METRO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE Minutes of the Regular Meeting 18 October 2004

President Frank Giuliano called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The Roll Call was taken and the following clubs were absent: Americas United, Clifton Olympic, Fairview, Elizabeth, Just One, Lodi, NASA United, North Bergen, Passaic Youth, Staten Island.

President's Report:

- Frank reminded delegates that the Referee fees have increased this year effective August 2004:
 - U15 U19 \$60.00 center referee \$30.00 Assistant.
 - U13 U14 \$45.00 center referee \$25.00 assistant (playoffs only)
 - U11 U12 \$40.00 center referee
 - U8 U10 \$35.00

This information is posted on the website

- Frank introduced Julio Casa as our new "unofficial" League
 Administrator. Julio can be reached at 201-991-3725 or via email at Argriver@aol.com.
- Frank announced that the League rules and by-laws would soon be written also in Spanish.
- Frank was happy to announce that we have been into league play for a few weeks now and so far no complaints have come across.
- Meetings for the Metropolitan Premier League will begin soon.
 Eligibility of "premier" status will not only be determined by league championship status, but also by State Cup and tournament participation and position.
- U7/U8 recreation team rosters still need to be submitted. Only few teams have been handed in.
- 7. The delegates were reminded of the State policies regarding transferring of players. If a player played for a team in the fall and wants to transfer to another team within the same "soccer" year, that player must sit out the first 3 league games before being eligible to play for the new team. This also goes for players from teams that have been disbanded. A "soccer" year is from 8/1 to 7/31.
- There are opportunities for clubs to earn \$100.00 credit if they bring in any new clubs to participate in the Metro League.
- If your club is unable to provide a home field, please contact the league. Arrangements will be made to play your home games away, but your club will pay for referee.

10. Preparations for the Metro Youth Soccer League, Metro Day Tailgate party 2005 at Giant Stadium are now underway. The tailgate party is usually held during a Metrostars home game in June. More information will be posted on the website as the information becomes available.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia

Opening Balance: \$35,166.25 for August & September

Debits: 3,662.64 Income: 27,677.00

Closing Balance: \$59,180.61

The Treasurer then listed clubs that a fully paid and asked that the clubs with outstanding balances see her.

Arbitrator's Report: Vince Galasso

Vince is reminding delegates that if any red cards are issued, the pass is held by the referee and turned over to him until the suspension of the player is complete and the fine is paid. Coaches/delegates are to go to Vince to pick up the pass. There is an appeal process posted in the by-laws on the website for delegates who may disagree.

League Improvement Committee Report: Dorina

Dorina announced that she is working on promotional packages to bring other clubs to join the Metro League. Girl's teams are needed.

Boys Games Chairman Report: Fernando Iamurri

Fernando was proud to announce that there has been a substantial decrease, approximately 40 %, of forfeits and rescheduling of games so far this season for the boys.

Registrar Report: Ernesto Gencarelli, Linda Bennani, Dorina Martirano

It was announced that delegates are not following proper procedures and the

registration packages are still not being completed correctly.

No passes will be processed after Thursday

"All" coaches listed on a Roster must submit a membership form.

Select Program:

Frank informed the delegates that Tina LaRosa is no longer the Select Program Administrator and is looking for a volunteer to run this program.

The Select program was once very successful, with many teams of all age groups representing the Metro Youth Soccer league in summer tournaments, but we are down to only a few teams and need to turn this around.

It has been suggested that the Winners of the Metro Cup at the end of the Spring Season will represent the Metro Youth Soccer league in Tournaments.

Any ideas and/or suggestions to help improve the select program can be directed to Frank or Julio.