

CMASL Spring 2024 Meeting

Date: February 4, 2023

Meeting opened: 9:05 AM

Roll Call: Missed meeting – Blue Strikers & Internationals.

Meeting Minutes: Annual 2023 accepted.

Officer reports:

Pres: We have some new teams interested in joining the league in addition to a couple of teams splitting into two teams. The O40 conference is strong. As a reminder last season saw a huge increase in cards issued which were also of the more serious type. Therefore, again I need to remind managers to control your teams dissent issues.

Comp. Comm.: Mike reminded managers to check the game suspension list each week and take care of player suspensions and bylaw fines as soon as possible.

Treasurer: Chris informed the managers that there are still several red cards and bylaw fines that need to be paid. A couple of teams still owe league dues, and he is in conversation with them. Last season the league took in \$4,875 and expenses were \$2,535. The account balance is now at \$11,350. The league now has a Cash App account which Chris will make available to the Secretary for distribution to the members.

Secretary: Jack reminded managers that about half of the CMASL players registrations have expired and need to be renewed prior to the start of the Spring season. The bylaw changes from the Annual meeting were read to the members and reviewed. Managers were asked to submit any Home field changes or black out dates ASAP so that the schedule could be started.

Old Business: The Tournament Committee is still getting organized and is open to additional members. They are working with MASS Soccer and other teams / leagues to discuss possible tournaments or summer games. Electronic rosters were discussed as was the possibility of working with MASS Soccer on this. To be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business: A long discussion was had regarding the Managers' Pre-Game Procedures and the Referee Instructions. This brought up several issues regarding referee, manager, and player behavior. All concerns were heard and opinions on both sides were discussed. No absolute answers were reached however everyone understood and agreed the league was going in the right direction, which is, toward less controversy on the field. It was agreed to try to bring game issue concerns to the Leagues attention after the game and reduce controversy during the game. Two new teams were introduced, Leicester & Marlboro. Leicester's home field will be Leicester HS (the old Becker College field) and Marlboro's home field will be the Fay Athletic Complex in Marlboro. The teams are fully rostered. Both were voted on and accepted into the league, entering the O30 C Division. Two existing teams split into two teams (O30 & O40), they are Sturbridge and Oxford FC. They too were also voted and approved. The team's names are; Sturbridge O40. home field Tantasqua Cage and Oxford FC O40 home field Ruel field. Paxton OG has requested the O40 Conference and asked to Grandfather some players. The request to move to O40 was approved with three players aged 39 to be grandfathered. A motion was made and second to create a new temp bylaw stating: 'Grandfathering players for the O40 Conference will no longer be allowed, effective Fall 2024. Existing grandfathered players may continue to play in the O40

Conference.' Motion was voted and approved. A discussion was had regarding the distribution of teams for the Spring season and after considerable dialog the following was decided. There will be three divisions in the O30 Conference and one division in the O40 Conference. The three divisions in the O30 Conference will have six teams each and the O40 Conference has eight teams. A Division; Cosmos, Oxford FC, Kosovo, Nashoba United, Shrewsbury & Internationals. B Division; Paxton, 85 Main FC, Blue Strikers, Nashoba FC, Sturbridge O30 & Polonia. C Division; Charlton, Rebels, Quaboag, Grafton, Marlboro & Leicester. O40 Conference; 85 Main Seasoned, Nashoba Nitros, Uxbridge, Oxford Loyals, Tantasqua, Paxton OG, Sturbridge O40 & Oxford O40. April 14th was the decided date for the start of the Spring season with the only 'Bye' week being the Memorial Day Weekend in May season ending late June. The game schedule will be posted as soon as possible with managers being notified of the posting.

Next meeting: Not discussed. Presumed late July, early August.

Meeting closed: 11:50 AM