



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Saturday, August 27, 2016
RFK Memorial Stadium

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer Association
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association
Northern Virginia Soccer League
Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League
Roanoke Adult Soccer League
Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association
Tidewater Women's Soccer League
Washington Area Women's Soccer League

Elaine Freedman
Jamie Williams
Natalie Parcell
John Eskandary
Lee Ann Green
David Peters
Chris Eakin
Karin Eakin
Jessie Kratz

Officers

James Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Jessie Kratz
Chris Tierney

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Delegates

Anita Hood
Steve Long
Jamie Williams
Chris Eakin

MDCVSA Admin Staff

MaryBeth Falk

Administrator

2. Credentials Report

There were 83 of 137 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the 1/20/2016 was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

- a. Jim reported that USASA has a new waiver that all leagues should use in starting this fall—we will send the waiver to the yahoo group and email him if you have any questions. He said that leagues that are online with MDCVSA will be covered and other leagues will need to add the waiver to their online systems.
- b. Jim reported on a USASA administrators meeting in Chicago that he attended—FIFA is asking us to identify all registered players. Jim said if they are giving us that

mandate they should create an online registration system for everyone to use. He further stated he asked with help with fields, referees, and help brand us (for example give us swag to give to our commissioners).

- c. Jim talked about the retreat the EC held a couple years ago and one big issue that came out of that was the grant. He further stated he would also like us to have sponsorships and work on the online registration system.
- b. Vice-President's Report
Marti reported on the grants program—6 leagues put in a grant request, 5 of which were eligible. She said we will continue to give out the grant annually and check out our website for more information.
- c. Registrar's Report
Lou was sick and unable to attend the meeting.
- d. Treasurer's Report
Jessie said everyone should have received the email with attachments of the bank statements and treasurer's report. She said the long-term investment account with Edward Jones was doing pretty well—it's up to \$417,000 from the \$400,000 we invested in December 2014. She said she will go over the specifics of the budget later in the meeting.
 - Motion to receive Jessie's report was approved.
- e. Secretary's Report
Chris had nothing to report.

6. Referee Matters

Jim reported on the revisions to the Laws of the Game pointing on the change that the ball can go any direction on kick off and changes to Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity. He asked that everyone update their team captains with the new rules.

7. Old Business

- a. **Grant Program**—Marti reported on this during the Vice President's report.

8. New Business

- a. **Budget September 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017**—Jessie went over the budget vs. actuals for fy 2015-16 acknowledging there is some time left in the year but she expects to end the with a surplus mostly because the money made at Vets Cup last summer. Jessie then hit the highlights of the next budget which will cover 16 months rather than 12 because the change to the calendar year. She said she had to make some estimates but she thinks we will break even. A motion to approve the budget passed.

- b. **By law changes**—Jim went over the proposed bylaw change to allow the state to directly register individual players. Steve suggested alternative wording. Motion to accept alternative wording passed. After some discussion a motion to accept the bylaw change, as amended, passed. [Text of the bylaw changes is at the end of this document.]

- c. **USASA waiver**—Jim talked about this in the President's report.

- d. **John Eskandary**—John asked if MDCVSA could host another tournament in the north rather than just sponsor Neptune every year. He stated that Neptune did not benefit MDCVSA as a whole, he feels the quality of the tournament has gone down in recent years and too many non-affiliated players and teams are playing in it. Steve asked if John could do some research and make a proposal. Marti said the tournament really appreciates MDCVSA's support especially since they have lost some teams in recent years. Chris Eakin also noted Neptune holds the referee academy which is a big bonus for MDCVSA. Jim added he would love to host a tournament but it's hard to find time in the spring or fall for another tournament. The discussion ended with John agreeing to come back with a proposal for future discussion.

9. Elections

Jim said that the new policy for EC was in effect and only Jim was nominated for President and Jessie for Treasurer so congratulations to us.

Jim then said that Jamie Williams was already nominated as delegate and asked for nominations for delegates. The following delegates were nominated:

Anita Hood—Delegate
Steve Long—Delegate
Jamie Williams—Delegate
Chris Eakin—Delegate
John Davis—Delegate

Motions to close and approve nominations approved; Jim directed the Secretary to cast one vote each for the proposed slate.

9. Open issues raised from the floor

- a. John asked if MDCVSA could set some priorities with one being the elimination of the registrar position since MaryBeth does all of that work—he will submit a bylaw proposal for the next meeting.
- b. John also asked the EC to explore taking a delegate to the USSF AGM.

10. For the good of the game

- a. Next meeting—Wednesday, January 24, 2017 at 7pm by conference call
- b. Next USA game is at RFK on October 11, 2016
- c. John Davis congratulated Anita Hood on 40 years of assigning—there was a round of applause for Anita’s achievement.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Tierney
Secretary

Proposed Bylaw and Constitution Changes for the August 27, 2016, MDCVSA General Council Meeting

Current Text:

A. Organizational Member

Each Organizational Member must do the following:

1. Comply with all bylaws, policies, and requirements of this Association, USASA and the Federation, to the extent applicable to that classification of Organizational Member.
2. Submit to this Association any amendment to its charter or articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules, and regulations not later than ninety (90) days after adoption of that amendment.
3. Pay fees and provide registration information to this Association by the established deadlines.
4. Comply with the Amateur Sports Act, to the extent applicable.
5. Membership in the Association shall be by organization. The following shall be but not limited to deemed members:
 - a. Affiliated soccer leagues
 - b. Individual soccer teams that are permitted to affiliate directly with the Association
6. Any soccer league composed of four or more soccer teams properly constituted and playing soccer according to the Laws of the Game as promulgated by FIFA and USSF, having its headquarters in the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Virginia, and registering its players according to USSF and Association procedures, shall be eligible to become an Organizational Member with all the rights and privileges thereof.
7. The Association shall ensure that the USASA provides, upon written request, all Organizational Members, properly registered teams within an Organizational Member, and directly affiliated teams in good standing with liability insurance coverage certificates and medical insurance coverage (if mandated by USASA).
8. Any club or team fulfilling the conditions enumerated in Paragraph 1, above, may apply to affiliate directly with the Association. The Council shall decide whether the club or team has adequate reason to do so, and shall, if it admits it to affiliation, establish bylaws and procedures to deal with it.
9. Every member organization promulgating a governing document to establish the manner in which it performs its functions and regulates the behavior of components and individuals shall submit said document to the Executive Committee for its approval, rejection, or approval subject to modification. The provisions of said document must not be in conflict with the Laws of the Game or other governing documents of superior bodies.
10. The application of a soccer league for affiliation must be accompanied by the annual fee, registration fees for all of the leagues' players, registration data for every player in an electronic format, and names and addresses and communication method of the officers of the league, the location of the headquarters, and the rationale for consideration of the league for affiliation.
[Amended 01/07/06]
11. Each affiliated league and directly affiliated team shall submit the names, addresses, and communication method of league officers and of its designated representatives to the Council at the beginning of each seasonal year and shall notify it of any subsequent changes.

Proposed text:

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Proposed text will read:

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Reason for Proposed Change:

The Council only meets twice a year and requests for direct affiliation do not always coincide with a meeting. They are usually time sensitive and cannot wait for the next scheduled Council meeting. In addition, the Executive Council would like to pursue the idea of directly affiliating players as some people want to join the Association but do not have access to leagues and teams as well as wanting to explore the use of guest passes for tournaments.