

Western Suburban Soccer League

**Annual General Meeting Minutes • Nov. 13, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.**

Greenmead Historical Park's Alexander Blue House • 20501 Newburgh Road • Livonia, MI. 48152

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Call meeting to order @ 7:33 p.m.

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

**WSSL Administrator Present:** Jennifer Westwalewicz.

**10 Charter Members Present:**

Ann Arbor United (Dean Bowerhouse),  
Farmington SC (Michael Madrid),  
Garden City SC (RJ Casey),(Tony Delarosa)  
Legacy Legends FC (Ryan Carriere),  
South Lyon SC / Lyon FC (Ryan Carriere),  
Michigan Wolves (Amy Richters),  
Northville Soccer Association (Christine Lyon), (Dan Ferrara)  
Novi Parks (Steve Fellhauer),  
Redford SC (Gabrielle Puzon),  
Plymouth City SC (Brandon Szachta)

**7 Associate Members Present:**

CW3 SA/Jags - Genesee (David Spencer),  
DCFC/Taylor SC (Joel Putek),  
DCFC/Canton SC (Holly Locke),  
Hartland United FC (John Zalewski)  
Milan Youth/Southeast MI Storm (Gary Willert)  
Monroe Area SA (Scot Chafin),  
MPSA Crush (Jennifer Westwalewicz);

**12 Associate Members Absent:** Chelsea SC; Dewitt SC; Huron Valley SC; Michigan Jags Downriver; Michigan Jags Genesee; Michigan Jags Jackson; Michigan Jags Lansing; Michigan Tiger SC; Okemos SA; Plymouth SC; Saline FC; Wayne-Westland SL.

**5 Guest Member Present:**

Detroit Badgers (Ann Brincat)  
Huron SA (Gary McPherson)  
Mason SC (Tim Rogers)  
Michigan FC (Maithem Alkosil)  
Pinckney Pirate Soccer Club (Sean Grace).

**23 Guest Members Absent:** AIM Michigan SC; Ann Arbor Com Ed and Rec; Bedford SC; Brighton Area Recreation Connection; Chaos SC; Dearborn SC; DCFC Youth City; DCFC Youth Genesee; Detroit Excursion; Detroit Pumas; Dundee FC, East Lansing SC; Foundation FC; Grass Lake SC; Hamtramck City FC; Holly Alliance; Jackson AYSO; Jackson Area Community Soccer; Lenawee United FC; Liverpool FC Hartland; Sports Plus Academy; Nationals Genesee; Thundercats; Western Community SC.

**1. Approval of 2/21/24 DOC general meeting minutes -**

**Motion to Approve by Garden City Approved; Huron 2nd; unanimously approved.**

**2. President's Report – Steve Fellhauer**

Welcome newest WSSL member clubs:

- Ann Arbor Community Education,
- Sports Plus Academy (Inkster),
- Detroit Badgers FC (Dearborn Heights) S24;
- Foundation FC (Ann Arbor),
- Michigan FC (Dearborn),
- Western Community SC (Parma, west of Jackson) F24.

**3. Vice President's Report – Chris Jackett**

A. Referee scholarships,

1. Referee Scholarship -
  - a. provided 21 new referees scholarships
  - b. \$683 funds remaining - encourage new refs to send in application
2. Game day procedures -
  - a. In writing. Trying to stop issues and addressing with referees
  - b. Clubs should share procedures with all parties
  - c. Procedures are emailed out and on WSSL website
  - d. Administrator to possibly offer game day procedure training - referees and new coaches - zoom meeting
  - e. This needs to be a collaborative effort
3. Mi Ref committee -
  - a. Discussed interest in doing training
  - b. Club referee issues
    - i. teams/parents - sitting on opposite sidelines; referees are moving to same sideline
    - ii. Refs are kids and coaches are bullying them
    - iii. Place to share feedback - please provide to assignors
    - iv. Can we add assignors to website
    - v. #'s of referees. - currently nearing 5K in the whole state; this is up from 1300 at covid.
    - vi. Suggestion to offer workshop for better soccer experience

**4. Treasurer's Report – Dominic King**

A. Account Balance - Reviewed and in good standing

1. Thanked clubs paying timely
2. 6 not paid -Chaos, Milan, Jackson, WayneWestland, Detroit Pumas, Legacy

**5. Secretary's Report – Melinda Cain -**

Discussed draft minutes on the website before meetings - feedback was positive, no issues.

**6. Laws Coordinator's Report – Jim Gibbs**

A. Disciplinary summary for the Spring and Fall 2024 seasons.

1. Referee abuse is down
2. Too many player subs
  - a. illegal players now leading in issues raised
3. Provided assignor feedback on good refs
4. Uniform issues - Clubs using t-shirts; no logos; no numbers; not same color

5. Field issues - Clubs not clearly marking fields and need the appropriate goals
  - a. Goal anchoring – if not anchored, there will be no game, it is canceled.  
It is not a referee decision. It is a mandate. Home coach's responsibility
6. Racial slurs - many reports of this issue.
  - a. Bring to the Referee attention and provide write up to provide tracking.
  - b. Clubs should discuss protocol for this type of behavior
  - c. This is not acceptable and should be stopped
7. MSYSA AGM - spoke about referee training
  - a. Looking to put a committee together to approach MRC
  - b. Kids need mentors and someone helping at fields
  - c. Zoom meeting for referees to ask questions.

**7. Administrator's Report – Jennifer Westwalewicz**

- A. Registration player/team numbers
1. Slight increase compared to Fall 2023 for players
  2. Game Cards - please get them filled out and signed.
    - a. Reinforce with coaches and help kid refs

**8. Scorekeeper's Report – Brett Christensen (absent) - Chris Jackett provided recap**

1. 2400 games; 1400 select - 99% scores
2. Both teams should be reporting; they are not
3. Home team should be reporting digitally and Both teams should send copy of report within 24 hours

**9. MSPSP Rep's Report – Steve McGuirk (absent)**

**10. MSYSA Rep's Report – Wendy Zielen**

- A. WSSL members earning MSYSA awards, scholarships and grants

**11. 2024-25 Executive Board Elections** (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Laws Coordinator) [only charters may vote]

Northville motioned to keep existing board members - 2nd by Farmington - Unanimously approved with Novi abstaining.

**12. Proposal for all coach/staff/team official photos to be uploaded to GotSport regardless of rec/select** (Redford proposing) -

- Game reports don't have coaches' names and other coaches are standing in. Picture would be helpful for identification
- Clarification that coaches can substitute - need to write Risk Management # or driver's license number.
- If an adult is not a registered coach, no insurance. Clubs need to monitor.

**13. Old Business**

A. Team Flat Fee Rates

- Approved 6/4/24 via EB email vote. Allows clubs to pay by Quickbooks.

WSSL Team Flat fee/season	Rec	Select
U8	N/A	\$ 125
U9-U10	\$ 115	\$ 160
U11-U12	\$ 155	\$ 195
U13-U19	\$ 190	\$ 230

- Fees sent out 10.01 due 10.15 with a 10% late fee -Spring sent out 5.01 and due 5.15 with a 10% late fee.
- ACH or eCheck is now available.

#### **14. New Business**

Jennifer explained there are clubs that are outside WSSL boundaries looking for a rec program closer to their location. Are any clubs interested in a Rec - West addition to WSSL to cut down on traveling.

Age changes - US Soccer decides and WSSL will need to follow decision

#### **15. Good of the Game**

Nothing to report

**Motion to Adjourn @ Northville motioned to adjourn; 2nd by Garden City - Adjourned at 8:43 PM**