

## **CMASL Annual 2023 Meeting**

**Date:** December 3, 2023

**Meeting opened:** 9:04 AM

**Roll Call:** Missed meeting – Cosmos, Grafton, Internationals and Mendon.

**Meeting Minutes:** Fall 2023 accepted

### **Officer reports:**

**Pres:** Roland explained that there was a large volume of cards and serious incidents including violent conduct. This was noted at the beginning through the middle of the season with the later part of the season showing improvement. Managers were again reminded that they need to control their players and remove any player showing dissent. There are several new players in the league and the over-all health of the league is good. Roland asked that existing managers plan for and have a transition plan so that when they need to step down there is someone ready to take over. He thanked all the Board of Director members for their help throughout the season and that of the team managers. Elections are to be held today and we need an addition to the Competition Committee from the O-30 Conference.

**Treasurer:** Gus is putting together a Financial Statement and will have it for the next meeting.

Financially the League is stable.

**Secretary:** Elections are today as noted by the President. The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Referee Assignor and 4 Competition Committee members (in addition to the V.P. & Ref Assign.)

**Old Business:** Field costs, non-played games & game ball rule. Field costs; A motion was made and second to require the Home team to pay all field costs and expenses. Motion past. A motion was made and second to require the CC to review all non-played games and sanction teams if necessary. Motion past. Game Ball rule; A motion was made and second to require the Home team to supply the game balls. Motion past. Note: The exact wording of the motions can be found in the updated copy of the bylaws, version 12-03-23.

**New Business:** The O-30 two division set up was liked by most, stating that it made for more and different competition. A possible Play-off or Tournament Committee was discussed, and it was decided that P.J. would investigate starting the committee. He will talk to other interested team managers and will report back at the next meeting. Jack reminded the managers that they need to check the red and yellow card list each week as several times this past season players were suspended from playing and the managers weren't aware until they printed their roster. Referee calls were discussed and again everyone was reminded that only the team manager and captain can talk to the referees and then only when he/she allows it. The point was made that you cannot argue whether the call was a foul or not. The call, in the opinion of the referee was a foul. You cannot argue an 'opinion', walk away! You can however discuss a call you believe was incorrect by the rules, i.e. calling an indirect kick when the rules call for a direct kick. Referee evaluations by the team managers are important and need to be submitted after every game. Incidents need to be reported by both managers and an example was given that if you see that the referee is favoring your team over the opponents you need to

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report it. Managers- Control your teams, talk to them before every game and remind them that dissent is not tolerated. Rosters and player check-in was discussed, and it was decided to create a bylaw change and update bylaw section 4.8. A motion was made and second to require each manager to supply two copies of their team roster and for both managers along with the referee to check in all players on both teams. Late arrivals are to be checked-in by both managers and the referee at halftime. Note: Exact wording can be found in the updated bylaws version 12-03-23. The motion past. The roster freeze date was discussed, and it was decided that the freeze would remain after the third game and a motion was made and second to require a \$25 fine for rosters submitted without the game jersey numbers listed. Motion past. This motion to be added to above change to bylaw section 4.8. The possibility of electronic rosters was discussed and tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

**Elections of Officers:** The position of President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer all ran unopposed and were all voted and approved unanimously. They are: President; Roland Butzke, V.P. James Loach, Secretary Jack Keough, Treasurer Christopher Gustafson. The members of the Competition Committee also ran unopposed and were voted and approved. They are: Mike Engel, Jay Cohen, P.J. Bernhardt & Al Pimentel. The members also voted for an additional CC member, Kadion Phillips (Note this is also a bylaw change). The Committee also includes the bylaw appointed members Jim Loach and Paul Athanasiadis. The Referee Assignor, Paul Athanasiadis was also unopposed, voted and approved.

**Next meeting:** The Spring team submittal cutoff date is January 12, 2024. Spring meeting February 04, 2024, with the place & time TBD.

**Meeting closed:** 11:38 AM