

McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) Board Meeting – July 29, 2025

In Attendance (via Zoom): John Forte, Louise Waxler, David Fikes, Scott Waller, Kareem Al-Attar, Veeral Shah, Neal Seth, Alex Hahn, Adam Nalls, Andrea McNamara

Actions – Board of Directors

The Board elected Adam Nalls and Andrea McNamara to the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board elected Kate Fisher to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board elected Veeral Shah to serve as Vice Chair and Secretary of the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board elected Adam Nalls to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board elected Neal Seth to serve as Recreation Program Liaison of the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board elected Scott Waller to serve as Travel Program Liaison of the Board of Directors by unanimous consent.

The Board approved issuing a request for proposals for a vendor with expertise in indoor sports facility development planning and operations following conduct of membership interest focus groups by unanimous consent.

Executive Director Report – Louise Waxler

- The Executive Director and Board Members discussed several items highlighted in the Executive Director’s Report including the following.
 - The status of financial aid funding, the composition of financial aid packages, and projected financial aid program needs.
 - The status of new league registrations, league scheduling, and challenges associated with conflicting high school schedules and the associated impact on league scheduling.
 - The status of the Club’s Women’s Professional Soccer League (WPSL) team including operational challenges, sponsorships, and the opportunity to professionalize operations.

Indoor Sports Facility Discussion

- The Executive Director and Board Members discussed several items regarding the development of a Club-operated indoor sports facility including the following.
 - The requirements of a Club-operated facility including size and location and the potential facility use cases and programming.
 - Recent potential location and partner opportunities.
 - Development and comparison of potential operating models and the possibility of issuing a request for proposals for a vendor with expertise in sports facility business planning. Cogeo will assist with drafting the request for proposals.
 - Initiating a facility development-specific capital campaign.
 - Assessing the Club's financial commitments to the Field Development Fund and Club operations relative to the funding requirements for facility development.
 - Other local organizations' experiences with indoor sports facility development and operations with a focus on applicable lessons learned.
 - The Club's organizational capacity to meet the demands of operating an indoor sports facility and while also meeting current operational requirements.
 - Assessing member interest in access to a Club-operated indoor sports facility via focus groups as well as broader membership survey. Cogeo will support the development of the focus group approach.
 - Fairfax County's assessment of the potential for a County-developed combined indoor and outdoor sports facility; discussions were initiated in 2019 with no decision to date.
 - The Board requested that Cogeo present their proposed approach for conducting focus groups and drafting a sports facility planning vendor request for proposals at an upcoming Board meeting with the goal of holding focus groups in September and releasing a request for proposals shortly thereafter.

Miscellaneous

- **The Board discussed the end of four Board Members' terms in a year and the need to begin a Board Member recruiting effort.**