

McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) Board Meeting – September 16, 2024

In Attendance: Louise Waxler, John Forte, Neal Seth, Kate Fisher, Jason Monfort, Veeral Shah, Karen Graham, Scott Waller, Paula Abbate, Alex Hahn, David Fikes, and Kareem Al-Attar

The July 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved with unanimous vote.

The MYS Concussion Policy as updated was approved with a unanimous vote.

An Advancements Committee was established with a unanimous vote. Karen Graham was elected Chairperson of the Advancements Committee with a unanimous vote.

A Communications and Member Engagement Committee was established with a unanimous vote. Alex Hahn was appointed Chairperson of the Communications and Member Engagement Committee with a unanimous vote.

Executive Director Update – Louise Waxler

Recreation:

- Registration: 1600+ players
- New Recreation Programs Manager hired
- Langley School field not needed this fall; sufficient space available on MYS turf fields
- Recreation Academy for U6-U8 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- TOPSoccer at St. Luke's Catholic Church (complimentary indoor space) has begun
- US Youth Soccer has chosen MYS as 1 of 18 clubs nationwide to implement small-sided training module for U5/U6 age groups. The indoor program will begin in the winter.

Travel:

- Registration: 893 players (a significant increase)
- MYS adidas uniforms for Fiscal Year 2026 have been selected. Adidas has re-introduced collegiate green and all MYS teams will be wearing club colors.
- All NCSL and ECNL-R teams have started league play – no issues.
- RAMP will be providing sports performance services to all MYS travel teams throughout 2024-2025.

Programs:

- “No School” camps that align with Fairfax County Public School holidays, a new MYS offering, already have players registered
- Summer programs generated good revenue
- Began a new McLean Development Program (MDP) for recreation players ages 9-12 bridges the recreation and travel programs

Finance – Paula Abbate

- No major issues to report.
- Updates on accounts, budgets and field funding were provided.
 - The Club has had a strong year and is in good financial health.
 - The Field Development Fund is in good standing, and the Club is on track to meet Field Development Fund contribution goals for the year.

Miscellaneous:

- The Executive Director and Staff are working to develop their Fiscal Year 2025 Strategic Approach. They will present their plan to the Board at a future MYS Board Meeting.
- Police Field will be replaced after the Fall season, with a projected completion date of January 1 2025.
- Green Valley Custom Builders has joined MYS as the presenting sponsor of the Fall Festival and sponsor of MDP jerseys.
- Sports Performance Facility options are actively being explored.
- Fall Festival at Spring Hill Elementary School is scheduled for October 19 and will include a range of activities, food trucks, and sponsors.

Fairfax Virginia Union (FVU) Update – Louie Waxler

- The FVU Board meet on September 13, 2024.
- FVU has been granted official 501c(3) not-for-profit organization status.
- The FVU Finance Manager is preparing business registration paperwork for four states.
- FVU is now fully insured.
- Payroll, governance (e.g., policies), and tax filing preparations are being worked, with Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC), MYS, and Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) clubs all continuing to support the ongoing organizational stand-up efforts.
- VEO cameras have been ordered. Uniform order fulfillment completed for all teams.
- FVU is looking to hire a new social media director and a website manager.

Executive Session