

CMO35 Meeting Minutes – Fall 2015

July 26, 2015

SAC Park
Shrewsbury, Ma.

Meeting opened: 11:15 am

Roll Call: AJ Turtles and Nashoba absent. New team Kosova represented.

Andrea from Mass-Soccer was invited to the meeting to discuss the State's online rostering system. The meeting agenda order was changed to allow Andrea to make another commitment. Andrea discussed in detail the procedures required to comply with the State's online roster system. Concerns of the team managers were addressed by Andrea and the managers agreed that the system appeared easy to navigate and would make adding and removing players much easier. All the concerns regarding the League's bylaw roster requirements were met except the limit of under 35 year old players which Andrea was going to look into.

Old Business: The Spring '15' meeting minutes were read and accepted. Team Illyria was allowed re-entry into the league for a probationary Spring season. It was determined that after several issues with the field, arrival time for games, several forfeits and fines owed that Illyria would be dropped from further participation in the League. The status of the Competition Committee's final decisions due by Friday each week was discussed. This Spring season had a very low occurrence of red or yellow cards and there was little problem with the final decisions. The season schedule was extended several weeks into the summer because of many game cancellations due to weather. It was agreed that re-scheduling of games needs to be addressed as soon as possible. . The President suggested that any requests for forfeit due to no-shows, field condition, etc. be addressed by Friday following the game as required for red card decisions and that all team managers need to re-schedule any make-up games as soon as possible and not wait until late in the season.

New Business: A new team, Kosova, has requested entrance into the League. Their team manager, Haki Aliu a former member of Illyria was present. It was asked how many of Kosova's players were former Illyria players. The response was 4 to 6. Their home field is Pappas field in Auburn. A concern was made regarding the size of the field and if it was adequate. The field measures 55 yds. X 100 yds. The FIFA minimum is 50 x 100. Team Kosova was accepted into the league with the condition that only 5 or 6 players were former Illyria players and that the Illyria managers were not part of the new Kosova team. It was also voted that because Kosova had former Illyria players on its roster that they would pay \$90 of the Illyria fines owed and that the remaining fees would be dropped. The Fall season schedule was discussed and noted that each team would have a bye with two teams with two byes. The season would start August 23rd and end November 15th. The option of a three division schedule to illuminate the need for byes was discussed. It was determined that if the schedule could be arranged for a three division system that the league would implement a trial three division season to be reviewed for a possible bylaw change at the annual meeting. The arrangement of the divisions would be determined by the final Spring standings with six teams in each division and the new team Kosova in division C.

Officers Reports:

CC Chairman; Asked that any appeals for game suspensions or forfeits be sent to the CC no later than Tuesday following the game so that a decision could be made by Friday.

Referee assignor; Not available for the meeting however asked that anyone with names of interested referees be forwarded to him as soon as possible. He was also going to relay to the referees that the number of and seriousness of the red cards has dropped as has the number of yellow cards in hopes that this would attract more referees to the league.

Secretary; Secretary completed the two division schedule and was going to work on a three division schedule. He suggested that all team manager's start their rosters by inviting themselves to their team do see how the system works then invite the rest of your players as soon as possible. He reminded everyone that he could no longer add players to their team rosters, this had to be done by both the team manager and the player. Last minute adds could no longer be done.

President; He discussed how team managers must be available and respond to emails and/or phone calls. The past season several attempts were made to contact managers with no response which caused problems with the schedule and team status. He suggested that Illyria be dropped and that Oxford get a second manager. Jodi from Oxford was at the meeting and agreed to help manage Oxford. He reminded everyone that all team managers must be available or he would have no choice but to drop them or the team from the league. Raising the referee report fee from \$10 to \$20 caused a net loss to the league of \$5 per team. It was asked and accepted that the Fall league fee would be raised as suggested at the Spring meeting. The league fee for this Fall will be \$200 and a bylaw change made at the Annual meeting.

Meeting closed: 1:00 pm