

MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Competitive Committee (CC) Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by MYSA Competitive Director, Ira Gurewitz, at 9:10 a.m.

Present: Gurewitz, Rick Klabecek, Diana O'Connor, Todd Loose and Julie Magnuson. League Commissioner Cam Stoltz and MYSA President Steve May

Absent: Marty McDermott, Jim Barker, Nantha Viswanathan and Matt Nielsen.

Introductions

Matt Nielsen of the Fairmont Club

Agenda

Gurewitz presented the agenda

Approval of Minutes

Gurewitz mentioned minutes for March were written by Amanda who recently resigned and therefore were not ready for presentation.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

- General discussion took place regarding the discipline of players and coaches who exhibit unacceptable behavior, specifically after being cautioned or ejected from games. An example of an early season U17 game was discussed that had an official threatened. That player received a double or four game suspension. Generally, it was agreed that consistency in discipline is important from the committee and the MYSA Office.
- An affirmative vote was taken to add Matt Nielsen, of the Fairmont Club as a new dual Competitive Representative to serve the Southwest boys and Girls.
- A one-year process was approved to "leap frog" for Premier Teams electing to enter either the immediate next Premier League or the next older Premier league to provide for the 2016–2017 season so as to adjust to the U.S. Soccer Mandates.
- Committee agreed that a 14+ fall league can be allowed. The new league will allow for U15s to play with U14s making a combined U14/U15 to accommodate unintended consequences of birth year mandates that would leave older eight graders without a place to play between MYSA leagues and freshman high school soccer. The new league will grant eight graders born in August to December a place to play while waiting for high school opportunities.
- The concept of all age groups being allowed to self-select Classic 2 was approved on an emergency rule basis. Later withdrawn at MYSA Board level.
- The duties and responsibilities of League Commissioner Cam Stoltz were discussed in the transition from Ranae Orr's resignation late last year.

Competitive Representative Reports

No rep reports were given

For the Good of Soccer

- Steve May discussed how we will focus leagues more on natural geography and play groups/area compared to the traditional administrative districts only. This will make more sense for members, make travel more balanced and fair and allow for a balanced approach to playoffs
- Classic 1 and all petitions will increase for 2016–2017
- MYSA Office is moving to Nesbitt and Old Shakopee Road later in the summer
- Need to find Competitive Rep for South Boys and East Girls

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by Cam Stoltz, MYSA League Commissioner