

**MEDFORD SOCCER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SOUTH MEDFORD FIRE STATION  
MAY 12, 2008**

**Present:** Chris Smith (President), Bill Carr (1<sup>st</sup> VP/Acting Boys U14 Age Director), Ray Mitrano (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Steve Lane (Treasurer), Nancy Avella (Secretary), Frank Cavallaro (Registrar/U12 Girls Age Director), Lael Smith (Parliamentarian), Tom Heinz (Town Coordinator), Butch Pierce (At Large), Charles Paclat (At Large), Ray deRosas (At Large), Emily Paone (At Large/U8 Age Director), Ellie Branley (U6 Age Director), Jay Cirame (U10 Age Director), Matt Avella (U12 Boys Age Director), Tom Bourne (U14 Girls Age Director)

**Absent:** Mike Cugno (Ex Officio), Paul Jacques (At Large), Joe Vaudo (At Large/U16 Age Director/U18 Age Director), Ann Marie Cugno (At Large),

**Motion** to call meeting to order at 7:40 pm by Ray Mitrano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Cavallaro.

**Secretary:**

**Motion** by Ray M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank to accept the minutes for the April 14th Board of Directors Meeting. Vote 12/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Chris discussed some issues that came up during conversations with John Linnehan, President of Middlesex. There were a couple of incidents this spring including a game that was abandoned by a referee because of conduct by a U12 parent. Chris has talked with the coach and will talk with parent. One coach was suspended for inappropriately speaking to a referee. He has 10 days to appeal the suspension.

Chris talked about the necessity for a Zero Tolerance Policy and presented a draft which should be reviewed. Please get back to Chris with any constructive ideas and suggestions. We should have this in place by the Fall season. Chris mentioned forming an Ethics Committee and will work on the idea.

Chris presented a Late Registration Policy and will continue to work on it for approval.

Chris presented a Refund Policy and will continue to work on it for approval.

**Motion** by Ray M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank to approve an Inclement Weather Policy. Vote 12/0/0. **Motion** passed.

**Fields/Equipment:**

Ray Mitrano needs to receive any equipment requests ASAP. Age Directors should get any requests from coaches immediately. The lock box has been moved from Tufts Park to the Andrews Middle School field. Corner flags were not put away on Saturday at Playstead and are missing. Also, the lock is missing. U12 goals at Playstead are bent. Fields need to have grass seed put down. The first field at Victory, near the playground, has an irrigation tube sticking up.

**In Town:**

U6 - Ellie reported that the program has started and parents like the format. There have been 202 registrations. The Andrews' fields need to be mowed.

**Uniforms:**

Chris reported that there needs to be a decision by the July board meeting about the style of the new uniforms. A new Uniform Coordinator needs to be recruited.

**Town Coordinator:**

Tom H. reported that there will be a Middlesex meeting on May 19 at the Holiday Inn in Woburn at 6:45. They will be voting on some Board positions and Medford Soccer is allowed five votes. This year's Commissioners Cup for Divisions 1 and 2 will be played as a single elimination with two games on Saturday and winners play on Sunday. Divisions 3 and 4 play round robin.

**Travel (Age Directors):**

**U10 Boys and Girls** – Jay reported that try-outs and evaluations need to be stepped up. Refunds are an issue for waiting list players. Parents are concerned about being registered before try-outs. They should be registered by two weeks after the try-outs.

**U12 Boys** – Matt reported that U10 boys will be trying out for U12. There is no waiting list.

**U12 Girls** – Bill Carr is temporary acting Age Director.

**U14 Boys** – Bill Carr is temporary acting Age Director.

**U14 Girls** – Tom B. reported that there were 33 signed up so far.

**In Town:**

Emily reported that the fields need to be mowed and relined. She is trying to get evaluations on U8 teams for those players moving up.

**Treasurer/Financials:**

Steve reported that \$6,000 has been paid to Play Soccer in April and there remains a balance of \$7,200. Approximately \$5,000 was received from Channel One. Need to figure out fundraiser for goals or anything else needed.

**Motion** by Tom B.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2008 as presented. Vote 12/0/1. **Motion** passed.

**Registrar:**

Frank presented the Registrar's report. There are 823 players for the Spring. The Fall has 183 so far and expecting more by try-outs. There should be an e-mail sent to the Transcript to announce Fall registrations.

**Parliamentarian:**

Lael reported that she needs to make changes to the title within the Constitution. Chris has sent this to Tony so it is done.

**Try-Out Committee:**

Ray D. sent out coaches ratings with instructions. There will be a meeting at Playstead on Wednesday at 7:30 to let everyone know what the procedure will be. There should be 10-12 volunteers for each night. Might have to pick coaches. U12 – need two raters per field for 6v6. One rater for 3v3 depending on amount of kids that show up. U14 – 11v11 and 3v3 to show initial skill drills. Age Directors should remind coaches to get teams to try-outs.

**Additional Items:**

Chris discussed a possible banquet and Fun Day for September. There should be a committee to figure out cost and what to charge players. Fun Day would be funded by Medford Soccer. A logo contest will probably be scratched for new uniforms right now.

There was a discussion about whether Medford Soccer should have U12 and/or U14 teams in the Masc or Maple leagues. Frank and Steve will check into the logistics of the programs.

Leftover trophies and medals will be replated for minimum cost.

Bill Carr mentioned having parents/players nominate a coach of the year and maybe award a plaque or gift certificate. Also would like to set a date for a coaches game.

Jay mentioned that the field sizes at Victory are the same as Playstead. He suggested that U12s play 8v8 games the long way at Victory.

**Motion** by Chris; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to adjourn at 10:10 pm. Vote 12/0/0. **Motion** passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Avella  
Secretary Medford Soccer