



“Soccer for Life”

**2021 February Agenda-League Meeting
February 9, 2021, Remote via Zoom**

Housekeeping:

- *Check-in with your Divisional Director after the meeting to make sure you have a valid email address*
- *Mute phone to keep the flow of the meeting going*
- *If multiple directors are on the call, only one member may participate in a league vote*

1. Roll Call - Jeanene- we will verify with the meeting attendee list. Please let us know if you were not recorded during roll call

2. Approval of August 2020 meeting minutes: accepted

3. Reports:

a. Outreach Director (Anna Siedzik)

- Optimistic to book partnerships with charitable opportunities for the league.
- Looking to build up a travel option portal for anyone looking to take a trip to play soccer. There are a lot of tournament opportunities to pursue.
- Also pursuing local partnership opportunities in/around Boston. Looking to build a mentorship partnership.
- Trying to build out EMWSL's footprint
- Broadening our social media presence

b. President (Dee)

Unprecedented to not play game for an entire year. Dee has been playing with the league for 30 years and never experienced this before. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

The league has been hosting pickup games, drills, and ACL prevention training. Thank you to VP Liz for coordinate and Lisa Arena for field procurement.

All play has been in accordance with COVID restrictions.

We will continue to evaluate the situation in the weeks to come and keep the league updated.

We are committed to playing in the Spring. It is important to get an update on fields and team status as soon as possible to get ahead of any issues.

The league COVID update was send out with a couple wording changes to clarify things. Please make sure your roster is up to date- this will be critical for contact tracing. You will need to sign waiver with Mass Soccer via the online registration. Registration will be open with exception of D1.

Uniforms:

As a reminder, all teams need to have matching uniforms with numbers.

Angel is on the call and available to assist teams with uniform needs and will work with you to update for good quality and price.

Info will be up on the website for contact info- contact Angel for your uniform needs.

If 4 or more teams order together, \$12.95 shirt, team name, logo and EMWSL logo
40% off UA shorts and masks.

Angel can set up a web store for your team

Need orders by March 31st

angel@atlanticsportswear.com

Updated calendar:

We tried to truncate onto 1 page to simplify the format.

Summer dates, etc. are decided by the competition committee in May to hash out dates. Our focus right now is on the Spring and getting that up and running.

c. **Vice President (Liz)**

- We are working with Mass Soccer to bring back the Women's Open Cup. Timing is tough
- Would like to host a state cup, looking at May 1 game/weekend, single elimination-play, lose, go home.
Anyone interested can enter- winner of Massachusetts will advance to regionals. If can't get it done this year, then looking to next year.
Location- home team gets the field. State will host the final, working on securing the facility. Probably in Medfield.

Peter: what rules are being played (i.e. COVID rules specific to town rules)?

Each town's BOH are different. We had to submit to rules to town. A majority of towns have approved rules. If you run into a town where they aren't in agreement of rules, we need to abide by the rules of the town. Referees need to enforce the rules specific to the towns. Wayland, Medford, and others towns have allowed play.

Anna: should we ask home teams to figure it out and inform ref and opponents of the rule restrictions?

We have to put our best foot forward and work with the towns. It's important to secure your field and find out restrictions as soon as possible and communicate these restrictions to referees and team managers.

As a reminder, new fields need to be checked out to get added to the list of approved fields as soon as possible.

d. Secretary (Tricia)

No update.

e. Treasurer (Jim)

Jim has a list of teams that have carryover deposits from last Spring. If you plan on playing in the spring, please make a deposit.

Jeanene: if a team is not playing in the spring, can they get deposit back?

Send details to Jim and he will work with teams on that a refund.

f. Scheduling (Dick):

- Dick needs to know field/time and field shares as soon as possible.
- Dick will continue to send out new player info of the appropriate divisions to the team directors. Tell Dick if you picked up a new player- there are players out there. Keep an eye out for these emails.

g. Mass Soccer Update (Lisa Z):

No updates for Mass Soccer.

Shout out to teams and everyone that collectively worked together to put some pickup games and clinics together.

We donated resources, donated food pantry items. Thank you all for everything you did to make this happen

4. New Business

a. Constitution and Bylaw review (David Amidon_

David headed and chaired the committee the revamps the league's Constitution and Bylaws beginning a year ago at the Board's request to review. A big thanks to the committee that worked to with David to revamp these documents (Peter, Lisa, Amanda, Pat, Kim, Dee and Liz)

The league's existing documents were old and outdated in terms of legal requirements around good governance. They didn't reflect how the league runs today.

Structure proposed takes essential matters of governance and places those in the Constitution and requires 2/3 vote to change in the future. Governance provisions reside in the Bylaws. Members control that structure- there is a lower bar to change those provisions going forward.

Rules of play will be found in "League Rules" and will be managed at the board level.

You have all received a draft- the Board and Committee have all weighed in. A handful of comments have been addressed offline. Procedurally we will consider these 2 documents separately. David will put them up on the screen to address any questions or comments. We will have a vote at the end of the discussion.

Constitution:

(on screen for review) Approved by Liz, seconded by Tricia in the form presented to this meeting.

Up for discussion- no comments for discussion.

Motion for meeting to approve the version presented. None opposed. None abstained.

Unanimously approved.

Bylaws Amended and Restated:

(on screen for review) Distributed and approved by Liz, seconded by Tricia in the form presented to this meeting.

No comments for discussion.

Motion for meeting to approve the version presented. None opposed. None abstained.

Unanimously approved.

Thank you- this truly has been a team effort.

5. Elections (Liz overseeing as Dee up for reelection)

a. President

Dee up for reelection, no other nominations.

Motioned to reelect Lisa Z, Seconded Tricia C

No objections, motion carried

b. Treasurer

Jim up for reelection, no other nominations.

Motioned to reelect David A, Seconded Peter C, all in favor

No objections, motion carried

c. Referee Administrator/assigner

Joe up for reelection, no other nominations.

Motioned to reelect Dick F, Seconded Dave A, all in favor

No objections, motion carried

d. New Player Coordinator

Dick up for reelection, no other nominations.

Motioned to reelect Lisa Z, Seconded Olivia M, all in favor

No objections, motion carried

e. Game Scheduler

Joe up for reelection, no other nominations.

Motioned to reelect Herb, Seconded Liz, all in favor

No objections, motion carried

Congrats Dick. This is a lot of work. We thank you for everything you do!

We are getting on the new schedule based on bylaw classifications so that's why roles came up for a vote again.

6. Open Discussion

Peter- how many people have a field?

Dedham has their field. Wayland will rent in the Spring- 2 new grass fields. If you want connections in Wayland, talk to Liz.

Any update on Waltham? We are still waiting on that information. If you are looking to play in that area, reach out to Jeanene for contact information.

Dee: we all need to work together to figure out fields. The quicker you find out your town's info, the better we can help each other out.

Anyone join the call late, and not take place in roll call?

None

What is the deadline for teams to decide on whether they are playing? 19th of February

If you need numbers or a field, let the league know as soon as possible. We will work with you to try and make this season work.

Will we be having the same number of divisions?

We are doing our best to have all 3 divisions but looking at what teams are playing and how many people are participating this Spring. We will update you as soon as we get confirmation from teams planning on playing in the Spring.

7. Adjournment