

Western Suburban Soccer League
Executive Board Meeting Notes • May 22, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

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Call meeting to order @ 7:37 p.m.

Attendees:

WSSL Executive Board Members Present: Steve Fellhauer, Chris Jackett, Jim Gibbs, Dominic King.

WSSL Executive Board Members Absent: Melinda Cain.

WSSL Administrator: Jennifer Westwalewicz

Guests Present: Abbas Al-wishah (Michigan FC President), Sid Ahmad (Michigan FC DOC), Cass Cook (Foundation FC), Matt Andres (Foundation FC), Randi Greenslade (WCSC President), Josh Walz (WCSC Vice President).

1. Guest Membership Applications

Foundation FC (Ann Arbor)

- Located in Ann Arbor community
- Providing kids with soccer interests, but freedom to pursue other activities. “Competition without specialization” is their tag line.
- Start with rec teams with option to do select.
- Expects 1-2 teams in the fall.

Michigan FC (Dearborn)

- Formed in 2015. Looking to make soccer affordable to a wide group of youths.
- Teaching players to be respectful of referee’s decision and learn from the game instead of being involved and trying to change the referee’s decision.
- Advised other clubs MFC’s intent to join and received no opposition.
- Only planning select in WSSL.

Western Community SC (Spring Arbor/Parma, west of Jackson)

- Club existed about 20+ years.
- Has 10-15 teams U9-U19 currently in CASL. Has a handful of higher-end CASL teams that are looking for better competition in WSSL.
- Located in Spring Arbor; Very community based.

Motion by Chris Jackett to accept all three as guests for select and Foundation FC also for rec. 2nd by Dominic King - unanimously accepted.

2. Membership Review

A. Dundee FC – Request to allow rec teams.

B. Jackson Area CS – Request to allow rec teams.

Motion by Chris Jackett to allow Dundee, deny JACS; 2nd by Jim Gibbs - unanimously accepted.

3. Approval of 1/31/24 executive board meeting minutes

Motion by Chris Jackett, 2nd by Steve Fellhauer; unanimously accepted.

4. Categorizing “Super” Clubs/Memberships

WSSL EB to recommend to charters to consolidate multiple branch “super clubs” into single club identity for voting, payments, guest players, etc. Chris Jackett lead discussion and will draft verbiage.

5. Jurisdictions

WSSL EB to recommend to charters for stronger wording to clarify “events” in Membership Agreement so external clubs or entities will need written consent from charters for tryouts, practices, trainings, summer camps or tournaments to occur within a jurisdiction. Chris Jackett will draft.

6. Old Business

A. Dual Rostering

WSSL to maintain rules – no changes.

7. New Business

A. Team Registration Fees

Dominic King discussed a flat fee per season, not new vs. returning team. Approximately two-thirds the price of “new”.

- Dominic King draft proposed cost via email for formal vote. Allow clubs to pay by Quickbooks.

B. Non-WSSL members as MSPSP Affiliates

Jennifer Westwalewicz gave update on Northville’s loss of MSYSA direct membership and began to affiliate MSPSP through WSSL. United Stars SC request to affiliate through WSSL for MSPSP.

- WSSL will not allow direct WSSL affiliation by a non-WSSL club members, but will allow that club to be sponsored by and run through a WSSL club.

C. Uniforms

Steve Fellhauer advised of one club had kids flipping shirts inside out that were the same color. Other clubs have had issues with getting jerseys to players.

- WSSL EB to add to Laws of the Game to require like-jersey/shirt colors with club logo for select only.

D. Goal Material

Jennifer Westwalewicz asked about using flexible goals and inflatable goals in games.

- FIFA Laws say it must be solid material. Add reference in Game Day Procedures; not in Laws of the Game.

8. Good of the Game -NA

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:56 PM

Chris Jackett motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Jim Gibbs , unanimous.

**Next Executive Board Meeting – 8 p.m. Nov. 13, 2024
Novi Civic Center/TBD**