

Western Suburban Soccer League  
**Directors of Coaching Minutes • Feb. 21, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.**

Zoom Video

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Attendees:

**WSSL Executive Board Members Present (5):** Steve Fellhauer, Chris Jackett, Melinda Cain, Jim Gibbs, Dominic King.

**WSSL Administrator Absent:** Jennifer Westwalewicz.

**Charter Members Present:**

Ann Arbor United SC :	Dean Bowerhouse
Farmington FC:	Michael Madrid
Garden City SC:	Dominic King
Legacy Center:	Bill Joker; Kristin Oakley
Lyon FC:	Bill Joker
Novi Parks SC:	Chase Root
Plymouth City:	Absent
Redford SC:	Jim Gibbs, Eric Chestnut
Wolves SC:	Sam Cheaib

**Charter Members Absent:**

Northville SA, Plymouth City

**Associate Members Present:**

Chelsea Soccer Club – Matthew Clarke  
Dewitt Soccer Club – Terra Dodds  
Hartland United FC - John Zalewski  
Michigan Tigers FC – Zach Artinian  
Milan Youth SC / Southeast MI Storm – Matt Furlong  
MPSA Crush - Piotr Westwalewicz  
Michigan Jags Northville - Eric Rudland (Northville Jags)  
Plymouth SC - Miki Djerisilo  
Saline FC - Leigh Rumbold

**Associate Members Absent:**

CW3 SA, DCFC Youth Downriver/Taylor SC, DCFC Youth West/Canton SA, Hamburg United FC, Huron Valley, SC, Michigan Hawks, Michigan Jaguars – Genessee, Michigan Jags Downriver, Michigan Jags Jackson, Michigan Jags Lansing, Michigan Jags HV, Monroe Area SA, Okemos SC, Van Buren SCA, Wayne Westland SL,

**Guest Members Present:**

Detroit Badgers - Ann & Joe Brincat  
Dewitt Soccer Club – Terra Dodds  
Detroit Soccer District - Joseph de Verteuil  
Hamtramck FC – Hamza Algahaim  
Huron SA - Phil Pacheco  
Jackson Area Club Soccer – Chris Elliott  
Lenawee United FC – Michael Orta  
Michigan Thunder – Bill Joker  
Michigan Wolves HYPE - Mohamed Salman, Sam Cheaib  
Pickney Pirate SC - Sean Grace  
Sports Plus Academy – Houssein Douhani

**Guest Members Absent:**

AIM SC, Ann Arbor Com Ed and Rec, Bedford SC, Brighton Area Recreation, Chaos Soccer, Dearborn SC, DCFC Youth City, DCFC Youth Genessee, Detroit Excursion SC, Detroit Pumas, Dundee FC, East Lansing FC, Foundation FC, Grass Lake Area Soccer, Hamtramck City FC, Holly Alliance, Jackson AYSO, Liverpool FC Hartland, Mason SC, Michigan Thunder, Nationals Capital Area, Thundercats, Western

**Call meeting to order @ 7:32 p.m.**

**1. Approval of 11/15/23 annual general meeting minutes**

**Motion to approve by Wolves, 2<sup>nd</sup> Farmington**

**2. What do your clubs provide for coaching education/training?**

- Farmington reimburses certification, had DOC orientation.
- JACS coaching mentorship, looking into reimbursement.
- Plymouth Reign pays coaches for certification, but has 2yr contract; run how-to-coach games; rented indoor field space and shares ideas.
- Wolves said hard to find good coaches in Michigan. Wolves said coaching licensing needs more marketing. Free training sessions.
- Reign writes session plans in a shared GoogleDoc, offers corrects during breaks, not in front of teams.

**3. If we hosted an MSYSA Coaching Seminar, what subject(s) would be most important to you?**

- Redford - classes to help coaches psychologically on how to deal with parents/refs.
- Wolves agreed, watches coaches after they receive a card to see if they are too aggressive. Wolves said, few days after tryouts, have a parent meeting and be firm. No yelling or coaching from sidelines. Coaches should be role models
- Reign bans player one game, parent two games for trash talking. Age 15+ benched 1-2 games for trash talk cards.

**4. Tools for recreational coaches vs. select/premier coaches?**

- Wolves - tactical is most important through U13.
- Reign - ages 6-7 just want to have fun, do small-sided games 15-20min and includes tactical work.

**5. Old Business**

MSYSA Metro SW meeting irritated with referee quality level. Paperwork, check-in, appearance player safety, all sub-par. Online certification process cause of issues.

Talk to MRC about referees doing paperwork properly, checking passcards, etc.

Jim Gibbs approaching MRC seeking improvement.

Chris Jackett said updated Game Day Procedures at <https://wsslsoccer.org/sitefiles/file/202402/WSSL-GameDayProceduresFeb082024.pdf>.

**6. New Business**

Reign asked about lunch or later night meeting times.

Chris Jackett explained that many had jobs outside of coaching and kids of their own.

**7. Good of the Game – N/A**

**Motion to Adjourn @ 8:25 PM**

**Reign motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wolves**

**Next General Member Meeting – Nov. 13 AGM;  
Zoom or TBD**