

Western Suburban Soccer League
Directors of Coaching Meeting Minutes • Feb. 22, 2022 • 7 p.m.
Zoom Video
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Call meeting to order @ 7:03 p.m. by Chris Jackett

Attendees:

WSSL Executive Board Members: Steve Fellhauer, Chris Jackett, Melinda Cain, Jim Gibbs, Dominic King (not in attendance)

WSSL Administrator: Jennifer Westwalewicz

Charter Members Present (5): Garden City SC (RJ Casey); Farmington Soccer Club (Scott McLane); Legends FC & Lyon FC (William Joker); Mark Zathy - Northville SA/Michigan Rush (Mark Zathy)

Charters Members Absent (4): Michigan Wolves; Novi Parks; Plymouth City SC; Ann Arbor United

Associate Members Present (10): Southeast Michigan Storm – Milan (Kristi Higgins); DCFC / Taylor SC (Jon Evans); Chelsea SC (Mario Zuniga-Gil); Hamburg United (James Clark); Michigan Tiger SC (Billyl Alman); Plymouth Reign (Miki Djerisilo); Saline FC (Leigh Rumbol); Redford Soccer Club (Jim Gibbs); Canton SC / DCFC West (Holly Locke, Charlie Bell); Michigan Rush Jackson (Mark Zathay)

Associate Members Absent (12): Hartland United FC; Huron Valley SC; LaForza SC/Jags; Michigan Tigers FC; MPSA Crush (Jennifer Westwalewicz); Wayne-Westland SL Arsenal; Chill SBC SC; CW3 SA, Dearborn Heights SC, Michigan Rush Downriver, Michigan Rush Lansing, VanBuren

Guest Members Present (11): Detroit Soccer District (John Hollowell); Okemos Soccer (Kevin Gunns); Mason SC (Tim Rogers); Huron Soccer Association (Philip Pacheco); National Soccer Club (Nick Chenoweth); Dearborn SC / Dearborn Jaguars (Mo Hijazi); Dewitt SC (Jonathan Cobbett); Pinckney Pirate Soccer Club (Sean Grace); Michigan Jaguars FC - Genesee (Dean Welsh); Michigan Thunder/Dexter (Bill Joker); Nationals Genesee (Rick Miracle)

Guest Members Absent (12): Bedford SC; Brighton Area Recreation Connection; Chaos SC; Detroit Pumas; East Lansing SC; Flint Area United SC; FCA SC; Grass Lake SC; Monroe SA, Traverse Bay Area YS, Ypsilanti-Lincoln YS; Ida SC

Discussion:

1. Score Reporting

- Executive board decided that both teams send in game reports, only home/winning team posts score to the website.

2. Lopsided Games

- Addressing teams at divisioning
- If one sided, try different tactics to control the game

- o Rearrange your players
- o Be creative

3. Forfeit vs Unplayed Games

- Try multiple options to play
- Keep all correspondence in Email

4. Referee Complaints

- WSSL doesn't assign referees and most issues appear to be at MSYSA Level
- Coaches submit complaints to Assignor
- Parents should address their issues with Coaches or Club. Club should address with Assignor

5. Referee Shortage/Fees

- Shortage Nationwide for most sports
- Raising referee pay rates
 - o More marketable
 - o Timing due to the need for Refs
 - o Bell addressed concern for clubs that budgeted for referee fees yearly. ▪ Can this wait until the 2022-23 season so clubs can budget correctly.
 - Jakkett addressed concern. Fee increase will be published.
 - o Question on League Fees
 - Flat per team fee vs individual

6. Old Business

- None

7. New Business

- Coaches making a positive game experience
 - o Chelsea mentioned playing teams with volunteers and coaches not controlled by the club. Can there be coaching education? Need some structure or solution.
 - o Garden City SC – suggestion that this group/level addresses coaches' issues and let this group have an impact on this issue.
 - o Jakkett discussed a DOC committee that can meet on these issues reported and come up with possible solutions to help with education.
- Less Spring games?
 - o Currently, we are not looking at lessening the number of games.

8. Good of the Game

- o Nothing

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:36 PM by Jim Gibbs; Plymouth Reign – 2nd