests are to be emailed to yvonnemysl@sbcglobal.net. It usually takes about 48 hours to get the policy back.

If a player is injured, please report all injuries to MSYSA. There is a form on their website. All injuries should be reported promptly.

We need to remember that it is your coach's responsibility to keep all players and parents under control at all events. This year we have had numerous complaints from our Referees regarding the behavior on the sidelines. All incidents are reported to MYSL (even tournament play) and will be dealt with as needed.

MSPSP registration will be due to me July 1 (2017). Please make sure all teams are complete and you have entered them into GOT SOCCER and also in the event. Please make sure I have an Excel spreadsheet by July 1st of all teams that will be playing MSPSP. Include team name, age group, and coach's name, address and phone number.

Again this year, we will be hosting our Dinner Dance in November.

I am very excited for the upcoming season. We are expecting that changing our registration program will make team registration easier for everyone. MYSL is committed to a smooth registration transition and to continued administrative improvements in all areas of our League.

(F) Dave Harris, President: noted that the seasonal year is now defined by MYSL and MSYSA as beginning on the day of tryouts and ending the day before the subsequent year's tryout date.

Dave Harris also related that at the recently held special meeting called by MSYSA on poaching, attended by Yvonne Curtis and himself, Dave suggested poaching should be more accurately called illegal recruiting and new regulations should focus on defining rules on illegal recruiting and transfers. Our MYSL Director of Coaching, Anthony Spica, has agreed to be part of the MSYSA committee recently formed to address this difficult subject.

Teams, parents and players make MYSL who we are.

VIII. Old Business. None.

IX. New Business. None.

X. Good of Game.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MOTION:

St. Clair Shores made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Rochester. Vote on Motion: Yeas, all; nays, none. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Yvonne Curtis
Acting MYSL Secretary