

## CMO35 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened: 11:45

Roll Call: All teams present except – Polonia & Cosmos (Polonia excused)

Fall meeting minutes – Read and accepted.

### Officers Reports:

President – Peter thanked the managers for their continued support and complimented them on their continued time and effort put into the league. Their efforts have kept the games enjoyable and the league strong. He thanked everyone for making the league fee payments in a timely manner and is communicating with the Past-President regarding the accounting system and will email a treasurers' report to all team managers. The approximate balance is \$8000.00.

Vice President – Roland attended the Mass Adult Soccer Annual General Meeting and brought back an update on their discussions. One item they are working on is an annual tournament for over 30 teams that would compete annually for the right to enter the National tournament. The winner of the Mass Over 30 tournament would be sponsored by Mass Adult Soccer to attend the National tournament. Roland will forward more info when available.

Referee Assignor – Was unable to attend.

Competition Committee – Jay went over the cards issued the past season and the process of their review, how players suspensions work and how and when someone is banned. A lengthy discussion was had on the process of suspensions and how records are kept.

Secretary-Web/Admin – Jack deferred his report to the subject of old business.

### Old Business:

Bylaw fines; there are two outstanding bylaw fines yet to be paid. Both are for red cards received, one for a Brimfield player and one Italia player. Two trial bylaws were enacted during the year which called for AGM review. The first was, 8.1 'either team can substitute on a throw-in' and the second 10.3 'a \$200 check to be sent in the name of the first place team in all three divisions to the youth league of their choice'. There were three other proposed changes to the bylaws although new business it was decided to review all the bylaw changes under old business and voted on as a unit. The first change was regarding 7.2 and the clarification of a game suspended due to weather. The second was a change to 7.3 the 'No-Show' bylaw clarifying the procedure regarding the game outcome. The third change was an addition of 7.5 regarding games abandoned by the referee and the procedure to follow. All changes and additions were discussed, motions made and seconded and vote taken. All changes/additions were unanimously accepted. The exact wording of the changes as approved can be found on the web-site under Bylaw version 11/20/16.

### New Business:

The option of online payments for league fees and fines was discussed and it was determined that we would proceed with that option. Peter is to discuss the process with Jay and implement as soon as possible. The field conditions of home fields was discussed and determined that three of the fields were in poor condition and should be changed. It is understood that the best fields are not always available to all of the teams but it was suggested that all teams put a sincere effort into looking into the

possibility of obtaining a turf field as their home field. The schedule start and end dates options were discussed and it was determined that the following dates will be used: Start date April 9<sup>th</sup> followed by 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/11 and 6/18 with 6/25 as the make-up date. It was asked that if possible any team with a turf field be given a home game for the first week to alleviate weather conditions that often occur the first week. A new team, from Italia may be joining the league next Spring. In order to get the schedule out as soon as possible it was voted that in order to play this Spring the new team must confirm by January first. Division changes for this Spring as of this meeting are: Auburn to division B, Kosova to division A, AJ Turtles to division C and Charlton to division B. However if the new 'Italia' team joins the Spring season it was voted to make the following changes to the division make-up: Auburn stays in division A, Kosova to division A, AJ Turtles stays division B, Charlton to division B and the new 'Italia' team to division C. This would also create a bye in the A division extending their season into the 'make-up' week of 6/25 with a new make-up date of either 7/2 or 7/9. Field changes; Grafton to Riverview field, Sturbridge and Brimfield are trying to get the two turf fields at Tantasqua (not yet confirmed). All other fields remain the same as the Fall 16 season.

#### Election of Officers:

All sitting officers ran un-opposed and were re-elected unanimously. They are:

President – Peter Silverman

Vice President – Roland Butze

Treasurer – President holds this position

Referee Assignor – Dale Rio

Secretary/Web-Admin – Jack Keough

Competition Committee – 5 members

Jay Cohan

Tony O'Donnell

Edwige Jean-Baptist

Mike Engel

PJ Bernhardt

#### Next meeting:

Spring pre-season meeting, March 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Bocado Resturant 82 Winter Street Worcester, Ma.

#### Meeting Closed:

1:30 pm