



## **“Soccer for Life”**

### **2020 August Agenda-League Meeting August 11, 2020, Wellesley Community Center**

#### **Sign In:**

- *Review contacts for your team*
  - *Imperative we have valid email from all teams*
  - *Review status of fees and make payments if owed (deposit is due today)!*
1. **Roll Call - Jeanene**- we will verify with the meeting attendee list. Please let us know if you were not recorded during roll call (31 participants on the list)
  2. **Approval of February 2020 meeting minutes:** accepted
  3. **Reports from the field:**
    - a. **Division 1 Updates (Peter)**

No updates- we are still waiting on town guidelines. Did check on new guidelines that Baker released but there are no changes there.
    - b. **Division 2 Updates (Patti)**

For those using Team Snap, the application has added a health check-in feature for contact tracing. This is something to think about if we move forward with play in the Fall.
    - c. **Division 3 Updates (Jeanene)**

No real updates at the moment. Anticipates that we will have a field issue. Teams could say yes to playing but not be able to secure fields. We will have to wait and see.
    - d. **Referee report (Joe):**

Joe polled the referees about availability. Only 15 replied but said they'd love to referee the games. Refs will not be an issue for the Fall if we decide to play.
    - e. **Scheduling (Dick):** No updates
    - f. **Discussion regarding fall season:**

Comments from membership:

      - How will the Fall schedule be adjusted? This needs to be updated on the calendar.
      - As someone that has been in faculty meetings for schools, it seems clear there will be an uptick in the numbers come Fall. Are we really sure we want to do this? Does it feel safe to anyone?

- Are we diluting soccer to be something that it's not? Seems like we're setting up Divisional directors and referees for a logistical challenge. There will be a whole lot of work for very little game play.
- We need to take a vote if you think your team is going to play. Divisional directors will take the vote. Teams need to be honest with the directors and let them know how your team feels. Will you be able to field a full team? The Board will work hard over the next couple weeks to work on this and make sure we will be safe but we need to know the interest of teams.
- The Board needs to take into consideration that coaches and people involved are seasoned and could have other underlying conditions.
- We are making decisions with respect to all players, coaches, refs...for EVERYONE that is a part of this league. We will make the best and safest decision we can for the Fall.
- **Directors will be in touch with the teams. Please be proactive and connect with your teams. Please get back to your Director within the week (Sunday)**
- Would we consider a sub pool for teams that want to play but don't have enough players?
  - Probably will cause a logistical issue with contact tracing if anything happens. Need to be cautious.
- Would the league consider doing a clinic to at least get players moving and exercising?
  - Mass soccer website has videos related to training that take social distancing into consideration- specifically for women, there will be drills on ACL prevention. Other exercises, drills, etc. have been added. This is a work in progress- Liz piloted the programs and it worked well. Please continue to check on the Mass Soccer website for updates.
  - Check with your towns to make sure they are allowing practicing, non-competitive gatherings on their fields. Please follow local guidelines.

#### 4. Reports from the Front Office:

##### a. President (Dee):

- Last Fall we worked to develop new league guidelines. David, Liz and Dee have worked to fine tune this document. The guidelines are almost ready and we will present to the league for review.  
David: not much to add to Dee's comment. The documents are 99% completed. Documents will go out to the full membership for review. We will have a special meeting in the Fall for the specific purpose of discussing the guidelines. Please review the document before this meeting and we will try to address questions before the meeting.
- Dee has been in the league for 30+ years and has never experienced a situation like what we are going through at this moment. A big Thank you for your team's

participation and attention during this time. It's been quite a year- please stay as safe as possible. Know that any decision that the board makes is not made lightly.

- b. Vice President (Liz):** No updates. Thank you to Dee for leadership in this time.
  - c. Secretary (Tricia):** Take a look at the meeting minutes and we will accept at the end of the meeting. No other updates.
  - d. Treasurer Report/financial Update (Jim)**

Jim sent out a list of the 28 teams that have paid a deposit.  
Will previously paid deposits carry over and be credited to the Spring? Yes.
  - e. Field Committee**
  - f. New Player Coordinator:** No update
  - g. USASA and Mass Soccer Update**
    - Mass Soccer is working with Team Snap to offer a 6 month trial of \$25 through March. This is hot off the presses. Mass Soccer will be sending out information on this shortly. Any teams under Mass Soccer can take advantage of this deal.
    - Mass Soccer looking into extending league registration. It will be one entire year without games.
- 5. Upcoming Events:**
- a. USASA Adult Soccer Fest 2021: July 2021 Milwaukee, Wisconsin** (San Diego canceled)
- 6. Elections:**
- a. Referee Administrator/assigner-**

Incumbent: Joe D'Amico- nominated, all in favor
  - b. Competition Committee**

Incumbent: Anna Siedzik- Nominated, all in favor
- 7. Adjournment**