



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7 pm

Conference Call

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League	Lou Chinchilla
Central Virginia Soccer Association	Jamie Williams
Commonwealth Soccer League	Jeff Campbell
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association	Natalie Parcell
Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association	Pam Mudway
Washington Area Women's Soccer League	Jessie Kratz

Officers

James Sadowski	President
Marti Bevan	Vice President
Jessie Kratz	Secretary
Lou Chinchilla	Registrar
Chris Tierney	Secretary

Delegates

Anita Hood
Steve Long
Chris Eakin
Jamie Williams

MDCVSA Admin Staff

MaryBeth Falk Administrator

Guests

Brian Earl Kuk Club Champions League Executive
Director
Kelly Gobble Club Champions League Executive
Admin

2. Credentials Report

There were 53 of 106 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the 8/22/2015 meeting was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

- a. President's Report-Jim reported there was a number of bylaw and constitution changes so he'll save his time for that.
- b. Vice-President's Report- Nothing to report
- c. Registrar's Report- Nothing to report
- d. Treasurer's Report
Jessie said she sent out an email with the current balances. She consolidated all the accounts into one checking account, two savings—a Bank of America and a Capital One 360, and an Edward Jones long term investment account.
- e. Secretary's Report- Nothing to report

6. Referee Matters



7. Administrator's Report

MaryBeth reported she is closing the yahoo group—it's out of date and not user friendly. She said she is thinking of switching to Mail Chimp, which is free, or Constant Contact, which is a paid service. She stressed the importance of every league submitting their league affiliation form each year so she needs to have the most up-to-date contact information for everyone.

8. National and State Cup/Administrative Assistant's Report

MaryBeth talked about how US Soccer has taken over the Lamar Hunt Open Cup and teams that want to participate must apply directly through USSF. She added she will send out information as she gets it via yahoo group or whatever new service we decide to use. MaryBeth announced that we have one team that had made it to the quarterfinals—Aromas Café FC out of SOCA in Charlottesville. They will play the defending champions of the Florida-based American Premier Soccer League, Boca Raton FC, in Charlottesville on April 3, 2016, at 4pm. She then said moving forward our State Cup winner will now advance to the USASA National Cups as our Amateur Entry to the next round within Region 1; this year three teams, all from NVSL, competed—Dulles Cannons, Hammers FC, and Benchwarmers with Dulles Cannons winning the round robin play 2-0; and we only had one entry for Over 30, United SC from NVSL who will now advance to regional play. She concluded by saying all the information regarding National Cups in on our website under “events.”

9. Old Business—Grant Program: Jim asked Jessie to talk about some investment opportunities that have been presented to MDCVSA. Jessie talked about two proposals—to turf a field from a youth club and to invest in a business with a potential 9% return. She stressed both of these required substantial capital and they were not from members. She added when moving forward we should come up with criteria including requests needing to come from member leagues. She also noted this was where she wanted to talk about the \$15,000 grant requests.

10. New Business

- a. Jessie presented the bylaw change proposal to move to calendar year. Motion to approve bylaw passed.
- b. Jessie presented the bylaw change proposal to eliminate the player pass requirement. She noted that MDCVSA will still produce passes but it just won't be a requirement moving forward. Motion to approve bylaw passed.
- c. Jessie presented a Constitution change proposal to require a notice of candidacy for the election of officers. Motion to approve Constitution change passed. [text of all changes are listed at the end of the meeting minutes]
- d. Motion to approve the membership of Club Champions League passed.
- e. Motion to approve Hoy Cup tournament subsidy of \$1500 passed.
- f. Motion to approve Neptune Soccer Classis subsidy of \$8000 passed.
- g. Other investment opportunities—there was a general discussion about how leagues would like to see the grant money spent. The EC board will come up with criteria on how grant money should be spent.

11. Open Issues from the floor- none

12. For the Good of the Game

- a. Next meeting—Possibly Sunday, August 21, 2016, to coincide with DCU game.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Tierney
Secretary



Bylaw and Constitution Changes made in the January 20, 2016 MDCVSA General Council Meeting

Seasonal Year:

Old Text:

III. Seasonal Year

The seasonal and fiscal year of the Association begins on September 1 of one calendar year and ends on August 31 of the following calendar year.

New Text:

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Reason for Change: This will help with accounting purposes as more leagues overlap between August and September than December and January. Additionally, the current fiscal year is confusing to players –having a yearly membership that expires at the end of the year will lesson confusion. Finally, both our parent organizations–USASA and USSF–run on a calendar year.

Player Pass:

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Reason for Change:



This requirement is not currently being enforced and there are other means of proofing affiliation status such as rosters with government issued IDs. Player passes may still be requested from MDCVSA for league use but they are not required.

Constitution Change

IX. Elections

Old Text:

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Reason for Change:

In order to reduce uncertainty and give new candidates an opportunity to run for office, the general council should be advised in advance if a vacancy is occurring or if a new candidate plans to run for office.