CMO35 2016 FALL MEETING Meeting opened: 12:30 pm

Roll Call: All teams present except - Cosmos

## Old Business:

Spring meeting minutes accepted. The rosters are now open for Fall registration. The Fall freeze date is September 19, 2016. Players on roster that are no longer playing should be removed.

## **Officers Reports:**

President – Craig as mentioned at the Spring meeting has retired as President effective today. All League records bank accounts etc. have /will be turned over to the Vice President, Peter Silverman. Craig also mentioned that he is no longer able to play due to injury.

Vice President – Peter and the team managers all thanked Craig for his service and wished him well. Peter is to meet with Craig to transfer the league bank account. Peter thanked the managers for their support and is looking forward to serving the league as President.

Secretary – Rosters are open for the Fall season and managers should get any new players registered as soon as possible. No roster changes can be made after Thursday for the following Sunday's game. The website is up to date regarding the final standings, fines etc. Division changes are: Oxford moves to division A, Shrewsbury goes to B division, AJ Turtles moves to division B and Charlton goes to division C.

Referee Assignor – Dale has about 14 referees for the Fall season. Most are returning referees with 2 or 3 new that did a game or two last Spring. There were a few rule changes implemented by FIFA with only one that will affect our league, Kick-offs no longer need to go forward, the kick can now be made in any direction. Dale reminded everyone that a printed roster is required at each game. If anyone has a problem with a referee please call Dale. Do not wait until the end of the season, call him as soon as possible so that he can discuss the issue with the referee.

Competition Committee - Jay stated that the card count was low this past season. The amount of yellow cards stayed about the same but the red cards were much lower and except for a couple of them most were not for violent conduct. Jay reminded everyone to make sure any new players knew the no sliding tackle rule.

## New Business:

With Craig retiring as President it was voted and approved to have the Vice President, Peter Silverman, appointed to President to fill Craig's term which expires at the end of the year. It was also voted and approved to appoint Roland Butzke to the Vice President position until the end of the year. A new team was voted into the league; Central Mass United playing out of Oxford. CMU's home field will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> field at Ruel field. Oxford and Polonia will still be sharing a field at Ruel but the league was assured that the new team would be using a second field at Ruel and at no time would all three teams share one field. The team manager for CMU will be Roland Butzke. Team color will be green. Field changes; Quabbin's home field will be the Quabbin Jr High field, Olympia's home field is Bell Hill in Worcester and Grafton may be moving to Grafton High School. Shrewsbury's field is closed Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> and 85 Main's field is closed Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fall season starts Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, no games Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> then continuing Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup> with Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> the make-up week. All teams were reminded that the \$200 Fall season fee was due as was any owed bylaw /card fines.