

CMASL Annual Meeting 2025

Date: December 14, 2025

Meeting opened: 8:38 AM

Roll Call: NOT in attendance - Internationals, Kosovo, Cosmos & Shrewsbury.

Meeting Minutes: Fall 25 accepted.

Officer reports:

Pres: There were some growing pains but all in all everything went well. The O20's and O50's are continuing to do well. O20's statewide is very competitive along with Open Cups, etc. The recreational side has a big gap, however CMASL is a leader in that area. As always, communication between managers is the key to each season. Dissent is still an issue, and managers should make players aware that the new zero tolerance rule regarding referees is in affect and will be used in Comp. Comm. decisions. We, the managers, need to work with and communicate with the referees. Preferably before the game starts. Field availability still is an issue. If you know of an available field let us know.

Comp. Comm.: As mentioned by Roland the CC is using the referee abuse guidelines in our decisions. Players should be aware that some violations carry extended suspension requirements. There was a spectator(s) issue this season. This problem needs to be solved and the managers play an important role in this. Reminder that a card issued as VC carries an automatic 20 game suspension which is then reviewed by the CC for a final determination of suspension length.

Treasurer: Report not available.

Tournament & Communication Comm.: The committee is looking for additional members; PJ is the Chairman with second member Jody. They are currently working on a playoff structure, also possible team submittal in the Mass Cup games. The committee is looking into two seasons of stats for playoffs with a 10 game season and 2 playoff games.

Secretary: We need to update our Bylaws. Mass Soccer has requested specific language needed to meet their Bylaw requirements. (To be discussed under new business) The treasurer has again requested a replacement. We need a volunteer and we should possibly consider a Finance Committee.

Old Business: We have a couple of temporary bylaws in place that need to be addressed under new business. The team discipline issue was again discussed. The team in questions manager is new and has been working with Roland on team improvement. The team has improved and it was agreed that they will be given more time.

New Business: The temporary Bylaw regarding team discipline was amended by adding the requirement of a 2/3rd vote for dismissal. The bylaw; 'The 'Board' (i.e. team managers) has the authority to drop from the league or put on probation any team that commits multiple instances of the use of illegal players, dissent or violent conduct in one or more seasons. A 2/3rd vote shall be required for dismissal'. The Bylaw was voted and approved unanimously. A discussion was had to change the O20 conference to O18 to be in line with the requirements for the Mass Open Cup games. The Bylaw Section 4.3 change was accepted, however, there were concerns that players under 18 could be rostered due to Bylaw Section 4.4 "Players age determination". To avoid under 18 players, it was decided that Bylaw Section 4.4 would be amended for the O18 Conference by adding the words ", except in the O18 Conference were no player may be added to any roster before his/her 18th birthday". Bylaw 4.3 & 4.4 change voted and approved. Section 1 was amended to include wording required by Mass Soccer.

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Bylaw Section 1 voted and approved as follows: "Central Mass Adult Soccer League (CMASL – the League) is an Affiliate Member of Mass Adult State Soccer (Mass Soccer). Competitions sanctioned by CMASL shall be considered sanctioned by Mass Soccer". Two new committees were discussed, and motions were made and seconded to amend Bylaw Section 2 by creating a Finance Committee and a Bylaw Committee. The Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and two or more additional members. The committee shall review the Treasurer's league account balance and suggest to the members annually on how the league's finances should be handled. The Bylaw Committee shall include the President, Secretary, CC Chairman and two or more members. The committee shall review the current bylaws and suggest additions, changes or amendments to the membership at the next Annual Meeting.

Elections of Officers: President: Roland Butzke
Vice Pres: Jim Loach
Treasurer: Chris (Gus) Gustafson
Sec/Admin: Jack Keough

All unopposed, voted and approved unanimously.

Appointments and volunteers: Referee Assignor: Paul Athanasiadis
Competition Committee: Mike (Chairman), Jim Loach, Jay Cohen, Al Pimentel,
Ruben Maldonado, Kadion Phillips, Paul Athanasiadis
Tournament Committee: PJ Bernhardt (Chairman) & Jody Anderson.
One or more open position(s).
Finance Committee: Chris Gustafson & Jen Buckley (Chairperson)
(Jen left meeting early, needs to confirm).
One or more open position(s).
Bylaw Committee: Roland, Jack & Mike. Two or more open positions.

Next meeting: TBD (February).

Meeting close: 11:35 AM

Amendment to minutes: 12/18/25, Jen Buckley accepted the Finance Committee position.