



Club Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-25-18

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Worcester Community Hall

Executive Council in attendance: John Larcinese, President
 Cathy Alexander, Secretary
 Jeff Davis, VP Intramural Soccer
 Haven Hoilett, VP Travel

Minutes:

Update on Board positions – The VP Communications position is being divided into two positions. The VP Communications will be in charge of media and emails, with a more solid commitment to send emails to the entire club on a weekly basis. The second position will be VP Marketing, and Liz Fuscaldo will continue her term in this position. So, we are looking for someone to fill the VP Communications position. *If you know a parent who is good at email communication and would be interested, please let us know.*

Final recap of try outs – We have 25 travel team, which is four more than we had last year. All of the teams have been finalized, except for the U9 Boys, which is our youngest team. This is a common situation for the youngest team since it is new and just getting established.

Some of the league registration deadlines have passed. PAGS has extended its deadline to July 1st.

All travel players need to register for the camp week. Andy said there were a lot more boys at camp today than were registered. Please email the parents again to remind them. Let them know that the cost was included in the travel fees they have already paid. When they register, they need to enter the code “Travel 2018” so that the cost is brought down to zero. ***This code is ONLY for current travel registered players!***

We will begin using Redtail for academy practices before the clocks are set back. The fall training schedule is currently being developed. If you have any special requests, please let Haven Hoilett (travel@methactonunited.org) know and he will try to accommodate you, but we cannot promise that requests can be met.

Status of IM Program – Registration has been open since the Marc Small Tournament and we already have 120 players registered. We have signs advertising IM registration available for you to take at the end of the meeting. Please put them in your yard and in your neighbors' yards. Some of our age groups will change teams. The U10 girls may need to stay with Westmont. We are looking to put the U12s in SCSL.

Gear Store – The coaches should have gotten an email about the Coaches Gear Store. The link is

<http://ascuniforms.soccercorner.com/stores/ascsoccercorner-jun20-102450>

The selection includes two short sleeve shirts, one long sleeve shirt, two types of jackets, pants, and shorts. Everything is reasonably priced. The gear both sets you apart from the parents and provides consistency between the coaches. John is checking on the sizing to see if it is regular or slim cut. The deadline to order during the first round is coming up very quickly on July 1st. The gear is estimated to be delivered in mid-August. There will also be opportunities to place orders in later rounds.

Snack Stand at Heebner – We would like to have a snack stand during the fall travel season. We feel like this has been a missed opportunity over the last few years. But to do so, we first need to find someone to be our **Snack Stand Coordinator** to help us organize shifts of volunteers to work in it. If you know of anyone willing to step into this position, please contact John Larcinese (president@methactonunited.org) or Cathy Alexander (secretary@methactonunited.org).

Snack stands make good money and they keep the players and their families at the field longer. If we have a snack stand, we will stretch out our game days and schedule more games at Heebner to make the snack bar most effective. The snack stand can accommodate hot and cold food. It does not contain a cook top but we can bring in crock pots, a grill, a hotdog roller, etc.

One of the coaches asked if each team could pick a game day and then provide the parents needed to work shifts throughout the day. This is one potential scenario that we could use.

Another coach asked if the club would consider splitting the profits 50:50 with the teams. This is definitely an idea the club would be willing to discuss.

Push for volunteers – There are a number of volunteer positions that have been empty, and a couple more that were recently vacated. The Board has also discussed additional areas where we need volunteers. Cathy Alexander is putting together a comprehensive list of needed volunteers, along with a description of responsibilities for each one. **We need you to let the parents on your team know how much the club relies on volunteers and to ask them to step up and volunteer for positions.**

Valley Forge Cup – We are hosting this tournament on Columbus Day Weekend, probably boys on one day and girls on the other day. Last year, we posted and emailed about the tournament too late and we had to cancel because we didn't get enough teams to register. This year, we will start sending out information around July 4th. Our tournament should be attractive to teams around here that don't want to travel too far. It should also be attractive to A, B, and C level teams.

The best way to get teams to register is for you coaches to talk directly to other coaches when you play them this summer during games and tournaments. Direct emails from you to another coach are also effective at cutting through the huge number of emails he or she gets about potential tournaments. **When you talk to coaches from other teams, please ask them to join our tournament.**



Ralph Navarrete is the Tournament Director. He needs volunteers for his planning committee. Please ask parents on your team if they would be willing to be on Ralph's planning committee. Contact Ralph at Ralph.navarrete@methactonunited.org.

Distribution – John is giving out two game balls to each team at the end of this meeting.

Cathy is giving out three sheets of card stock (24 cards) per team for you to print your player cards. Please contact Cathy at secretary@methactonunited.org if you need to get your card stock.

New players – If you are adding new players to your teams, you need to email these four people to let them know and to get an assessment:

- 1) John Larcinese, president@methactonunited.org
- 2) Haven Hoilett, travel@methactonunited.org
- 3) Ralph Navarrete, treasurer@methactonunited.org
- 4) Dawn Stralkowski, registrar@methactonunited.org

Late uniform orders, for players being added to teams, will be taken until mid-July. The uniform store is opening back up again in early July to take these late orders. We are waiting to hear back from Angelos exactly when the store will re-open and when it will close. These uniforms will not be guaranteed by late August. Also, these orders can only be fulfilled if the sizes needed are available in the extra stock we ordered during our regular order time in the spring.

Guest Speakers – If you have a guest speaker for one of our meetings, please let us know and we will get him or her on the schedule. If there is a topic you would like to hear about, also please let us know and we will find a speaker with expertise in this area.

