



MDCVSA General Council Meeting  
Saturday, September 24, 2011, 10:30 a.m.  
Sherwood Library, Alexandria VA

### 1. Roll Call

#### Member Leagues

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| Afghan Soccer League                             | Atiq Panshiri            |
| Capital Coed Soccer League                       | Ricardo Lasso            |
| Central Virginia Soccer Association              | Jim Sadowski (by proxy)  |
| Commonwealth Soccer League                       | Adrian Kerr              |
| Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association       | Lou Chinchilla           |
| Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League          | Carolyn Dutrow           |
| Shipp's Corner Soccer Club                       | Rick Joy, George Staehle |
| Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association | Cara Rooney (by proxy)   |
| Washington Area Women's Soccer League            | Jessie Kratz             |
| Washington Premier League                        | Steve Long (by proxy)    |

#### Officers

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| James Sadowski | President           |
| Cara Rooney    | Treasurer           |
| Jessie Kratz   | Recording Secretary |

#### Delegates

Steve Long

#### MDCVSA Admin Staff

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| Mary Beth Falk | Administrator |
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### 2. Credentials Report

There were 94 of 187 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 19, 2011 meeting was approved.

### 5. Officers' Reports

#### a. President's Report

- Insurance—Jim reported on MDCVSA's successful effort to get a more competitive price on insurance. He stated that the new price is \$19 per player for leagues choosing Player Accident Insurance (PAI) with a new coverage of up to \$25,000 (the previous limit was \$10,000). Jim

stated that the new price is \$17 for the two leagues that opted to go with liability-only but those leagues must now have every player sign waivers which is more administrative work for MDCVSA. He said we're moving in the right direction and hoped this new competition will drive insurance costs down for everyone even further.

- On-line registration—Jim reported that the MDCVSA renewed its contract with active.com for a flat rate of \$14,000.00 per year. Jim said right now there are about 4,000 individuals in the system. Jim noted two more leagues are moving to the on-line system and all guest registrations for the Neptune Soccer Classic and Commonwealth Classic were made on-line. Jim said that the hardest part of the system is getting usable photographs from the players. Jim remarked he is currently trying to get value added to the cards and this can be done locally and be tailored to each league. Jim also mentioned a security breach of stolen credit card numbers that were hacked from the referee supplier Official SportsInternational .
- Objectives—Jim stated his goals are getting 50% online registration by 2013 and reinvigorating the state cup programs.

#### b. Treasurer's Report

- Budget—Cara walked through the Treasurer's report pointing out a few notable items. She stated the budget came in with a deceptive surplus (\$65,593.09) for a number of reasons: because 4000 individuals paid online in August 2011 which is income that should count towards FY 2011-2012; because there were more registrations than anticipated; because some budgeted-for events didn't happen (for example the men's state cup scheduled for August was postponed until December 2011); and because of unanticipated income (for example a \$15,000 check from USSF for ticket sales). Cara then gave an overview of accounts—she stated she moved some money around because of FDIC insurance amount limits—MDCVSA now has an ING savings account and CD; a Bank of America savings account and two BoA checking accounts—one is to pay bills; the other is for on-line registration.
- Motion to receive Cara's report was approved.

#### **6. Administrator's Report (MaryBeth Falk)**

- Marybeth reported that leagues should have received two emails from the Yahoo group—one with the member checklist and the other with the affiliation form which she needs leagues to fill out each year. She reminded leagues they have 30 days from the time the league starts to submit registration data and please make sure it's submitted in the correct format because fixing it is very time consuming. Cara asked leagues to wait to send in remittance forms because MaryBeth will find duplicates in registration, but feel free to send in the affiliation fee as soon as possible.

#### **7. National and State Cup/Administrative Assistant's Report (Jim on behalf of Diane Larkin)**

- Jim reported that SC United of the NVSL was national runner up in the over-30 Men's Final; Roger Hale is the captain of the team and does a great job getting his team organized and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time they advanced to the National finals. Jim added that Atletico Virginia of the WPL, captained by John Carson, advanced to the Region 1 semi-final in the Men's Amateur Cup.
- State Veteran's Cup 2011 (July 9 –10, 2011)—Jim reported that 4 teams played at UKROPS Park and the winner was Springfield Motors with other participants being XCavs, Lions and Land Warriors. Jim added that Mitch Johnson was the Captain of Springfield Motors and also the host/coordinator.
- USASA Veteran's Cup 2011 (July 5 – 10, Sanford FL)—MDCVSA had 3 teams from Virginia participating: North American Team (NAT) in the Women's over 30; and Lady Neptunes and Almost Free in the Women's over 40 (Lady Neptunes made it to the finals but were defeated by a Flippin Sweet from North Texas).
- Coed Cup 2011 (October 21 – 23, Dallas, TX)—Jim reported that last year's competition was canceled due to a tornado but returning teams will be credited \$100 towards this year's application fee; he added that possibly two teams from MDSVSA will participate this year.

- MDCVSA Men's State Cup—Jim reported that they had 8 teams registered but the event was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene and the make-up date will likely be in December.
- 2012 events—Jim said that we need to line up the hosts and create a timeline in January 2012. Jim expressed the desire to have a women's cup and hoped a forum at this year's USASA meeting will facilitate that effort. Adrian Kerr stated that Real International would like to host men's state cup at Patriot Park which has 6 grass fields. He said he will look into proposed dates and who will run the tournament. Adrian also broached the idea of having the Commonwealth Classic host the state coed cup.

## 8. New Business

### a. Policies for Non-Profit Status

- Cara discussed the policies for adoption needed for tax purposes/non-profit status: Conflict of Interest policy, Officers Annual Disclosure, Monitoring and Enforcement, Whistleblower policy and Document Retention and Destruction policy. Jim stated that given we don't have copies of these provisions to pass around, he will email them to member-leagues for comment and in the meantime ask that the board be given general authority to undertake these new policies. A motion to ratify the actions of the board was approved.

### b. Approval of FY 2011 – 2012 Budget

- Cara pointed out a couple areas on the income side for the new budget—she kept the tournament hosting fee at \$25 and noted MDCVSA gives \$6000 annually to host tournaments which are open to anyone. Cara also noted a few items under expenses—she included money for a bookkeeper; the men's state cup cost is double because we're paying for two this year (the July tournament was postponed until December); each administrator needs a new laptop and a player pass printer; and the MDCVSA has a new website and hosting fee. Cara added the cost of making new player cards annually is too expensive and we should considering printing them every other or every third year.
- Fiscal Year vs. Calendar Year—Cara expressed the desire to move away from a fiscal year budget towards a calendar year. She stated she is hoping to have a stub budget next year and move to a calendar year budget in 2013.
- Accountant—Cara stated that the tax code has changed and MDCVSA will be required to fill out a form 990 (an onerous 35-page form). She expressed need for an accountant for book review and performing this new tax requirement. She pointed to some issues on the agenda that need to be passed in order to do the tax filing (see agenda item above).
- Jim added that there is a USASA discussion to institute a 2-tier registration fee—one for premier players/national events and one for the recreational player. He stated this issue will be discussed at the USASA meeting in October.
- Motion to pass the FY 2011 – 2012 budget was approved.

## 9. Officer and Delegate Elections:

Jim asked if anyone other than the incumbents were being nominated—Steve Long nominated Lou Chinchilla for the open Registrar position. The following officers were nominated:

Marti Bevan—Vice President  
 Jessie Kratz—Recording Secretary  
 Lou Chinchilla—Registrar

Motions to close and approve nominations approved; Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote each for the proposed slate.

Jim asked for nominations for delegates. The following delegates were nominated:

Steve Long—Delegate  
Anita Hood—Delegate  
Jamie Williams—Delegate  
Dave Randolph—Delegate  
Tom Leiss—Delegate

Motions to close and approve nominations approved; Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote each for the proposed slate.

**10. Adjournment**

Cara suggested holding a meeting the weekend of Neptune, possibly the Friday before the tournament starts which was well received.

**Next meeting—January 21, 2012 [location TBD usually Richmond]**

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Kratz  
Recording Secretary