



"Soccer for Life"

2019 February Agenda-League Meeting

February 13, 2019, Wellesley Community Center

Sign In:

- *Review contacts for your team*
- *Review status of fees and make payments if owed*

1. **Roll Call:** reminder that there is a fine for teams that don't have a representative at the meeting.
2. **Approval of August 2018 meeting minutes:** minutes are posted on the website. *Approved*
3. **New England Revolution Presentation**
Paul Blanchard with New England Revolution visited. What can the Revs do to bring people out to games? Can we come up with a fun night? What can they do to work with EMWSL? Think about this and come back to him with ideas.
4. **Reports from the field:**
 - a. **Division 1 Updates (Peter)**
Reminder: you will probably have a lot of players with expired registrations. Remind your players to update now rather than later. There were a couple of forfeits this season. Let's try to eliminate these completely.
 - b. **Division 2 Updates (Patti)**
Same feedback as D1- be cognizant of forfeits.
 - c. **Division 3 Updates (Dee for Jeanene)**
No updates- please let Dee know after the meeting if there are any issues you'd like to address.

d. Open discussion on fall and upcoming spring season

- 2019 calendar is available. Please review and let us know if there are any issues.
- Some teams are having trouble securing fields- can the league help these teams? Please let us know if you are having difficulties.

e. Referee Report (Dee for Joe)

The league is behind the eight ball on schedules and missing out on the better referees. Most referees have already been scheduled with competing leagues. We need to get better at the timeliness of our scheduling.

f. Scheduling (Dick)

All done! Trying to schedule turf teams on April 7th. If you need dates, talk to Dick, dickf24@mac.com.

5. Reports from the Front Office:

a. President (Dee)

- We continue to try to grow the league. Please share ideas on recruiting players, especially in D1. How do we recruit college players?
- The league really worked hard with marketing this past year. Dee brought magnets. Please take some for you and your team to help promote the league.
- Website- if you are having issues, please let us know. We are looking to fine tune this so we can recruit new players.
- Forfeits- reminder that over 2 forfeits in a season, its up to the discretion of the board whether the team can continue to play. Understood there are issues with weather, but please work on the forfeits.
- Uniforms continue to be an issue. This problem came up on some referee reports. We're trying to make this easier on you. A rep will be attending the meeting so you can discuss uniforms.

- Attendance at league meetings- failure to attend results in a fine of \$100. All teams need one rep. This shouldn't be a problem.
- Please make sure your contacts are updated on the website.

b. Vice President (Liz): No updates.

c. Secretary (Tricia): No updates.

d. Treasurer Report/financial Update (Jim)

Reference the Treasurer report. He will try to get the Spring invoice out before the season starts.

He expects overhead spending will go down in 2019.

e. Marketing (Anna for Kate)

New England Sports for Women- new nonprofit started by Kate and Anna. They are creating an organization that better supports female athletes of all ages and ability. Looking to build a stadium in MA for women athletes. Looking for parcels of land west of the city. If you have connections with sponsors, let them know. We are excited about this endeavor!

f. Field Committee (Jim): No updates.

g. New Player Coordinator (Dick)

There are currently 126 new players on the New Player List. Dick passed around the list at the meeting. If you are interested in any info on these players, please let Dick know, dickf24@mac.com. Also, if you have picked up a player, please let Dick know.

h. USASA and Mass Soccer Update (Liz)

- Mass Soccer is hosting a player showcase. They are reaching out to women for event at Gillette. Please come down to meet players. 2 groups: Men & Women combines. See details below.
- You soon will be able to do a player search through the Mass Soccer website. Technology will be up in the next few weeks. This should be a good resource for EMWSL.

i. Open Discussion

- Would the league consider a sub pool? We will need to form a committee to explore. We would need a bylaw change. How would this work and impact teams? We need to think about this and perhaps present at Fall meeting to vote on a bylaw change.
- Would we consider a league shirt that might be a cheap option? League will subsidize a logo.

6. Upcoming Event

- Mass Soccer- Combine/League Open House** at The Empower Field House @ Gillette Stadium on March 16th - 4:30-6pm.
- Adult Soccer Fest 2019 10-14 July Lancaster MA!!:** This is a great opportunity for teams to participate. There are currently 4 Mass Spirit and 5 or 6 Breakers teams signed up. Mass Soccer will be helping to subsidize local teams. If you want to sign up a team, there will be a new link JUST for MA teams. The cost is high and Mass Soccer wants to help get more teams in the tourney.
Tournament director is Cesar. Get in contact with him if you want to help out.

7. Elections:

- President- Dee nominated and approved.
- Treasurer- Jim Livingston nominated and approved.
- Appointment of Competition Committee Chair – Anna has accepted appointment. We still need 2 reps from D1, 1 rep each from D2 and D3.

8. Uniform Presentation

9. Adjournment