

MYS Board Meeting – April 4, 2024

In Attendance: Louise Waxler, Ian Harper, John Forte, Neal Seth, Akeem Al-Attar, Kate Fisher, David Fikes, Jason Monfort, Julie Dabrowski, Paula Abbate, Alex Hahn, Tim Ryerson

MYS 2022 Eakin Philanthropy Award

At the beginning of the meeting Fairfax County Park Foundation recognized the contributions of MYS, Leidos and the Embassy and Ambassador of the UAE for contributions to the Fairfax County park system with an in-person presentation of the Eakin Philanthropy award. This stems from the combined contributions for the installation of a synthetic turf field at Holliday Field next to Spring Elementary School.

February 8th Minutes were approved with unanimous vote

Executive Director Update – Louise Waxler

Recreation:

- Spring Registrations (3-31-24) - 1628 players; season begins April 6th
- Two recreation teams from Woodburn Elementary were the recipients of the Get on the Bus/VYSA grant. Players received a full set of MYS uniforms, shin guards, socks, carry bag and a ball. The registration fee will be paid via the grant money received from VYSA.
- Sandro Trigo, assistant recreation academy administrator, unexpectedly passed away on 3-29 from a heart attack. He was a great coach, person, friend to many in MYS and his loss will be deeply felt by all of us.

Travel:

- MYS/Elite Premier Cup tournaments were successful and without incident March 9-10, number of teams – 230 (2023-199) March 16-17 (U9-U12), number of teams- 154 (2023-126).
- ECNL Raffle generated \$16,685 for the ECNL restricted fund which will be used to assist with travel, financial aid, etc. The funds will remain with MYS for 2024-25.
- Pro23 – There will be no men's team entered this year. The women will play in the WPSL and CCL Pro League.
- John Harkes has assumed the coaching responsibilities for the 2011 and 2007 boys ECNL teams through this season as well as the role of Technical Advisor.
- Tryout ID Registration has opened, with coaching assignments in the works.

Club Updates:

- Spring Break camp was extremely successful under the new leadership of Michael Newhall. A record 91 players registered this year.
- Organizational Structure for a new MYS strategy “MYS 2.0” (post Union merger) is beginning to be explored... work to continue into the summer; however, for now looking into technical staff as a priority
 - Actively seeking Boys and Girls Technical Directors
 - Actively seeking AGM'S
 - Worked on/with programs Director Mike Newhall
 - Observed MPS
 - Coaches social after MPS
- Minutes from the first Fairfax Virginia Union Board Meetings will be presented to/reviewed with the MYS Board during the 23 May Board Meeting

Finance – Paula Abbate

- The FY25 Budget was presented to the Board for approval
- Three priorities were provided: Hire Boys and Girls Tech Directors; Maintain Travel Fees; Rec Coach Volunteer Credits
- Strategic focus of leveraging entirety of budgeted operating funds as well as other recently recovered funding to push for high-impact, leadership hires
- The Board unanimously approved the FY25 budget, including recreation roster fee increases, and approval of new 2-yr approach to FD&M funds

Other Topics of Discussion:

- The Board will stand-up the Nominating Committee, run by the Vice Chair, consisting of two board members and two non-board members (from MYS membership) to begin the process of seeking up to 3 candidates to serve as Directors on the Board... candidates will be presented for approval at the 23 May Board Meeting
- All Directors on the Board with expiring 1st terms will be asked to renew their service for a 2nd term, with final confirmation to be provided at the 23 May Board Meeting
- The AGM will be held on 13 June

Executive Session