

Western Suburban Soccer League  
**Directors of Coaching Meeting Minutes • Feb. 11, 2020 • 7 p.m.**  
Plymouth Cultural Center • 525 Farmer St. • Plymouth, MI. 48170  
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Called meeting to order @ 7:06 p.m.

**Attendees:**

**4 WSSL Executive Board Members Present:** President Chris Jackett, Vice President Steve Fellhauer, Treasurer Dominic King, Laws Coordinator Jim Gibbs.

**0 WSSL Executive Board Members Absent:** (Secretary Vacant)

**1 WSSL Administrator Present:** Denise Moote.

**8 Charter Members Present:** Farmington SC (Mike Madrid, Scott McLane), Garden City SC (Jacob Donajkowski, Dominic King), Legacy Legends FC (Bill Joker), Lyon FC (Jeff Wilkinson), Michigan Wolves/Hawks (Dan Mellors, Will Thornton), Northville SA/Michigan Rush (Dave Hart, Steve Fellhauer), Novi Parks SC (T. Chase Root, Chris Jackett), Plymouth City SC (Steve Anderson)

**2 Charter Members Absent:** Ann Arbor United SC, Livonia YMCA SC.

**14 Associate Members Present:** Canton SC/DCFC (Dan McEvilly), Chelsea SC (Mario Zuniga), Hamburg United (Jim Clark), Hartland United FC (Zac Warner), Huron Valley SC (Angela Willis), La Forza SC (Dean Welsh), Michigan Tigers FC (Andrew Pritchard), Milan YSC/Southeast Michigan Storm (Mark Klein), MPSA Crush (Piotr Westwalewicz), Plymouth SC Reign (Miki Djerisilo), Redford SC (Eric Chestnut, Jim Gibbs), Saline FC (Leigh Rumbold), Taylor SC/DCFC (Joel Putek), Wayne-Westland SL Arsenal (Brian Kolb).

**7 Associate Members Absent:** Chill SBC SC, CW3 SA, Dearborn Heights SC, Michigan Rush Downriver, Michigan Rush Jackson, Michigan Rush Lansing, Van Buren.

**7 Guest Members Present:** Chaos SC (Chris Lada), Dearborn SC (Mo Hijazi), DeWitt SC (Terra Dodds), Huron SA (Brad Thomas), Ida SC (Dirk Benson, Brian Holycross), Okemos SC (Kevin Gunns), Pinckney Pirate SC (Sean Grace).

**17 Guest Members Absent:** Bedford SC, Detroit Pumas, East Lansing SC, Flint Area United SC, FCA SC, Grosse Ile SA, Mason SC, Michigan Thunder/Dexter, Monroe SA, Nationals Capital Area, Nationals Genesee, Nationals Tri-County, Nationals Lapeer, Nationals North Oakland, Supreme SC, Traverse Bay Area YS, Ypsilanti-Lincoln YS.

**1. WSSL Administrator Update**

- Moote said WSSL adults are 70 percent compliant with the mandatory U.S. Youth Soccer SafeSport training, despite 100 percent compliance being required by Sept. 2019 by MSYSA and having been announced a year ago.
- Moote said the MSYSA Awards Ceremony & Recognition Dinner is Friday, 2/28, with the Annual General Meeting Saturday, 2/29. A new MSYSA president will be elected and she will have a district “meeting” via email prior to the MSYSA weekend.

**2. Introductory comments by Steve Fellhauer & all attendees**

**3. Discussions:**

**A. FIFA law changes**

- Gibbs discussed the various 6/1/19 changes to the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game, effective 1/1/20. Any necessary updates to the WSSL Laws of the Game will be made prior to the spring 2020 season. Notify referees, assignors, coaches, etc.

**B. Jumping early in playing formats**

- DOCs discussed whether teams should stay in their age appropriate format instead of playing up an age group in cases where they may have a strong fall season and wish to move up an age group the following spring season (ex. U10 team wins D1 fall, wants to play as a U11 in spring), which could negatively impact the remaining teams in the true age group division as the fall teams try to find appropriate spring divisoning. It was decided no rule/law would be created, but a recommendation would be for U7-U10

teams to stay in the same age group from fall to spring, and for older age groups to strongly consider doing the same as long as it doesn't impact the ability to form a team.

- Should movement be limited to only individual players being allowed to jump, but not the whole team? No support for formal limitations.

**C. Review passcarding and dual-rostering.**

- Current laws/rules reviewed: no division limitations, specific guest player numbers. Hamburg said they still support guest playing players from clubs in non-WSSL leagues onto WSSL teams from a different club. Moote said MSYSA doesn't allow it. No other DOCs said their clubs would utilize such a rule. Reminder to keep coaches and team managers informed of the rules.

**D. Recreational division regionalization**

- DOCs were asked if there's any interest in regionalizing at just the recreational level. (If so, clubs submit ideas for boundary proposals.) There was no interest, but WSSL would still try to division U8 select in such a way.

**4. WSSL Feedback**

**A. What can WSSL do for you? What changes would you like to see in WSSL?**

- DOCs told to email Moote, Jackett or Fellhauer if they think of anything.

**5. Misc.**

- Plan on no in-person select divisioning meeting. Will try to handle via email. Deadline is 2/28. Northville requested a pre-, mid-way and final version of divisioning via three emails since no in-person would occur.

- Gibbs said its vital to curb referee abuse, both physical and verbal. There were 11 in fall & 18 in spring.

**Motion to Adjourn @ 8:15 p.m.** (motion by Farmington, seconded by Van Buren)

**Next General Member Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, 2020  
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