
McLean Youth Soccer Association

Annual Membership Meeting

June 9, 2022



Agenda

- ▣ Opening/Club Overview– Susan Mrachek, Chair
- ▣ Year End Review – Louise Waxler, Executive Director
- ▣ Looking Ahead – Lewinsville Park Improvements – Susan Mrachek
- ▣ MYS/VA Union/USL W-League – Clyde Watson, Technical Director
- ▣ MYS Sponsors – Louise Waxler, Executive Director
- ▣ Finance Overview – Paula Abbate, Finance Manager
- ▣ Board Nominations and Elections – Karen Gibian, Vice Chair
- ▣ Closing & Thanks – Susan Mrachek

Club Overview

Building Strong Girls and Boys – for 40+ Years

“...a model club...developing players at all levels..creating a culture of inclusion, positively impacting our community...”

“provides opportunities for all players to reach their full potential in sport and in life through participation in soccer”

The mission statement redoubles our commitment to developing ALL players in sport and in life, at all skill levels

- * Diverse. All ages. Strong need-based financial assistance.
 - 2800+ players (seasonally), 45% girls, 55% boys, 4-22 years old, \$90,000+ financial aid program
- * All skill levels and playing goals:
 - 1,700 in recreational – skill development, fun, athleticism, strong competition
 - 1,160 in travel program – Professional coaches, local-national competition, college tracks.
- * World class training + World class parent-volunteers = Amazing kids.
 - 200+ trained volunteer parent “rec” coaches seasonally
 - ~45 professional coaches + 100s of volunteers manage teams and travel
- * Governance. Transparency. Accountability. Professional management.
 - Board of Directors. Strategic plan. Strong policies, Procedures. Audited financials.

Club Overview

Five core values that we believe best capture our aspirations and approach to MYS

- ▣ Diversity, equity and inclusion – Values the differences of all; fair treatment for all; invites the contribution and participation of all
- ▣ Integrity and respect – Honest; does the right thing and puts others needs above their own; strong sense of self-respect and respect for others
- ▣ Entrepreneurial spirit – Innovative; risk-taking; strives for continuous improvement by seeking feedback and actively seeks out change
- ▣ Community – Creates a strong sense of family within MYS; serves others in McLean and the greater DC region
- ▣ Professionalism - Consistent standards of excellence; teamwork; loyalty; strong work ethic; and fiscally responsible

Club Overview

Strategic Opportunities

- ▣ Facilitate and grow pathways and opportunities for player development:
 - Maintain and increase competitiveness at elite levels
 - Increase opportunities for Recreational players while growing the base from the bottom up
- ▣ Increase MYS's social impact and footprint in the region; and provide increased opportunity to low income players in neighboring communities
- ▣ Secure access and rights to fields/lighted fields
- ▣ Expand coaching, professional development and employment opportunities for all MYS staff:
 - Enhance staff satisfaction and benefits
 - Continuously improve the attraction and retention of talented and diverse individuals
- ▣ Provide revenue generating activities and increased sponsorships to maintain long-term financial viability.

Year End Review

- ▣ Rec registration – increased participation for spring 2022 – 1700 players (increase from 2021 – 1350 players).
- ▣ Fall SFL playoffs included 8 teams finishing the weekend as Champions of their Divisions and 8 teams finishing as Finalists.
- ▣ Travel player registration increased in 2021-22 to 1164 players.
- ▣ MYS partnered with Northern Virginia Majestics to offer Super Y League play in the summer months. The U13G team, led by Coach Moumen, participated in the Super Y League National Championship in Tampa, Florida in December 2021.
- ▣ MYS bid a farewell to long time recreation coach, Mike Calabrese, who relocated to N.C. Mike had been coaching youth soccer for 40 years and he is missed but will always be remembered by MYS.
- ▣ Offered a Speed, Agility and Strength training program for Recreation and Travel program players

Year End Review

- ▣ MYS added the CCL Men's Pro League for summer 2022 joining the existing CCL Women's Pro League for players ages 18-23!
- ▣ MYS joined the ECNL Regional League for Fall 2022
- ▣ MYS and Healthy Baller PT offered a specialized program focused on ACL injury prevention. The program educated each athlete on the importance of regularly performing ACL injury reduction.
- ▣ ECNL Boys and Girls Informational meetings were conducted to members interested in this elite level platform.
- ▣ MYS had a tremendous turnout from coaches, players, and parents at the seminar: "Managing Stress and Coping Strategies for Athletes" led by Dr. Lauren Gregg, USWNT World Cup Champion and Olympic Gold Medalist.

Holladay Field

- ▣ The MYS Holladay field officially opened in October 2021. A club-wide festival combined with a ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by FCPA, MYS, Leidos, UAE and Olympic gold medalist athletes. Sincere gratitude to Leidos, Inc., the Fairfax County Park Authority and Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba, United Arab Emirates Ambassador to the United States for their financial contribution to the development of the field.



Holladay Field



Looking Ahead

Lewinsville Park Improvements

MYS and FCPA (Fairfax County Park Authority) are collaborating on constructing a building at Lewinsville Park. This structure, if approved, would consist of bathroom facilities, a storage unit for MYS equipment and a shelter to protect players from inclement weather. The next phase of the project will be a public hearing with the neighborhood residents adjacent to the Park. If approved, the total cost to construct the facility would range between \$600,000-650,000. MYS plans to launch a fundraising campaign and would ask that our members consider donating on Giving Tuesday to launch this initiative. The timeline for completion is two years from the date of approval.



Virginia Union FC



- ▣ MYS and Springfield Youth Soccer entered into an alliance to enhance the level of competition in the ECNL program.
- ▣ A Town Hall presentation was shared with the membership detailing the philosophy on why MYS created this brand; it lives on the MYS website at <https://mcleansoccer.org/ecnl/alliance-faqs/>
- ▣ In addition to helping maintain and improve the existing MYS ECNL rosters' competitive strength, this alliance has helped MYS expand the current ECNL camps, present co-branding opportunities, and provide increased tournament revenue by leveraging a broader footprint of facilities.
- ▣ Twenty-seven players from SYC joined the Union in 2021 strengthening the MYS ECNL teams.
- ▣ MYS will continue to explore adding clubs to strengthen the ECNL program
- ▣ Five (5) Union teams advanced to the ECNL National Playoff Competition:
 - 2005 Girls – Nadir Moumen, coach
 - 2006 Girls – Brent Leiba, coach
 - 2007 Girls – Clyde Watson, coach
 - 2006 Boys – Jamil Walker, coach
 - 2003/04 Boys – Jamil Walker, coach

Virginia Union FC

MYS/SYC Program Structure



MYS/Union Accolades

- ▣ Maya Wiese, Charlotte Shapiro and Sheridan Snow – ECNL players – Maryland High School State Championship – Walt Whitman HS.
- ▣ Grant Della Rocca named Washington Post All-Met Honorable Mention and All-IAC
- ▣ All-Met honors by the Washington Post playing HS Soccer this fall season - 1st Team: Gemma Maltby, Farah Salam; 2nd Team: Caroline Machonis; Honorable Mention: Lucy Harlee, Sophie Weeks
- ▣ Carrie Helfrich and Hanna Harms – call up to the U15 US Soccer Youth National Team.



2021 & 2022 College Commitments

- Sophie Weeks - University of Dayton
- Abby Colangelo - Duquesne University
- Katherine Clarke - Davidson College
- Paige Greenfield - Case Western Reserve
- Tusca Mahmoudpour – University of Miami
- Ellen Shine –Mary Washington
- Patrick Dye – UNC, Asheville
- Gemma Maltby – Harvard University
- Mimi Richard, Howard University
- Noah Gold, University of West Virginia
- Gage Lyons, Army – West Point
- Alexis Spans – George Mason University
- Evelyn Casadaban – Georgetown University
- Kylie Finney - Baylor University
- Moira Flynn – University of Miami
- Stephanie Christianson – Bowdoin College
- Brooke Birrell – University of Maryland
- Toshi Kenney – Swarthmore College
- Taryn Chance – Wake Forest University
- Ella Valente – Virginia Tech
- Grant Della Rocca – Union College

Jaidyn Curry - Dartmouth
Ashley Lee – West Point
Nina Pollak – Trinity University
Sophia Ambrose – Columbia University
Karly Bacarisas – Howard University

Alumni Accolades

- ▣ Julia Leas – 2021 Big East Midfield of the Year – Georgetown University
- ▣ Claire Constant – ACC Defensive Player of the Week – UVA
- ▣ Emily Kavanaugh (Temple) and Eliza Turner (Georgetown) – All Freshman Team
- ▣ Madison Hammond – NWSL OL Reign
- ▣ Lauren Flynn (Florida State) and Makenna Morris (Clemson) – call up to the US Women's U20 National Team
- ▣ Lauren Flynn – NCAA National Champions – Florida State
- ▣ Daniel Diaz Bonilla – United Soccer Coaches All Region Team – Princeton University
- ▣ Steve Yeonas – NCAA D3 National Champions – Connecticut College
- ▣ Makel Rasheed – NCAA All Tournament Team
- ▣ Mia Gyau – signed Pro with the NWSL San Diego Wave FC



McLean Joins USL W-League

The United Soccer League announced on March 1, 2022 that McLean Youth Soccer is the 44th team participating in the inaugural season of the USL W League and will be playing in the Mid Atlantic Division.

The USL W League is a pre-professional women's soccer league set to kick off in May 2022. The League is creating a national platform to increase opportunity, gender equity, and career development. The League and its member clubs are committed to investing in women's soccer and are united in our mission to grow the women's game through not only financial resources but also with time, energy, and attention.

The USL W League's goal is to develop the next generation of women's talent both on and off the field, enhancing the women's soccer pipeline between college and professional soccer. With at least 30 teams in its inaugural season, the USL W League will bring elite women's soccer to communities across the U.S., creating more opportunities to play, watch and work in the women's game.



MYS Sponsors

- ▣ Leidos – Recreation jersey/Holladay Field
- ▣ OrthoVirginia – W-League jersey/official sports medicine partner
- ▣ theCoderSchool – Presenting sponsor of the Sweeper newsletter/U9-U12 MYS Premier Tournament
- ▣ Dicks Sporting Goods – Official Recreation partner
- ▣ WorldStrides – Official International Travel partner
- ▣ Adidas – Official apparel provider
- ▣ Soccer.com – Official apparel distributor - travel
- ▣ PJ's Soccer/Lacrosse – Official apparel distributor – recreation
- ▣ Coerver – summer camp partner
- ▣ Anonymous – MYS Ford Bronco
- ▣ AND....stay tuned for a special announcement on our newest sponsor!



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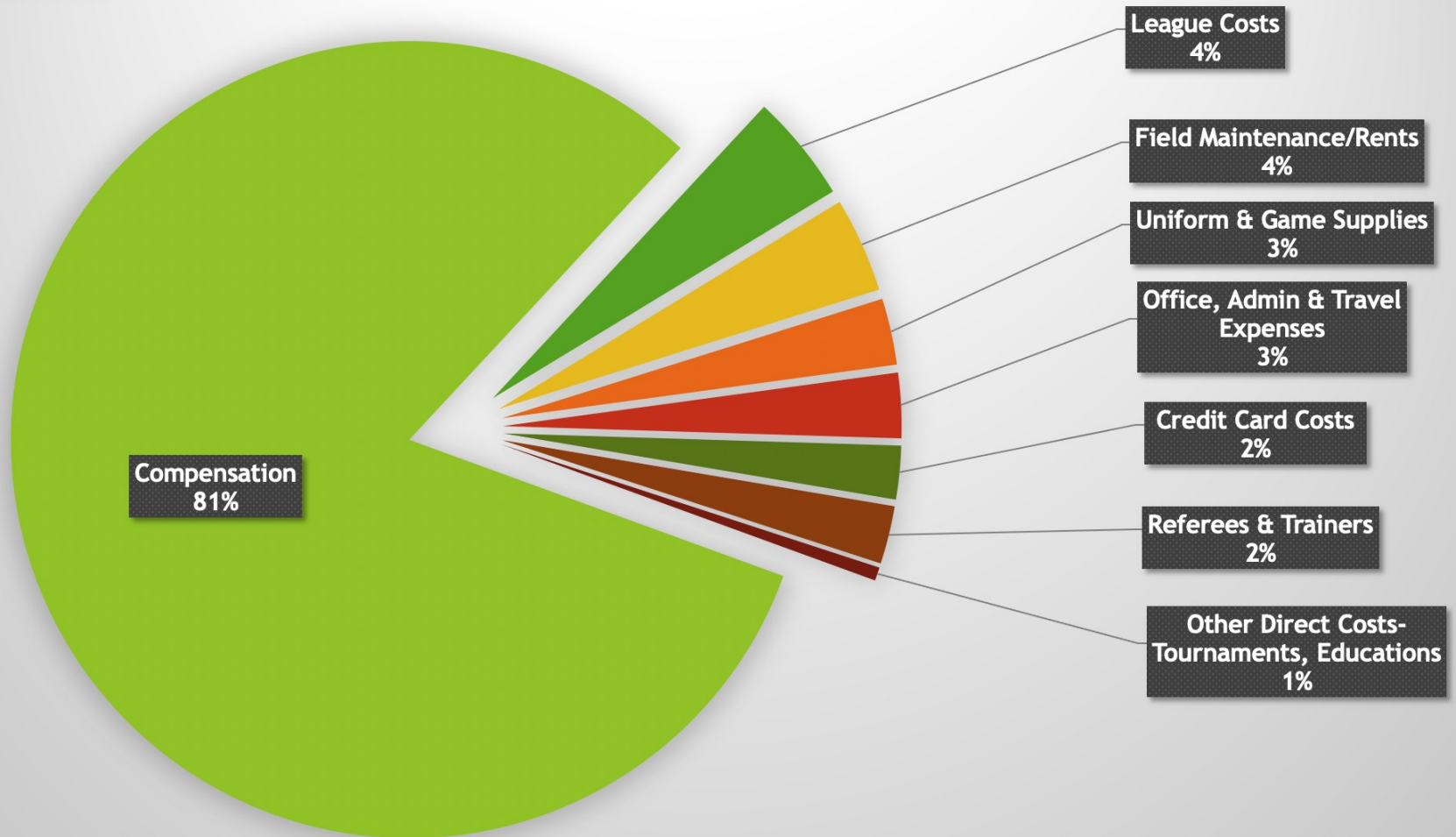
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MYS Expense Allocations

Chart Area

Where does the money go?



FY2021 (ended 6/30/21) Finance Comments

- ❑ MYS welcomed a new finance manager, Paula Abbate, in January 2022.
- ❑ Began working with accounting firm, Withum Smith & Brown in February 2022. This has allowed MYS to operate with real time financials and provide the most accurate budgeting and profit-loss statements.
- ❑ Transitioned to Capital Bank (MD) in January 2022. MYS will roll out a new team fee payment portal with expanded functionality for 2022-2023.
- ❑ Operating Cash Flows – positive at year end.

Board Nominations and Elections

- ▣ Renewal of Terms for Existing Board
 - Ian Harper 2 years
 - Julie Dabrowski 2 years

- ▣ Election of New Board Members
 - Alexander Hahn
 - David Fikes
 - John Forte
 - Neal Seth
 - Maire Shine

With Appreciation

- ▣ Technical Staff led by Clyde Watson, Jamil Walker, Cindi Harkes, Lucas Winters & Eleanor Jones
- ▣ Travel Team Administrators/Treasurers
- ▣ Recreation Coaches/Parent Volunteers
- ▣ MYS Committee Members
- ▣ Management Staff – Marcia Sikes, Paula Abbate, Nadine Laszlo, Lisa Robertson, Jane Scott-Jones, Jamil Faryadi
- ▣ Susan Mrachek, Matt Shank, Michele Reing and Chris Rodriguez for their service to the MYS board
- ▣ 2021-22 MYS Board –Karen Gibian, Elizabeth Kaplan, Nancy McGuire Choi, Julie Dabrowski, Ian Harper