

Western Suburban Soccer League
Executive Board Meeting Minutes • Jan. 31, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.
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Call meeting to order @ 7:31 p.m.

Attendees:

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

WSSL Administrator: Jennifer Westwalewicz

Guests:

Ann Arbor Community Education: Drew Ducker & Seth Dodson

Champions Soccer Academy (Dearborn) - Jad El-Zein

Sports Plus Academy (Inkster) - Houssein Doulani

Dearborn Heights Badgers FC - Joseph Brincat

Michigan Tigers (Ann Arbor) -

1. Membership Applications/Changes

- A. Ann Arbor Community Education (AACE) - Community based organization. Request for Recreation. A2 United was consulted and agreed to allow AACE
 - Melinda Cain motioned to accept AACE for Recreation Only; 2nd by Jim Gibbs; unanimous acceptance
- B. Champions Soccer Academy (Dearborn) – Jad El Zein – Club is just starting up and has no assignor / referees. Need to reapply when more settled.
 - Jim Gibbs motioned to Deny; 2nd by Steve Fellhauer; denied - unanimously
- C. Sports Plus Academy (Inkster) – Houssein Doulani – Applying for Select, established club
 - Chris Jackett motioned to accept Select Only ; 2nd by Jim Gibbs; accepted - unanimous
- D. Dearborn Heights Badgers FC – aka Detroit Badgers. Over 100 middle / high school age kids. Coaches from charter school. GirlsHS (1 team) would start in Fall due to HS.
 - Chris Jacket motioned to accept for Select and Recreation; 2nd by Melinda Cain; accepted - passed 4 -1- Steve Fellhauer dissented
- E. Michigan Tigers – Request to add recreational teams. Contingent on Ann Arbor United approval.
 - Chris Jackett motioned to accept contingent on Ann Arbor United approval; 2nd by Steve Fellhauer; accepted based on contingency - unanimously

2. Approval of 11/15/23 executive board meeting minutes

- Chris Jackett motioned to approve, 2nd by Steve Fellhauer ; unanimous approval

3. Potential WSSL Law Changes

- A. Update Game Day Procedures:
 - a. include pre/post game step-by-step procedures
 - i. step by step to help with new coaches and referees follow the game day requirements– Dress code, check players, coin toss, etc. Get back to basics.

- ii. Reach out to Referee assignors; request help sending out procedures and notice game day procedures are to be adhered to.
 - iii. Add the pass-card issue in F
 - b. Jim Gibbs to draft for review and issue
 - i. Request if Ron Grobel can assist
- B. WSSL reschedule rules :
 - a. No change; enforce fines currently in place.
 - b. Discussed rescheduling before original game time?
 - i. Too much of a time crunch. No change at this time.
- C. Safe play training
 - kicking GKs, sliding, U11 headers, etc.
- D. U8 defenders in the goal/GKs, build-out line (half line?) and goal boxes
Build out line and goal kicks and mimic what MSDL has in their rules by this spring. A lot of this is education based.
 - a. Guest players must have pass-cards presented at game
 - i. Currently need to have name and birthday on roster; No changes at this time.

4. Categorizing “Super” Clubs/Memberships - Tabled

5. Jurisdictions - Tabled

6. Old Business

- A. CASL Dual Rostering - review request and feedback to initial conversation.
 - All feedback due by 2.06.24
 - Response to CASL by 02.08.24
- B. Jennifer Westwalewicz to be WSSL proxy at AGM

7. New Business

- A. Chris Jackett received volunteer of the year Award – Congratulations Chris well deserved!

8. Good of the Game - Nothing

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:00 PM

Melinda Cain motioned to adjourn ; 2nd by Jim Gibbs ; unanimous acceptance

Next Executive Board Meeting – May/June 2024
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