

Western Suburban Soccer League  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes • May 16, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.**

Zoom Video

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**Attendees:**

**WSSL Executive Board Members:** Steve Fellhauer, Chris Jackett, Melinda Cain, Jim Gibbs, Dominic King

**WSSL Administrator:** Denise Moote, Jennifer Westwalewicz

Others: Matt Bollinger- Dundee FC & John Hollowell and Jo de Verteuil from Detroit Soccer District

Meeting called to order @ 6:31 p.m by Mr. Fellhauer.

Mr. Fellhauer introduced two clubs (Dundee FC and Detroit Soccer District) joining the meeting to discuss guest membership and introduced the WSSL Executive Board Members and WSSL Administrators.

**Dundee FC:**

Mr. Bollinger, from Dundee FC, presented his club and spoke about the establishment of Dundee FC and the age groups it serves. Mr. Bollinger discussed the need to get travel soccer for players in their area. Dundee HS does not offer soccer as a varsity sport and this will give kids the opportunity to play at a higher level as they get older.

Mr. Bollinger responded to several questions, from the Executive Board, regarding fields, assignors, referees, tryouts and participation numbers.

**Detroit Soccer District:**

Mr. Fellhauer welcomed Detroit Soccer and ask for some background on the club.

Mr. Hollowell gave a brief background and explained its purpose is to provide affordable soccer in the City of Detroit. There are over 75 players in club and they are looking for additional competition for some of their teams.

Mr. Hollowell responded to several questions, from the Executive Board, regarding fields, assignors, referees, tryouts and participation numbers.

Mr. Fellhauer asked for other questions from the clubs. Mr de Verteuil asked for information on WSSL Fees. WSSL Fees and location on the Website was provided by Mr. King.

Questions, from both clubs, regarding the application turn-around time for approval / denial. Mr. Fellhauer explained approval process and would hopefully have an answer by middle of next week.

Both Dundee FC and Detroit Soccer District were thanked for their interest and dismissed from the meeting at 7:21 pm.

**WSSL Executive Board discussion**

- Guest membership applicants:
  - A. Dundee FC
  - B. Detroit Soccer District

Executive Board discussed the two clubs' admission and Mr. Jackett motioned to accept both clubs as Guest members into WSSL. Mr. Gibbs second motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fellhauer will inform the clubs and copy WSSL Administrators on the correspondence with the new Guest Members.

- Taylor Soccer Club Charter Member Status: Mr. Fellhauer received communication from Mr. John Evans, Taylor Soccer Club. Mr. Evans requested Taylor Soccer Club be considered for addition as a Charter Member.

Discussion pursued:

Taylor's Select program currently participates as part of DCFC. Ms. Moote explained and clarified the DCFC setup and confirmed that in regards to the Taylor Division of DCFC, they put 100% of their Rec and Select teams into WSSL. Taylor has been a very consistent and loyal club.

Reviewed WSSL requirements for Charter Membership - Sec 3.2.1 E of the Membership Agreement

i. Taylor meets all requirements in the Membership Agreement.

- **Wolves / Hawks Charter Status**

Pursuant to Article II of the WSSL Bylaws: Wolves have charter status.

Wolves and Hawks have been one club but have recently separated. At end of July each will be independent.

Discussion ensued on keeping Wolves as Charter Member and allowing Hawks to come in as Associate or Guest Member.

Holly Peters will be the Hawks Representative

Mr. Fellhauer to let Charters know that the Clubs have split and Wolves will stay a Charter Member and Hawks will be an Associate Member.

- Ann Arbor United – Ms. Moote explained that their submission of teams to WSSL has dropped. Ms. Moote recommended to wait and see if they continue to lose teams and if they are able to submit any teams to WSSL in the upcoming season.

#### **Administrator Update:**

Ms. Westwalewicz updated the Executive Board on the GotSport Training and it is going well. Ms. Westwalewicz worked on all the recent Divisioning and team registration work and is getting comfortable with the process. Overall the transition is going well. Ms. Moote suggested the transition should be announced. Mr. Fellhauer will send Announcement – Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion on transition and Ms. Moote's involvement during transition.

- Monthly Contract fee (\$1,000.00) for August / September / October for fall to help with transition.

Discuss Executive Board roles and Bylaw job descriptions:

Financial Matters to Mr. King

Rules and Regulation questions to Mr. Fellhauer or Mr. Jackett

Laws of Game to Mr. Jackett or Mr. Gibbs

Coaching / Club issues to Mr. Fellhauer or Mr. Jackett

#### **Old Business:**

Safe Sport update

May 25 – Referee Abuse MSYSA hearing from a WSSL game

#### **7. New Business**

- Discuss changing the 80% payment so that it only applies to clubs expected to pay over \$1,000 in fees for the season.
  - Mr. King explained the difficulty clubs have with MSYSA fees and the reconciliation is confusing and time consuming.
  - Mr. Jackett motioned to accept the change – Second - unanimous - change passed.

Mr. Jackett Motion to Adjourn @ 8:33 PM – Ms. Cain second - Meeting Adjourned

Next Executive Board Meeting – TBD or Nov. 17, 2021

Zoom or Plymouth Cultural Center