

METRO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting 11 February 2004

President Frank Giuliano called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The Roll Call was taken and the following clubs were absent: Fort Lee(was excused has no teams this spring), Glen Ridge, JFK Harrison, Montclair United(no teams this spring), North Arlington, Paterson Clash.

President's Report:

1. Presented for membership: Manchester United and Pearl River. Meadowlands United made a motion to accept the new clubs, Secaucus seconded. Vote was unanimous.
2. Bob Franchini invited all league participants to visit one of his showrooms and push the OnStar "Hot Button" in a specially designated vehicle. It should be before February 29th. Only one chance per household.
3. Frank reminded all that our annual dinner dance is on Saturday March 6 at the Wayne Manor, 7pm. If there are any changes or if any more tickets are needed please contact Dorina. If you club cannot attend please also let Dorina know so we do not have to pay for the dinners.
4. Metro League Day at Giant Stadium will be held on Saturday 6/19/04 for MYSL U7 – U10 teams. There will be a tailgate party with prizes, pizza and soda. Players "only" will eat for free; parents, siblings and others will need to pay. A final count of all that are attending is needed by 05/29/04. Prior to the Metrostars game, there will also be opportunities for the U7 – U10 teams to play mini-games on the field at Giant Stadium. The mini-games will be about 18 minutes in length. All teams interested in playing will need to sign up in advance. More details will be posted as we receive them.
5. Meetings for the Metropolitan Premier League will begin soon. The "Premier League" will consist of premier boys teams U15 – U18 for the spring and possibly adding boys U12 – U14 teams in the fall as well as girls divisions. Eligibility of "premier" status will not only be determined by league championship status, but also by State Cup and tournament participation and position.
6. The President indicated that if your club is interested in a U7/U8 recreation team but do not have enough boys or girls to make individual teams, the boys and girls can be combined to make a

team. The team can be registered as late as March 1st for a fee of only \$125.00 per team.

7. The President reminded the delegates 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.
8. Please note that if a team is entered and plays in State Cup games, the delegate and/or coaches still must follow the rules and reschedule their league games within 10 days from the originally scheduled date.
9. Flighting for the spring season will be posted within the next 7 – 10 days. Flighting will be determined by last season's results. Any requests for flighting changes should be emailed to Dorina and the Games Chairman.
10. Preliminary schedules will be available after all flighting has been finalized. Those Delegates with database access will then have the opportunity to update game times. Game times need to be updated within one week. After schedules have been finalized, only the games chairman will have the ability to change times.
11. 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.
12. The President advised the delegates of an upcoming referee school 3/13 – 3/15 at the Wayne PAL. It is for referees 14 y/o and up. Further information can be found on the NJ Youth Soccer website: www.njyouthsoccer.com
13. The President also advised the delegates of a coaches school that will be held at the Wayne PAL, on Friday 3/19 and Saturday 3/20. Reminder that all coaches in MYSL must have at least an F license in order to coach in the league.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia

Opening Balance:	\$65,721 for Oct.,Nov.,Dec.
Debits:	34,818.11
Income:	<u>30,320</u>
Closing Balance:	\$61,222.89

The Treasurer then listed outstanding balances for each club.

Arbitrator's Report: (Frank speaking on behalf of Vince Galasso)

The Arbitrator is reminding delegates that all fines need to be paid up before the beginning of the season or all games for your club will be forfeited until it is paid.

League Improvement Committee Report: Dave

The League Improvement Committee announced that there would be a general coaches meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel in Secaucus. Mandatory for all coaches who did not coach in the fall season. It is optional, but recommended for all other coaches. A checklist of coach's responsibilities will be reviewed and must be approved and initialed by the coaches. More details will be posted on the website soon.

If there are any new clubs or existing clubs with new fields and/or a change in a field, it must be presented to the League improvement committee to be inspected for approval. It was indicated by Frank, that the MYSL is losing teams due to bad field conditions. In the past, bottles, broken glass and other garbage have been found scattered on the fields, which can result in injury to players, coaches and spectators. All clubs must keep their fields clean.

Select Teams Report: Tina

There will be a Select Coaches Meeting on Monday February 23rd at the Wayne PAL. Time will be posted on the website. Select tryouts will be scheduled in the beginning of the spring season. Dates, Times and divisions will be posted on the website. We are still in need of coaches for some of our teams. Inquiries and volunteers and suggestions regarding the Select Program should be sent to Tina LaRosa at Haledonsoccer@aol.com