

CMO35 2018 ANNUAL MEETING SAC PARK

Date: January 27, 2019

Meeting opened: 10:18 am

Roll Call: All teams represented except; Nashoba

Vice Presidents opening statement: Roland announced Peter's retirement as League President (He wasn't able to attend the meeting). Peter started with CMO35 in 1999 and served as V.P. 2016 and President 2017 & 2018. He has moved to the eastern part of the state and will continue to be involved in soccer by joining the Over The Hill League. Roland informed the League of the passing of Jay's wife. The managers expressed their condolences and a moment of silence was held. Roland mentioned that a former banned player was requesting reinstatement and explained that the appeal would have to be presented to the state organization.

Meeting minutes: Fall 2018 minutes accepted

Officers Reports:

Competition Committee Chair – Jay - Explained the process for sanctioning players which includes league 'ban' and the appeal process. He reminded everyone that players may NOT submit an appeal for cards issued, only the managers can.

Secretary/WebAdmin – Jack – Due to the weather conditions the Fall season schedule was a tough one with many reschedules and a couple games not getting played. The re-scheduling procedure was explained. Managers were reminded to have their players check their registration status as several have expired.

Treasurers Report – Fred – Fred was not available for the meeting. Roland will ask for a report to be forwarded to the managers. There is a concern that the League fee may need to be adjusted.

Referee Assignor – Anthony – Anthony was not available for the meeting. The BOD may ask the referees to attend a pre-Spring meeting with the Board.

Old Business: The Dissent rule was discussed and it was felt that the rule was helping to lessen dissent. The question of the League supplying a field for teams to use when their field is closed was again discussed and Roland will be looking into the possibility of the league renting a field. All new players to the league still have to confirm their DOB with the league secretary. This will be the final year this is necessary as the state's registration program will have all players DOB confirmed by the end of this year.

New Business: The following division changes were made to coincide with the Fall '19' final stats. Auburn moves to Division B, El Salvador to Division A, International to Division C and Sturbridge to Division B. Also, Brimfield, El Salvador and Sturbridge were the first place teams and a donation of \$200 will be sent to each teams youth league.

The trial dissent rule was discussed in detail and the final result was to keep the wording as stated in the trial bylaw which read: "Any team receiving three (3) cards for dissent (red or yellow) in a season will receive a warning from the League. The 4th card received – no action. The 5th or any additional card received for dissent in the season will be sent to the Comp. Comm for review to determine if the team will lose points in the standings from zero to unlimited. In addition, the Comp. Comm may impose a fine of up to \$200." This rule was voted and passed as a bylaw change to be added to Section 8 - Fouls.

The need to reorganize the division structure was discussed and it was agreed to change the division distribution for the Fall 2019 season. The reorganization will take into consideration an odd number of teams. When this is the case all divisions will be reorganized so that the odd number will be in the 'C' Division and the other divisions divided equally. The actual number of teams and which teams in each division was not determined. This will need to be completed at the end of the Spring season.

The date and time of this meeting was changed several times which caused a lot of confusion for managers. The number of league meetings and if it could be reduced to two was discussed. The final determination was to remain at three meetings per year: Spring (March every year), Fall (August) and Annual (November). It was also decided that the next meeting date would be determined at the end of each meeting and held to that date so that everyone could plan ahead.

Election of Officers: Elections were held and only one candidate for each position was nominated, except for the Competition Committee where three of the needed five were nominated. All positions were voted on separately and all were elected unanimously.

The 2019 League Officers are:

President – Roland Butzke

V. President – Jim Loach

Secretary – Jack Keough

Treasurer – Fred Lamas

Referee Coordinator – Anthony Pedolzky

Competition Committee – Jay Cohan, Mike Engel, PJ Bernhardt, Anthony Pedolzky

Next Meeting: Spring 2019 meeting date – March 24th 10:00 am at SAC Park Shrewsbury.

Meeting Closed: 12:05 pm