



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Saturday, January 29, 2011, 10 a.m.
Courtyard Marriott West, Richmond, VA

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capitol Coed Soccer League
Central Virginia Soccer League
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer League
Northern Virginia Soccer League
Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League
Shipps Corner Soccer Club
Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association
Virginia Rush-Peninsula
Washington Area Women's Soccer League

Jim Sadowski
Jamie Williams
Jessie Kratz (by proxy)
Tim Orr
Maggie De Board, Lisa Ninomiya
M.Pat Lamkie, Rick Joy
Michelle Martinez
Dave Randolph (by proxy)
Julie McCune

Officers

Jim Sadowski
Marti Bevan
Cara Rooney
Jessie Kratz
Registrar

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
Position Vacant

Delegates

Anita Hood (by proxy—Steve Long)
Steve Long

Invited Guests

Mary Beth Falk
Diane Larkin

Administrator
National Cups Commissioner, Admin Asst

2. Credentials Report

There were 79 of 133 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2010 and August 28, 2010 minutes was approved.

5. Officer's Reports

a. President's Report

- On-line registration—Jim reported MDCVSA is trying to recruit more leagues for on-line registration. He stated that MDCVSA is in negotiations with active.com over player renewal fees.
- Insurance—Jim reported on MDCVSA's efforts to get a more competitive price on insurance through USASA and he would like to discuss it further later under "new business."

b. Vice President's Report

- On-line registration—Marti added that SEVWSA is now in its third season of using on-line registration. She thanked them again for their participation and feedback. Marti noted that fall 2010 was the first season for SEVWSA to use MDCVSA-printed player cards, and that she continues to have bi-monthly meeting with the league.

c. Treasurer's Report

- Cara clarified an error in her report under accounts receivable, noted that it will be fixed and stated the correct amount should be \$120.
- Cara gave an overview of accounts: she stated she is moving a Bank of America CD in March because it is over the FDIC insurance amount; she will open an ING CD. She stated that MDCVSA has five active accounts: two CDs, two Bank of America checking accounts and one Bank of America savings account. One checking account is to pay bills; the other is for on-line registration. Cara asked if there were any budget questions and there were none.
- Cara stated that MDCVSA needs a corporate resolution in the minutes to open a MDCVSA credit card; motion to approve an MDCVSA credit card was approved without objection. Jim said he would work on opening the credit card and making sure the card offers reimbursement on fraudulent purchases.
- Jamie asked about transaction fees related to on-line registration and Cara explained the active.com fee comes out of checking and it is \$1600 per year just for hosting. Cara stated there are also fees for the merchant account, credit card and transaction fees.
- Motion to receive Cara's report was approved.

d. Recording Secretary's Report

- Jessie had nothing to report.

6. Referee Matters

a. Jim reported on the referee academy at the Neptune Soccer Classic.

b. Jim noted a change in accessible matches for National Referees to include some adult premier leagues.

7. National & State Cups Report

a. Diane reported that Veterans, Coed and Men's Cups are all functioning better now. For National Cups MDCVSA has two men's teams, two over-30 teams and four amateur teams.

8. Old Business

a. 2010 – 11 Budget Review/Adoption

- Cara stated due to lack of quorum at the August 28, 2010 meeting a budget could not be approved and she highlighted proposed budget changes, they were: an increase from \$25 to \$100 for affiliation fee; a \$1 per player affiliation fee increase to go into effect in spring 2011; and reduced subsidies. Cara stated it is important to note that the Derek McGowen restitution payments provide a temporary budget surplus and his payments will eventually be eliminated.
- Jim asked about the reduction in the Referee Committee subsidy and the Hall of Fame subsidy and Cara noted all subsidies were cut by about half.
- Motion to increase coed cup subsidy to \$800 per team passed.
- Motion to increase tournaments subsidy to \$6000 passed.
- Motion to pass full budget as amended passed.

b. Officer and Delegate Elections—the following slate of candidates was proposed:

Jim Sadowski—President

Cara Rooney—Treasurer

Steve Long—Delegate

Anita Hood—Delegate

Jamie Williams—Delegate

Dave Randolph—Delegate

Tom Leiss—Delegate

Motion to approve slate of candidate was approved.

9. New Business

a. USASA affiliation discussion—Jim stated there will be no vote on insurance policy at this meeting but requested input from the members on the issue at the next meeting. Jim asked if leagues preferred to have a liability-only policy since most players seem to have their own insurance. He asked if leagues would prefer that MDCVSA purchase its own insurance rather than purchase it through USASA. Jim then broke down the \$21 per player affiliation fee—\$6 to MDCVSA for operational costs; \$15 to USASA (\$10 for insurance and of the remaining \$5, \$3 to USASA and \$2 to US Soccer). Jim noted if MDCVSA decided to affiliate directly with USSF the main loss would be MDCVSA teams' ability to play in National Cups. Jim stated his main objective with regard to insurance was to keep player costs down, and requested that leagues promote the insurance survey. He stated he is currently pricing policies and hopes to have a discussion at the March meeting.

b. Corporate Resolution for new credit card—approved (see treasurer's report).

c. Neptune Soccer Classic subsidy request—Dave Randolph reported that Neptune is in its 15th year with 81 teams on average, and the referee academy has 12 referees (6 local/ 6 from around the rest of the state). Dave stated that MDCVSA has been a title sponsor and he requested \$5000 subsidy; motion to approve \$5000 subsidy was approved.

d. Commonwealth Classic subsidy request—Tom Leiss was not present; his request is moved to “old business” for the next meeting.

e. Review of MDCVSA's Disciplinary Policy for Misconducts towards game officials—motion to change penalties for assault to a minimum of 3 months and for abuse a minimum of 3 matches was approved.

f. New league affiliation, Braddock Road Soccer Club—motion to add club was approved.

g. Travel policy revision eliminating the requirement for written reports before reimbursement—motion to add language “If requested” to reporting requirement was approved.

10. For the Good of the Game

Next meeting—March 19, 2011 in Fredericksburg, VA

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Kratz

MDCVSA Recording Secretary