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**McLean Youth Soccer Association  
Annual Membership Meeting  
June 13, 2024**



# Agenda

- ❑ Opening/Club Overview– Ian Harper, MYS Chair
- ❑ Year End Review - Louise Waxler, Executive Director
- ❑ Finance Overview – Kate Fisher, MYS Treasurer
- ❑ Fairfax Virginia Union/Technical Updates – Tim Ryerson, Associate Executive Director
- ❑ MYS/VA Union– Clyde Watson, Technical Director
- ❑ Year End Recreation Review – Trevor Lamb, Recreation Director
- ❑ Recreation Coaches Choice Awards – Trevor Lamb, Recreation Director
- ❑ Community Appreciation Award – Ian Harper, MYS Chair
- ❑ FY25 New Board Members– John Forte, MYS Vice Chair
- ❑ Looking Forward to FY25 – John Harkes, Incoming Technical Director
- ❑ Closing & Thanks – Ian Harper, MYS Chair

# 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, \$100,000+ financial aid program
  
- \* All skill levels and playing goals:
  - 1,700 in recreation program – skill development, fun, athleticism, strong competition
  
  - 1,170 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

- ❑ MYS & theCoderSchool offered Kick and Code – a new summer program combining ½ day of soccer training and ½ day of coding.
- ❑ TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) was re-introduced to MYS. TOPSoccer is a recreational sports program for children and adults with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities. Special thanks to Trish Knisely for leading the program!
- ❑ Travel player registration increased in 2023-24 to 1170 players.
- ❑ The MYS CCL Men's Pro League team won the 2023 Championship (back to back championships); the CCL Women's Pro League team were Finalists.



# Year End Review

- ❑ VYSA was granted \$100K from US Soccer for Associate Exec. Director, Tim Ryerson's GET ON THE BUS program, enabling MYS to offer 2 teams of underprivileged players to join the MYS Recreation program. Tim was also a featured speaker at a US Youth Soccer Symposium in MN.
- ❑ GET ON THE BUS VIDEO
- ❑ 5 VA Union teams qualified for Nationals – 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 Girls; 2008 Boys
- ❑ MYS hosted the Olympique Lyonnaise Women's Reserve Team in June 2024. Many thanks to the parents of the 2007G ECNL team for opening their homes to host these players.



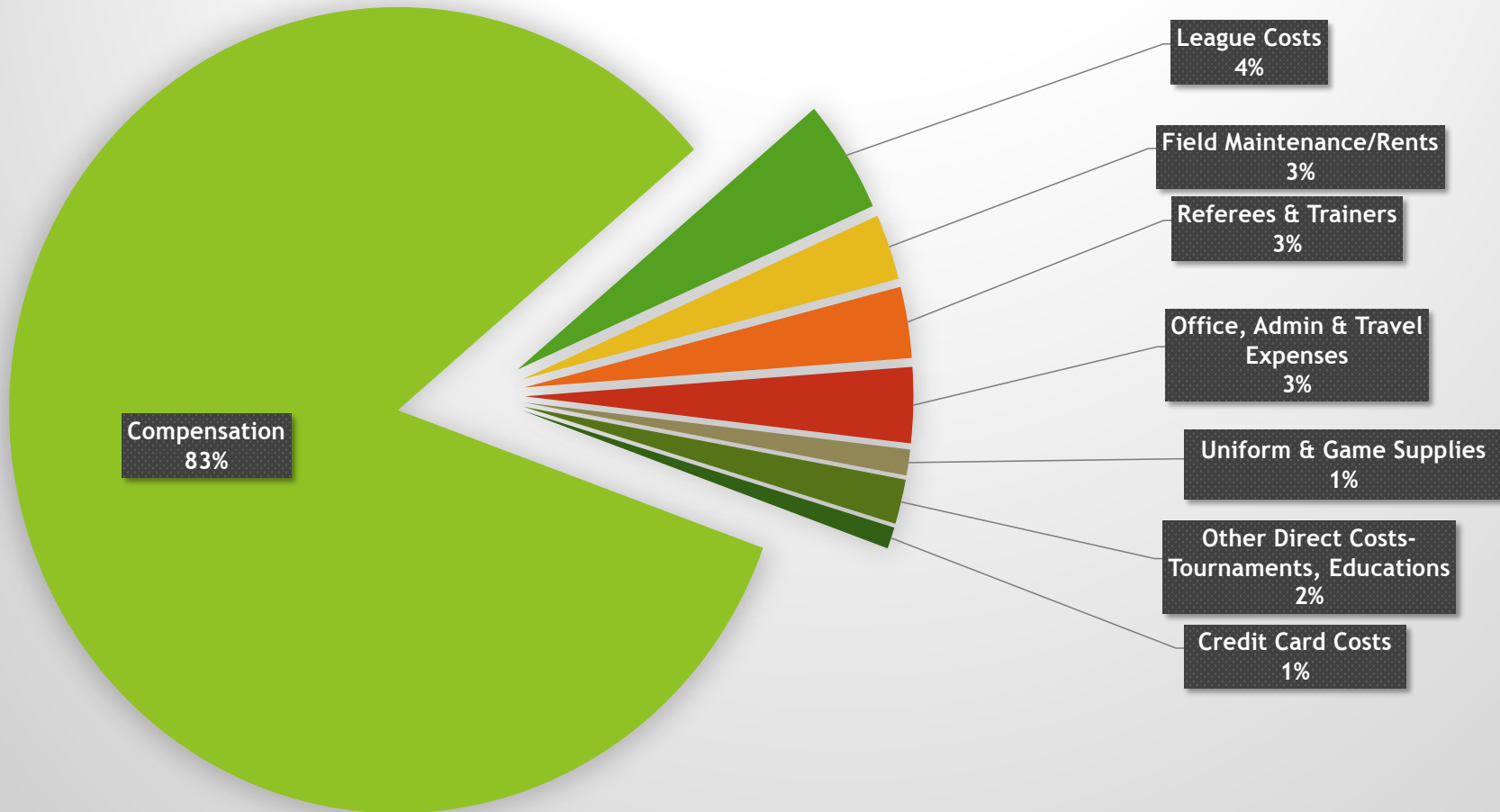
# Year End Review

- ❑ Ian Harper was appointed to the FCPA Athletic Council representing the Dranesville District.
- ❑ Program discounts were implemented for camps.
- ❑ Michael Newhall joins MYS as the new Program Director.
- ❑ Returning recreation coaches will receive a discount for their children who are rostered to recreation teams, effective fall 2024.
- ❑ Women's social gathering was held to acknowledge and identify future female coaches for the program.
- ❑ Team TACA – MYS club podcast featuring youth soccer club specific topics.

# Finance Overview

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Where does the money go?





# Finance Highlights

- ❑ Transitioned to new auditing and tax accounting firm KWC (Alexandria, VA).
- ❑ During the 2023-24 season, MYS reached the Cost of Living increase for all employees.
- 2024-2025 Operational Increases
  - ❑ Fairfax County fees - \$20 increase/player per season for out-of-county (\$50), \$2 increase/player for in-county (\$10) per season.
  - ❑ VPSL registration fees for ECNL-R.
  - ❑ US Club Soccer player passes increase an additional \$27/player (\$61.25).

# MYS Sponsors

- ❑ **Leidos** – Recreation jersey/Holladay Field -2027
- ❑ **OrthoVirginia** – WPSL and ECNL jersey/official sports medicine partner
- ❑ **MARS** – Travel jersey (Green/White/Gold teams) - 2027
- ❑ **Freddy & Son Roofing** – Travel short (Green/White/Gold teams)
- ❑ **theCoderSchool** – Presenting sponsor of the Sweeper newsletter/U9-U12 MYS Premier Tournament - 2027
- ❑ **Dicks Sporting Goods** – Official Recreation partner
- ❑ **Adidas** – Official apparel provider
- ❑ **Soccer.com** – Official apparel distributor - Travel
- ❑ **PJ's Soccer/Lacrosse** – Official apparel distributor – Recreation
- ❑ **Assisted Living Well** – WPSL partner
- ❑ **Tenant Consulting, LLC** – WPSL partner



# MYS Sponsors



# Technical Updates/MYS



- McLean created a new organizational structure and transformation strategy to drive excellence and growth.
  - Launched a national search
    - **TD John Harkes**-hire a former professional coach, USMNT member and World Cup participant
    - **GD Clyde Watson-move** focus to Girls
    - **BD Omid Namazi-former** professional US Soccer Federation Youth National and World Cup coach
- “Destination for Development”

MYS is positioned for success!

# Technical Updates/FVU



- ❑ 2023-2024 seasonal year marks a series of events that has changed McLean Youth Soccer for the better.
- ❑ The club was informed by ECNL that we were in jeopardy of losing our ECNL membership.
- ❑ Technical staff unanimously decided to consider a merger of ECNL programs with Brave (VYS and BRYC).
- ❑ The board unanimously voted in the March meeting to move forward with this very difficult decision.
- ❑ The board held a membership meeting to provide an overview and to discuss concerns with the general membership.
- ❑ The new entity, the Fairfax Virginia Union was formed in less than a month.
- ❑ Teams have been formed for 2024-2025 Season.

# Technical Updates/FVU

- Two of six members on the Board: Tim Ryerson & Clyde Watson.
- MYS coaches:  
Girls—Nadir Moumen, Brent Lieba, Matt Lee, Clyde Watson, Jaon Ahmad.  
Boys—Todd West, Pavel Nedelkovski, Micah Cooks.
- Total FVU players 255
  - BRAVE 51 players, 20%
  - BRYC 12 players, 4.7%
  - Other clubs 39 players, 15.2%
  - Vienna 19 players, 7.4%
  - **McLean 12 players, 4.7%**
  - **VA Union 122 players, 48%**

# MYS/VA Union



- VA Union: Another successful year (2024)....
  - 2010, 09, 08, 07 girls and 08 boys qualified for Nationals in Seattle and San Diego. Games begin June 22. All games will be live streamed.
  - ECNL Program has been transitioned to the FVU for the 2024-25 season.
  - **Carrie Helfrich**...U17 National team.  
**Pauline Maletz**...U14 National pool.
  - **Olympic Lyonnaise Reserve Team** visited as guests of MYS/VA Union under the MYS exchange program.
  - 24 College commitments for the 2024 year.

# MYS









- Summer Program( WPSL & Pro 23)
  - Pool of 64 players for the summer. MYS is participating in the WPSL league for the first time. We are currently 3-1 and ranked both regionally and nationally.
  - MYS is also participating in the Pro 23 league. We are currently 2-0-1.



# College Commitments

**Union ECNL 2024**  
Congrats to our Senior Commits



 <p>Brooke Oswald William &amp; Mary</p>	 <p>Gabby Terrell Howard</p>	 <p>Pao Monter Amherst</p>	
 <p>Lily Hounghmany American</p>	 <p>Morgen Smith Radford</p>	 <p>Clare Hawley Haverford</p>	
 <p>Reese Garcia Roman Howard</p>	 <p>Alyssa Heard Lehigh</p>	 <p>Addie Shannon Trinity</p>	 <p>Sophia Smith Wash Univ St. Louis</p>



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 <p>Kira Waller Virginia</p>	 <p>Avery Bracher James Madison</p>	 <p>Cassie Delinsky Georgetown</p>	
 <p>Mila Maltby Penn</p>	 <p>Jamie Covitz Georgetown</p>	 <p>Nia Batoon Howard</p>	
 <p>Abigail Collis Williams</p>	 <p>Sheridan Snow Wesleyan</p>	 <p>Emi Kenny Youngstown St.</p>	 <p>Isabella Yousefi George Mason</p>

# College Commitments

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Congrats to our Senior Commits



Tomasso Bertolucci  
Catholic University



Ronald Ribera  
Kenyon College



Maguiere Alden  
Baldwin Wallace

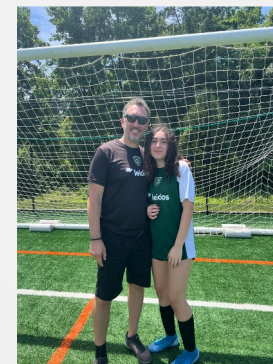
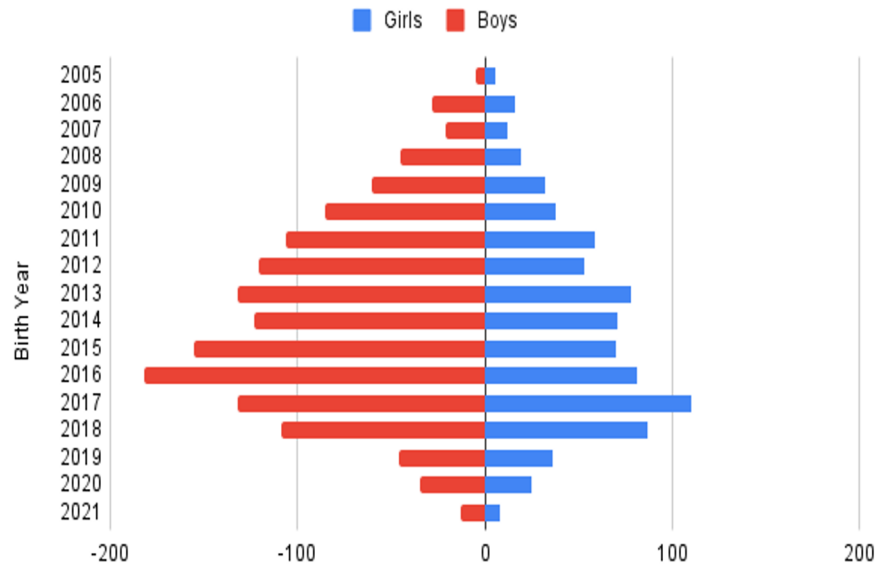


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# Year End Review - Recreation

- 2199 Players
- 1398 Boys
- 801 Girls

Fall 2023-2024 Spring Recreation Players





# Recreation Coaches Choice Awards

McLean Youth Soccer is honored to present the 2023-24 Coaches Choice Awards. The nomination process for these awards were submitted by the recreation coaching community.

**Sarah Swinehart – U11 Girls**

**Ed Bouryng– U19 Boys**

CONGRATULATIONS

# **Mike Calabrese**

## **Above & Beyond Award**

Presented Posthumously to

**Sandro Christian Trigo**



# Community Appreciation Award

McLean Youth Soccer is honored to present the 2023-24  
Community Appreciation Award to:

**Ellen and Chad Hamel**  
**theCoderSchool.**

**SCHOOL**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

*learn to code. change the world.*

# Introduction of New Board Members

- Karen Graham
- Veeral Shah
- Scott Waller





# With Appreciation

- ❑ Technical Staff led by Clyde Watson, Todd West, Alex Pinto, Daniel Butler, Matt Lee, Trevor Lamb & Vince Sprouls
- ❑ Senior Leadership Staff – Louise Waxler, Executive Director and Tim Ryerson – Associate Executive Director
- ❑ Travel Team Administrators/Volunteers
- ❑ Recreation Coaches/Parent Volunteers
- ❑ MYS Committee Members
- ❑ Management Staff – Marcia Sikes, Paula Abbate, Tamara Ricca, Henrik Sohn, Lisa Robertson, Jane Scott-Jones
- ❑ Ian Harper and Julie Dabrowski for their service to the MYS board 2020-2024
- ❑ 2023-24 MYS Board – David Fikes, John Forte, Alex Hahn, Kareem Al-Attar, Jason Monfort, Kate Hance, Kate Fisher and Neal Seth