

Western Suburban Soccer League
Charter Meeting Minutes • June 16, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Video

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Call meeting to order @ 6:38 p.m. by Steve Fellhauer

Attendees:

WSSL Executive Board Members: Steve Fellhauer (President), Chris Jackett (Vice President), Jim Gibbs (Laws Coordinator), Dominic King (Treasurer), Melinda Cain (Secretary)

WSSL Administrator: Jennifer Westwalewicz

Charter Members Present: Novi Parks SC (T.Chase Root), Plymouth City SC (Steve Anderson); Michigan Wolves/Hawks (Amy Richters); Farmington SC (Michael Madrid); Northville SA/Michigan Rush (Chris Lyon); Ann Arbor United SC (Dean Bowerbank); Garden City Soccer (Jen McConnell/Dominic King)

Charter Members Absent: Legacy Soccer Organization / Legends FC; Lyon FC/South Lyon SC

Associate Member Present: Taylor SC (Jon Evans)

1. Administrator Update

A. Jennifer Westwalewicz introduction

- Denise Retired and Jennifer introduced herself and welcomed.

2. Taylor Soccer Club: Requested to move from Associate to Charter Member

A. Taylor will speak and Charters can ask questions

Discussion:

- Jon Evans spoke on behalf of Taylor SC
 - Taylor has a like minded approach to WSSL
 - All select teams registered and participate in WSSL
 - DCFC is club used for advanced players similar to RUSH
 - Taylor Soccer Club would provide downriver area representation
 - Club is in good standing and follows rules and regulations . Quality advocate to progress the league in the right direction.
 - Member in WSSL since approximately 2012

Questions:

- Ms Christine Lyon questioned why submission under DCFC
 - Relationship is more of an affiliation and working together to reach a common goal.
- Mr Steve Anderson asked about the Administrative structure between Taylor and DCFC.
 - Work through decisions and issues together
 - Taylor is community based and can make their own choices/decisions if required.
 - Jon reiterated that the DCFC relationship is an affiliation. Only professional relationship.
- Mr Michael Madrid - Concern over affiliates with multiple entities wanting charter status; Would dominate voting. Would be opposed if other affiliates join
- Mr Chris Jackett - What is DCFC handling in the relationship
 - No input on where to place teams.
 - Committed to play in WSSL and if a team was aceling would go to DA.
 - Taylor would like to continue in WSSL.

- Mike - Advertising - DCFC corporate advertising to push their clubs.
 - Taylor only pushes to their own members.

6:50 Jon was dismissed.

B. Vote on Charter status for DCFC / Taylor SC:

- Plymouth motioned to accept DCFC with Taylor Schools, Novi Seconded
Vote:
 - Yes - Novi
 - No - Farmington, Wolves, Northville, Garden City, Plymouth Ann Arbor United
 - Absent from vote: Legacy & South Lyon
- Decision: Taylor SC/DCFC will not move from Associate Member to Charter Status.

3. Executive Board Updates

- Approval of Nov. 18, 2020, Charter Meeting Minutes
Motion by Plymouth to Approve; Ann Arbor seconded; unanimous acceptance -
 - Approval of updated Bylaws and Membership Agreement to reflect updated existing club names and add Taylor SC, if approved for charter status.
 - Changes Wolves / Hawks to Wolves SC and change Northville/Rush to just Northville
 - Christine would like to go over changes on voting
 - noted that voting is no longer weighted.
 - Would like to email review and vote
 - Noted by-laws do not allow for email vote.
- Tabled Northville/RUSH change to allow time for review
 - Wolves only 503(c) Name change to Wolves SC
 - Michigan Wolves SC motioned; Plymouth SC seconded; unanimous acceptance
 - Email Review and vote on Northville specific item before July 31st
 - Plymouth motioned to allow an email vote; Farmington 2nd ; Unanimous acceptance with Ann Arbor United abstaining

4. Old Business

- Recommendation to remove WSSL membership for four clubs; all currently guest members were alerted in December of recommendation and did not submit teams for Spring 2021.
 - Flint Area United FC - Zero teams in five seasons since joining for Spring 2019.
 - Manchester SA - Zero teams in 7+ seasons dating through Spring 2018.
 - Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer - Zero teams past five seasons; one in Fall 2018.
 - Ypsilanti-Lincoln YS - Zero teams past four seasons; one in Spring 2019.

Plymouth motioned to remove all teams listed; Novi seconded; unanimous acceptance

5. New Business

- None

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:34 PM Plymouth motions and Ann Arbor United 2nd

Next Charter Meeting – TBD 2021

Zoom or Plymouth Cultural Center