

MYS Board Meeting – May 23, 2024

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

April 4th Minutes were approved with Unanimous Vote

Policy Adjustments Approved with Unanimous Vote

Travel Policy 105 adjustments were required to reflect changes in MYS travel platform, including updating rates and leagues.

Policy 104 was also adjusted to reflect changes to ECNL funds, adding restrictions and to make the funding last longer, particularly during the transition with Fairfax Virginia Union (FVU).

New Authority Matrix Approved with Unanimous Vote

New authorizations for executive management funding and operational decision making required updating and clarification, increasing expenditure and funding commitment authorities while also creating efficiencies and empowering operational level decision making for the club.

Executive Director Update – Louise Waxler

Recreation:

- The Spring season has gone well with no major issues. A total of 1645 players participated in the program. We are currently seeking a recreation programs manager who will provide oversight for the U3-U8 program.
- 5 rec teams will participate in the FPYC recreational tournament

Travel:

- ECNL – 5 MYS ECNL teams have qualified for National Playoffs: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 Girls will travel to Seattle, June 22-28; 2008 Boys will travel to San Diego, June 25-July 1. MYS will give each team \$1000 to assist with travel expenses. Should any of our teams qualify for the National finals, the matches will be played July 11-14 (girls) and July 15-18 (boys) in Richmond.
- MYS/Elite Premier Cup tournaments saw an increase in the number of teams increasing the net profit for the fiscal year.
- Lisa Robertson was recognized and thanked for her service to the ECNL program as its administrator for the past 5 years.
- WPSL – 51 players have registered for the team opening the season on the road defeating UK F.C. 7-2 (hat trick by Ava Nucci). CCL Pro season opens with play on May 29 at Arlington. A complete schedule for both leagues will be posted on the website once finalized.
- John Harkes and Omid Namazi have respectively assumed the positions of Technical Director and Boys Director. Clyde Watson will lead the girls program.
- Tryouts have been completed for next seasonal year with 1851 players registered. Currently, we are at a 77% acceptance rate for offers extended to players (825 rostered players). 2023-24 non-ECNL rostered players was 909. Offers are still in progress and further id sessions are still being conducted.
- As mentioned previously, our technical structure going forward will include a Technical Director, Boys Director, Girls Director, and four (vs. six) Age Group Managers. This restructuring has allowed us to streamline our staff without increasing our headcount.
- 2013G Green team captured the VA State Cup Championship.

Finance - [Paula Abbate](#)

- Updates on accounts, budgets and field funding were provided, with no major issues to report

Miscellaneous:

- Sponsorship
 - Leidos has committed to a three-year sponsorship, continuing as the jersey sponsor for our recreation program.
 - MARS has committed to two-year sponsorship, continuing as the jersey sponsor for our travel program.
 - Coder School has extended their sponsorship by three years.
 - All of the above sponsorships expire spring 2027.
- AGM – Scheduled for June 13, 7:00 pm at the McLean Community Center.
- MYS participated in McLean Day on May 18th.
- Concussion baseline testing and Inova Healthcare – MYS has partnered with INOVA Sports Medicine Concussion Program. Inova is offering at-home baseline testing for ages 10+ for \$25. Details for registering will be forthcoming.
- MYS will be hosting the Olympique Lyonnais women’s team, June 4-11. The 2007 girls ECNL parents have graciously offered to provide homestays for the players and staff. A full schedule of activities is planned and will be shared once finalized.

Additional Travel and FVU Notes - Tim Ryerson

- May Coaches meeting planned
- June meeting with son expectations
- July Prep for Season Cycle including style of play and methodology
- Planning on Elite Training Programs for the summer
- Technical Staff recognized as hugely talented, with a desire to increase MYS brand as a “destination for development”
- Looking into potential for international travel tournaments for a few travel clubs
- FVU
 - 258 players have been targeted and a total of 255 have signed
 - A larger preponderance of players are from MYS teams (upwards of 50%)
 - Targeting Financial Assistance for 12-15 players
 - Investigating staff wages and scope
 - Discussing roles and finalizing arrangements for VEO
 - Uniforms and club apparel are available at PJs
 - Planning to release communications in the coming weeks to welcome players and parents, call out summer plans, review policies and establish training days and venues
 - A formalized FVU report is expected to be delivered to the board in the coming week

Three New Board Members Approved by Unanimous Vote:

- After receiving 15 applications to join the MYS Board of Directors, the following three candidates for the Board of Directors were unanimously approved to start on July 1, 2024.
- Veeral Shah - [LinkedIn](#)
 - Exec for Nestle with board governance experience, finance, e-commerce, fund raising
 - Travel, rec, rec coach, team manager experience across multiple sports

- Scott Waller - [LinkedIn](#)
 - Varsity Coach for Gonzaga High School, Teacher Math
 - Multiple levels of soccer as a player, long time varsity coach, daughter departing Union player headed to UVA (will not have a player in the system next year)

- Karen Graham - [LinkedIn](#)
 - Cyber Threat Intelligence LinkedIn, former Senior Operations Manager CIA, community outreach, problem solver
 - Travel and rec experience

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted by John Forte, MYS Vice Chair