



Holliston Youth Soccer Association Board Meeting

Date	Start	End	Next Meeting	Next Time	Prepared By
March 3, 2011	7:30pm	9:00pm	April 7th, 2011	7:30pm @ VFW	Bill North

Purpose of Next Meeting	Location
Monthly Board Meeting	VFW

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Other			
	Gerard Verbeek		X
	Maureen Carchidi		X

1 Review of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from last meeting were approved as presented.

2 Opening Remarks (President/Other)

Discussions focused on snow removal on Marshall Street field to try to prepare for the Scorpion Bowl. The contractor failed to remove the snow so the Scorpion Bowl at Marshall Street was cancelled.

3 Treasurers Report

Treasurers Report was given. Deposits, Shamrock Ball, Maintenance costs.

4 BAYS Report

Wednesday evening, BAYS BOD met at the Wellesley Community Center for its March meeting. Points of interest:

- 1) Division Directors will be given more clear definition and guidelines for selecting and moving teams during the season. BAYS has the right and responsibility to move teams that have been improperly placed, regardless of the protests of the parties involved. Records thru week 5 will be used to determine likely candidates.
- 2) Levon A. will assume the duties of Referee Director previously handled by Paul Snover, recently retired.
- 3) MTOC eligible teams will be subject to pass card review after the post season semi-final BAYS playoff game. Pictures of the players need to match the players or be updated. Passcard stickers will be distributed for the players' cards after review is completed.
- 4) A U13 recreational section will be offered by BAYS in the Fall of 2011 / Spring 2012 season. These will be D3 and D4 sections. U13 teams that wish to compete in the year end MTOC playoffs will continue to be required to play in the U14 age group, as MTOC does not acknowledge U13 as a separate age group.
- 5) Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association will be conducting their Annual General Meeting Saturday 3/5/2011 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Leominster/Lancaster. All towns are encouraged to send representatives. Meeting begins at 10:00 AM, continental breakfast is supplied and registration starts at 9:00 AM, and the entire event should conclude by 12:15 PM.
- 6) Meeting was adjourned and the annual team seating swap meet began. Wendy represented Holliston and may still be wheeling and dealing.
- 7) Bruce encourages teams to enter the Presidents Cup, \$25 fee. Midweek game. Information on the Bays website.

Much discussion on MTOC options (Wendy, Dan & John), U13 vs. U14 options. Pros and Cons.

5 Registrar Report

650 players signed up as of 3-3-11

Numbers are down in High School and U8 boys, other groups are at consistent levels.

High School Boys: 11 players registered at this point, emails are being sent out to recruit another 7. Goal of 18 players

High School Girls: 16 players registered so far, mostly younger players. Goal is to recruit additional players to have enough for two teams.

6 Girls Travel Report

Placements went great, 3 moves were made.

Numbers are fine, U14 teams are above average, 16-18 on each team. Positive outlook on the spring season for U14 girls

U12 numbers are in good shape

U11 numbers are tight, 33 players on 3 teams, hoping for 2 more kids for two parity teams. Two teams are not an option. We are also looking for a coach to replace Campbell, looking to email parents for another coach.

7 Boys Travel Report

U14 Boys: total of 41 boys, 18 on one team and 23 on the other. Creating 3 teams is not a good option because of attendance on game day due to baseball and other activities.

U12 has 26 players, 12 on one team and 14 on the other team

U11 has 30 players, teams of 13 and 17 players.

The combined U11/U12 team option of the fall was removed because we did not want to ask just two U11 players to play up to U12.

8 U10 Girls Intramural Report

54 players so far, keep at 6 teams, try not to drop to 5 teams to avoid the double-headers.

Unsure about 2 coaches; waiting to hear.

9 U10 Boys Intramural Report

47 players, at least 2 more to come. 4 teams, want to avoid 5 teams.

Coach sign up is a problem, 2 teams of coaches, looking to create 2 more.

10 U8 Girls Intramural Report

84 players, could stay at 12 teams. Coaches taking G course which is positive.

11 U8 Boys Intramural Report

57 players now, 8 teams of 7+.

12 Clinic Report

117 players so far

20 coaches, many coaches went from U8 boys and U8 girls back to coach just Clinic. More than half of Clinic coaches also coach older age groups.

17 coaches in upcoming G class.

13 Coaching Education Report

Sandra requested and received a list from MYSA with the latest list of licenses across our organization, so we will now have a history of who has been licensed for what. There are 17 coaches signed up for the upcoming G Course and 11 registered for the F course.

Coach Kern to add Coach Training as well. A meeting will be set up to plan the coach training.

14 Referee Report (Intramural, Travel)

Looking for a replacement for Jonathan for Referee Coordinator. Jonathan is moving.

Role is mainly schedule coordination.

15 Field Coordinator Report

Field requests were submitted to the town, town has a field meeting upcoming Sunday.

Email will be sent to coaches asking for practice field requests. Some coaches had already sent practice requests back in February.

Practice requests can be made either through your coordinator or directly to Field Coordinator.

We did not request Patoma field for the spring.

16 Marshall St. Report

Snow plowing was unsuccessful; no Scorpion Bowl tournament this weekend.

Plow company will return to try again if weather permits.

17 Field Equipment Report

An order for two 6v6 (U10) nets will be placed in the near future.

18 Equipment Report

No report

Question on lead-time for reversible intramural shirts

Question on ordering coaching shirts, quotes, types, style

We will contact Amy

19 Uniform Coordinator Report

No report

20 Fundraising and Activities (i.e. calendar, Spookerfest, photos, Shamrock Ball)

Shamrock Ball to be held on the 18th, Committee to be advertising in paper.

Discussion on format of dance and how it is presented.

The Ball is not limited to Fathers & Daughters and the wording was discussed. Add clarification to flyer about including chaperones.

21 SpiritWear

No report

22 Publicity Report

We will advertise Shamrock Ball in the paper

23 Webmaster Report

Correction of website links. BC Eagles Link was incorrect

24 Old Business

There was discussion at the February meeting regarding why there isn't U9 Travel. The discussion was tabled until March

At the March 3rd HYSA meeting the topic of a creating and or moving to a travel format in the U9/U10 age groups was discussed. Many of the opinions are listed below and help to highlight the positive and thoughtful participation of the attendees.

- The topic should be presented to general parents
- Some kids will stay in HYSA and not go off to club if they can do travel at the U9 age
- Some kids will stop playing HYSA if they are forced to travel at the U9 age
- There are players who stop playing at U11 due to the need to travel. They don't want to deal with travel.
- Why do kids stay or leave the program - club soccer, other sports, some leave HYSA in third grade to play club and then return in fourth grade to play select travel.
- There is value in both town soccer and club soccer for an individual player
- Football and lacrosse numbers are up, is it because they travel? Football and lacrosse have two and three teams in age groups so they must travel.
- Does it make sense from a soccer training perspective to have a U9 travel team?
- There will be an impact on the roster numbers of the U10 teams.
- Generally the numbers of U9/U10 players in the program will dictate the need for travel.
- A four team minimum is required for a town intramural program.
- Other towns that do not have the numbers to field a U9/U10 intramural program do have to travel but often attempt to schedule games close to town. We are approaching a point where our numbers could warrant us doing a spring U9/U10 travel program.
- A league of neighboring towns would be desirable.
- The town of Franklin has solicited neighboring town teams to join their semi private program.
- Making an intramural town team into a travel team will not improve the competition since the players are the same.

- Not in favor of having to choose a select team from U9 players. Stress to 2nd graders in selection process too great.
- U9 players should still be working on basic skills and are not yet ready for team skills.
- Suggestion to have all U9 and U10 teams become parity teams thus eliminating tryouts.

Any travel option changes could happen in fall at the earliest. Fall teams must be decided and submitted to BAYS by July.

This topic needs to be researched in more detail. To make a big change of this nature will require more than a discussion.

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25 **New Business**

We are communicating with MYSA on the CORI process. All coaches must give their names to the MYSA website for a CORI check to be cleared to coach. We would receive information back on those who have not passed the CORI check. Once a coach is in the CORI database a check is run yearly based on registrar submissions of coaches. This is a standard CORI process.

We are reviewing our tryout process. A subcommittee will gather information and feedback. It is not designed to change the current process but to get feedback to strengthen and improve the current process. Committee is made up of coaches mainly.

We need to flesh out our calendar and update information.